

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 04TH, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
ELECTRONIC MEETING

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. on the above date via an electronic meeting (pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8) because a meeting in person is impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of council members, staff, and the public due to COVID-19. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

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

Mayor Hansen presented proclamations for: National Police Week May 10-16, 2020/National Peace Officer Memorial Day May 15, 2020; Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week May 17 - 23, 2020; National Public Works Week: May 17 – 23, 2020; May as Building Safety Month; and May as National Historic Preservation Month.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to approve consent agenda items 8-16.

8. April 20, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
9. Approve liquor license for the following: Approve Liquor License for the following: Casey's #1911, Renewal, LE003308, 1018 1st Ave. E., Class E Liquor License (LE), Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine – Includes Native Wine), Class C Beer Permit (Carryout Beer), Sunday Sales
10. Certify Fire Department Promotion List.
11. Certify Police Officer Candidate List.
12. Designate May 20, 2020 as the public hearing date for the 2019-2020 budget amendments.
13. Resolution gives authority for the Administrative Office to Prepay Claims to Avoid Service Interruptions. Resolution 2020-096 adopted
14. Resolution awarding contract for the 2020 City Wide Sidewalk Improvements Project. Resolution 2020-097 adopted.
15. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – 316 E 7th St N. Resolution 2020-098 adopted.
16. 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 awarding contract for the Demolition 2020-02 Project. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by George to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-099 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the vacation of a 10-foot public utility easement along the west lot line of 1419 North 23rd Avenue West, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by George to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-100 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending the City of Newton Official Zoning Map for 2501 1st Avenue E, 2617 1st Avenue E, and Parcel Identification Number 0835283003 from C-SC: Shopping Center Commercial District to C-A: Arterial Commercial District and removing all references to the C-SC Zoning District from the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158, Zoning. There were no written comments. Moved by Stonner, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt the first consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration passed.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title XV, Chapter 154: Streets and Sidewalks, additions related the siting of small cell towers and antennas in the public right-of-way. There were no written comments. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt the first consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration passed.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Housing Grant Funds to Newton Elite Properties for an upper story apartment rehabilitation at 122 North 2nd Avenue West. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-101 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution allocating \$25,000 of existing funds for local COVID-19 Business Assistance Fund. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-102 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution approving a consulting agreement with BerryDunn LLC for a staff and operations study in the police department. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-103 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution approving a new lease agreement for the Community Hangar with, and assignment of the storage building lease to, Midwest Custom Ag Aviation, Inc. at the Newton Municipal Airport. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-104 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Arbor Estates Phase 1 Construction Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-105 adopted.

During Mayor/Council Comments Hallam acknowledged the work of the Historic Preservation Commission. George shared that a co-worker mentioned a company in Des Moines has committed to having 80% of their workforce work remotely and has heard that people are looking to move to less densely populated areas and so we have a great opportunity for people looking for places to live.

It was moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk