

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18TH, 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 a proclamation in recognition of Stan Clement's contributions to the City of Newton.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve consent agenda items 4-18.

4. May 4, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 20-02). Resolution 2020-106 adopted.
6. Resolution approving the purchase of a new zero-turn mower for the Newton Airport. Resolution 2020-107 adopted.
7. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC – Cardinal Ridge Subdivision. Resolution 2020-108 adopted.
8. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC – 100 Block E 12th St S. Resolution 2020-109 adopted.
9. Resolution approving an application for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding assistance for the Newton Airport Taxiway Relocation Project. Resolution 2020-110 adopted.
10. Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement (ESA), and Amendment No. 1 to said Agreement, for the Airport Taxiway Relocation Project. Resolution 2020-111 adopted.
11. Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the Newton Airport Apron Expansion Project. Resolution 2020-112 adopted.
12. Resolution accepting CARES Act funds for expenditures at the Newton Airport. Resolution 2020-113 adopted.
13. Resolution authorizing purchase of pre-season salt for snow and ice control. Resolution 2020-114 adopted.
14. Resolution approving the purchase of a Skid Loader for the Parks Operations Division. Resolution 2020-115 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the purchase of an Aerifier for Parks Operations Division. (Council Report 20-116)
16. Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Policies and Procedures Regarding Municipal Securities Disclosure. Resolution 2020-117 adopted.
17. Resolution setting a public hearing on option agreement for property at 517 South 2nd Avenue West, 501 South 2nd Avenue West, 609 South 3rd Avenue East, 524 South 4th Avenue East, 521 South 4th Avenue West, 302 West 15th Street North, 523 West 4th Street South, 525 West 4th Street South, 509 West 2nd Street South, 1106 South 5th Avenue East, and 1312 East 6th Street South. Resolution 2020-118 adopted.
18. 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 2019-20 Budget Amendments. There were no written comments. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Trotter to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-119 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the Arbor Estates Rough Grading Project. There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-120 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting option to purchase real property at 1117 North 3rd Avenue East and 211 East 12th Street North. There were no written comments. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Stonner, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-121 adopted

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve the second consideration of 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. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second consideration passed.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to approve the second consideration of 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. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second consideration passed. Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to waive the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion was approved. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Ordinance. Ordinance 2376 passed.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution authorizing entering into an agreement for residential solid waste and recycling collection and disposal with Dodd's Trash Hauling and Recycling Inc. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-122 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution Amending the City of Newton Public Works and Community Services Fee Schedule. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-123 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving professional services agreement with OPN Architects for PW Office building #18 tenant improvements. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-124 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Newton Airport Apron Expansion Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-125 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 717 West 6th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa for the D&D Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-126 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution declaring December 13, 2017 Agreement with MYG, L.C. Null and Void. Ken Smith, 1013 S 6th Avenue W. with MYG L.C. called indicating their progress and issues. He is asking for a continuance on the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-127 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution Approving the Acquisition of Right-of-Way for the extension of East 23rd Street North, East 26th Street North, and North 8th Avenue East and land to be utilized as regional stormwater detention, from Newton Housing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-128 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution of support of the concept for an adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of 115 North 2nd Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-129 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving the purchase of mobile pole mounted security cameras from Wireless CCTV LLC for the "The Neighborhood is Watching" Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-130 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution establishing Emergency Paid Sick Leave for city employees in conjunction with federal coronavirus related legislation-Families First Coronavirus Response Act. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-131 adopted.

During the Maytag Pool Operation discussion, Brian Laube, Community Services Manager, presented Council with two scenarios due to Covid-19 restrictions: 1) open the pool in some capacity, or 2) close the pool for the 2020 season. Staff recommended that the pool remain closed for the 2020 season based on the latest information known related to Covid-19 and the safe operation of swimming pools.

During Mayor/Council Comments Council discussed the phased in opening of the Newton Public Library. Mayor Hansen indicated that the current proclamation closing public city buildings is in affect through May 27th. Ervin reminded everyone to support local businesses and non-profit groups. Hansen announced a local business will be making an announcement about providing meals to a group of Newton residents.

It was moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk