

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 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 (joined @ 6:22 p.m. Absent: None.

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

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 3-9.

3. May 18, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Liquor License for the following: Hy-Vee Market Café, Renewal, LC0041009, 1501 1st Ave. E. Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Catering Privilege, Sunday Sales; The Cellar Peanut Pub, Renewal, LC0044726, 403 W. 4th St. N., Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales.
5. Approve 2020-2021 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Casey's #1911, 1018 1st Ave. E.; Casey's #2341, 3104 1st Ave. E.; Casey's #2417, 1200 W. 18th St. S; CSOI Corp dba Newton 66, 1806 S. 12th Ave. W.; CSOI Corp dba West End, 1325 1st Ave. W.; Fareway Stores, 120 N. 3rd Ave. E; Walgreens, 1204 1st Ave. E.; Wal-Mart, 300 Iowa Speedway Drive.
6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 20-02) Resolution 2020-132 adopted.
7. 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 PW Office building #18 tenant improvements. Resolution 2020-133 adopted.
8. 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 2020-134 adopted.
9. Approve Bills.

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

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting option to purchase real 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. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to adopt the resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-135 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Ervin 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: Five. NAYS: None. Third consideration passed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2377 passed.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving a garden plot agreement between the City of Newton and Savannah Wood, 513 North 2nd Avenue East, for the property at 512 1st Avenue East. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-136 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution of support of housing, hospitality, retail, and event space development at Legacy Plaza, 403 West 4th Street North, Newton, Iowa. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-137 adopted.

Mayor Hansen asked for a 5 minute recess at 6:17 p.m. in order for councilmen Mullan to join the meeting. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Motion passed

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to pass a Motion approving the opening of Maytag Pool for the 2020 swimming season. Council discussion ensued. Issues of safety, costs, and precautions were discussed as well as the entertainment/recreational value. AYES: Three. NAYS: Stonner, George, Mullan. City Attorney Brick indicated that since this item is a motion, the Mayor can vote on a tie vote. Mayor Hansen indicated that after reviewing all of the relevant information he votes AYE to opening the Maytag Pool for the 2020 swimming season. Motion passes.

During Mayor/Council Comments, Hansen indicated that the tragedy in Minneapolis was horrific. All lives are valuable. He hopes that our citizens can peacefully express their grief.

It was moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk