

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 2022, 6:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. on the above date in the Council Chambers at 101 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Dalton, George, Ervin (via telephone), Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

Mayor Hansen asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hansen proclaimed Arbor Day as April 29, 2022.

Tom Messinger, NCSD Superintendent presented on the Newton Community School happenings including a grant program they have applied for that will provide a teacher apprenticeship program that starts students in high school taking course work to finish their degree in two years after they graduate and able to teach at that point.

During citizen participation Randy Plumb, owner of Locksmith and Westside Gym, requested council to consider legalizing side by sides due to inflation and gas costs. Tyler Clement with Iowa Speedway requested clarification on whether Iowa Speedway would be subject to the Special Event Permit. Shawn Wade, 909 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W, and downtown business owner, has concerns about the trees in the proposed downtown streetscape.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-19.

5. April 4, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Class B Beer Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales – Gezellig Brewing Company, LLC, 403 W 4th St N Bldg 17; Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales – Git N Go convenience Stores Inc., 801 1st Ave W.
7. Certify Police Officer List
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 22-04). Resolution 2022-116 adopted.
9. Resolution approving purchase of a new pool recirculating pump. Resolution 2022-117 adopted.
10. Resolution approving the hiring of Randy's Lawn Care and Snow Removal for watering of plantings and district wide clean-up for the Newton Downtown SSMID. Resolution 2022-118 adopted.
11. Resolution for Awarding the Bid and Contracting for the Purchase of Cardiac Monitors and Accessories. Resolution 2022-119 adopted.
12. Resolution authorizing the purchase of two roll-off containers for the Newton Sanitary Landfill. Resolution 2022-120 adopted.
13. Resolution revising the vendor's name for the purchase of a tractor for Streets, Landfill and Water Pollution Control. Resolution 2022-121 adopted.
14. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 2022 Streetscape Improvement Project. Resolution 2022-122 adopted.
15. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Lion Development Group, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2022-123 adopted.
16. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the McCann Housing Associates, LP Property Located Within the McCann Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2022-124 adopted.
17. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Newton Elite Properties, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2022-125 adopted.
18. Resolution Approving an Agreement with Eric Michaels Magic and Illusion to Perform a Magic Show at Newton Fest 2022. Resolution 2022-126 adopted.
19. Approve Bills

AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent agenda items approved.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Purchase Agreement for Real Property Located at 619 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Wade, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-127 adopted.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton, to approve the First consideration of the Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title III, Chapter 32, Section 32.016, "Appointment and Term", to Change the Term Ending Date for Civil Service from the First Monday in April to December 31st. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration passed.

Moved by George, seconded by Dalton, to approve the First consideration of the Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to Make Changes to Street Parking Along East Thirty-First Street North, North Eleventh Avenue East and South Thirteenth Avenue East. Mark Vickroy,

404 E 12<sup>th</sup> St Place N, spoke about additional locations that are marked as no parking and people continue to park. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration passed.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution approving internal loan and payment to Newton Housing Development Corporation for the purchase of real estate located at 1015 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East in Newton. Bruce Showalter, Director of NHDC spoke on the development proposal for the property. Mark Vickroy spoke of concerns that it is dependent on getting grants with no guarantee. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-128 adopted.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution Approving the Special Events Policy and Application. Fire Chief Wellik addressed Clement's concerns regarding special events at the Iowa Speedway; the intent is not for private property events that do not want to close streets such as church events or American Legion events, it is for a layman that wants to do a concert on the downtown streets. Wellik recommends that we amend the wording to specify the exemptions. Clement is still concerned about the wording about the events affecting traffic. Mayor Hansen asked that we table the resolution to work on the wording. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to table the resolution until the meeting. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution was tabled.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution Calling a Special Election, Setting September 13, 2022 as the Special Election Date and Adopting Ballot Language on the Proposition of the Newton City Council Assuming Governance of the Newton WaterWorks. Brett Doering with the Board of Trustees spoke on the efficiencies and effectiveness of this change. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-129 adopted.

Brian Laube, Community Services Director, reported on the 2022 Community Services Dept. Project Update.

Erin Chambers, Community Development Director, led a discussion on a Low-Mod Income Housing Funds Policy.

During Mayor/Council comments Wade asked about where bid projects are listed. Laube confirmed that they are on the City of Newton website and the Master Builders of Iowa website as required by state code.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk