

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2019, 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 4th Street South. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Chapé, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

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

During citizen participation Keith Mccarville, 1310 E 10th St. S.; Cameron Huggins, 1304 E 10th St. S.; Jean Cleere, 500 1st St N. and former resident of E 10th St S. requested the street be changed to a one way going south to north in order to stop the speeding traffic that cuts across E. 10th St S. in order to avoid the stop sign. Barbara Stockdale, former owner of 509 W 2nd St. S. requested that the property be returned to her. Joyce Prendergast, 5672 S. 9th Ave E., is selling 5 Bungalow Court on contract and indicated that it shares a garage with the property the city is purchasing at 7 Bungalow Court. There is concern about the fate of the garage.

Laura Roussell, Sr. Community Affairs Manager at Black Hills Energy announced her retirement and introduced Nicole Breitbach, the new Community Affairs Manager.

John Halferty, Jasper County Sheriff provided council with an update on the Jasper County Sheriffs' Office. They are averaging 41,000 calls for service which includes all fire, police and ems throughout the county. They are implementing the new radio system, have issued 5300 weapons permits, they average about 45 substance abuse and mental health transports a month. The county has approved finishing an additional pod which will enable the ability to hold 92 inmates and allow for segregation. They are currently partnering with Warren and Polk Counties to help with overflows.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Trotter to approve consent agenda items 5-18.

5. May 6, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Yesway Store #10025 , LE0002755, 405 1st Ave. E., Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales; Boulder Inn & Suites, BW0094189, 4222 S. 22nd Ave. E., Special Class C Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit, Sunday Sales; Hy-Vee Market Café, LC0041009, 1501 1st Ave. E., Class C Liquor License, Catering Privilege, Sunday Sales.
7. Approve 2019-2020 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for; Casey's General Stores #1911, 1018 1st Ave E; Store #2341, 3104 1st Ave E; Store #2417, 1200 W 18th St S; Hy-Vee-Food Store, 1501 1st Ave E, Hy-Vee Gas 1421 1st Ave E; Love's Travel Stop, 4400 S 22nd Ave E; Yesway Store #10025, 405 1st Ave E.; Kwik Star #1001, 1910 1st Ave. E.; Wal-mart, 300 Iowa Speedway Dr.; New Star Mart, 702 1st Ave. E., Regular Cigarette plus Vapor Permit; Git-n-Go #14, 801 1st Ave. W.; Git-n-Go #45, 1708 S. 8th Ave. E.
8. Resolution approving a storage agreement at Union Cemetery with the Jasper County Veteran's organizations. Resolution 2019-091 adopted.
9. Resolution approving the purchase of 5 new golf carts for Westwood Golf Course. Resolution 2019-092 adopted.
10. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Newton Airport Apron Expansion Project. Resolution 2019-093 adopted.
11. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC – 1601 E 36th St S. Resolution 2019-094 adopted.
12. Resolution accepting completion of the Public Works Sanitary Service Improvements Project. Resolution 2019-095 adopted.
13. Resolution authorizing purchase of pre-season salt for snow and ice control. Resolution 2019-096 adopted.
14. Resolution approving the purchase of a zero turn mower for Parks Operations/ Cemetery Division. Resolution 2019-097 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the purchase of a large area mower for Parks Operations Division. Resolution 2019-098 adopted.
16. Resolution approving agreement with the IDOT for use of local roads for traffic incident management temporary detour routes. Resolution 2019-099 adopted.
17. Resolution accepting Real Estate Easements for the 2019 City-Wide Sidewalk Improvements Project. Resolution 2019-100 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 2018-19 Budget Amendments. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-101 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the landfill comp plan VIII. 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 Chapé, seconded by Mullan to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-102 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending the City of Newton Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Chapter 158, increasing the maximum allowable building height in the C-T: Tourism Oriented Commercial District. There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to approve the first consideration of this ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration passed.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by George to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 90, Section 90.51 regarding "Vicious and Problematic Dogs". AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration passed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Mullan to suspend the rules and waive the Second and Third consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Moved by Chapé, seconded by George to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2360 was adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution awarding contract for the Newton Sanitary Landfill Electrical Improvement Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-103 adopted.

Staff requested that council to postpone the Resolution amending the Airport Management Contract, and the Fixed-Base Operation Lease and Fuel Fee Agreement with Johnson Aviation, Inc. in order to finalize the contract. Moved by Chapé, seconded by Hallam to postpone the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution was postponed.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving a proposal for a Limited Site Investigation adjacent to the former Manufactured Gas Plant Site. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-104 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 7 Bungalow Court, Newton for the D&D Program. Erin Chambers, Director of Community Development ensured they would work with the co-owner of the garage. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-105 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a 657A.10A petition for ownership of property at 616 West 4th Street South in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-106 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution amending the Newton Downtown Micro-Grant Program to amend the eligibility boundary to the Newton Downtown Historic District and to add an additional program area for "Restaurant Improvements". AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-107 adopted.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving a contract with Butch Patrick (Eddie Munster) appearance during Newton Fest. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-108 adopted.

During staff reports, Nicole Lindstrom, Library Director presented on the Summer Reading Program Kickoff.

Erin Chambers, Director of Community Development presented preliminary numbers on the cost of staffing for running the Rental Inspection Program in house. Dan Kunkel and Fred Rhodes, current landlords, would like to see it continue in house. Marc Vickroy 404 E 12th St. Place N. believes landlords should not be held to a different standard than other property owners. Council consensus was to see the entire project cost without sacrificing the nuisance enforcement efforts.

During Mayor/Council Comments the Hallam stated that there was a good crowd at the last Coffee with the Mayor. Chapé participated in the tour of open houses and Mullan attended the last County Board of Supervisor's meeting with gravel roads on the agenda.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, CMC City Clerk