

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2019, 6:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 6:00 P.M. on the above date at the Council Chambers at 101 West 4th Street South. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, Trotter, Mullan, Chapé, George. Absent: None.

Mayor Hansen presented the Keep Newton Beautiful Initiative. The first phase will take place in each neighborhood. On the day of your recycle and trash pick-up, the Mayor asks that citizens take a few minutes to look around their neighborhood and pick up any trash. Additionally he asks that every business take a few minutes twice a week to pick up any trash lying around the vicinity of their property. Phase two will consist of the Mayor reaching out to the Newton Community School District board to assist in developing ideas on how our children may participate and help Keep Newton Beautiful. Finally, phase three will consist of a task force working to develop an efficient and cost-effective program for an annual community wide clean-up.

Council discussion ensued regarding the various identified options to facilitate public work's staff, including Legacy Plaza and the current facility. Mayor Hansen stated that during discussions with the county, it was discovered that they are looking to reduce building inventory and may be interested in a 28E agreement to purchase Building 20.

There was council consensus to investigate the cost of a short-term lease of 6,000 sq. ft. at Building 18 on the third floor as well as working on a 15% City 85% County 28E to purchase building 20 after the county has a chance to do its due diligence. Staff was directed to lay out the parameters of this agreement to the county for review ahead of time. This would come back to council for review. If a lease is not feasible then staff would stay in the current building in the short term. An additional option would be to build a 12,000 sq. ft. City Office building in the City Parking Lot on the corner of W. 4th St. N. and N. 2nd Ave. W. to house Public Works, Community Development, and Community Services for an estimated cost of approximately \$2,500,000 and \$3,500,000 to construct. This option would be reviewed if the first two options are not feasible.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk