

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 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.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to approve consent agenda items 3-19.

3. May 26, 2020 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
4. June 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor License for the following: Cobblestone, (Formerly Boulder Inn & Suites), 4222 S. 22nd Ave. E., BW0094189, Class C Liquor License (BW) (Beer/Wine), Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine - Includes Native Wine), Sunday Sales; Olive 'et Boutique, 111 W. 2nd St. S., WBNOO1153, Class B Native Wine Permit (WBN), Sunday Sales; Hy-Vee Inc. Wedding Reception, 403 W. 4th St. N., Building 2, LCV93278, Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Pending dram shop insurance and staff approval.
6. Approve 2020-2021 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Dollar General, 2617 1st Ave. E.; Git n Go #14, 801 1st Ave. W.; Git n Go #45, 1708 S. 8th Ave. E.; Hy-Vee Food Store, 1501 1st Ave. E.; Hy-Vee Gas, 1421 1st Ave. E.; In & Out Market, 404 S. 11th Ave. E.; Kwick Star #1001, 1910 1st Ave. E.; Love's Travel Stop, 4400 S. 22nd Ave. E.; Murphy's Oil, 200 Iowa Speedway Dr.; New Star Mart, 702 1st Ave. E.; Pit Stop Liquors, 1324 1st Ave. E.; New Star 66, 405 1st Ave. E.
7. Resolution re-appointing Robert O'Brien to serve on the Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for a term ending June 30, 2023. Resolution 2020-138 adopted.
8. Resolution approving the purchase of a new robotic total station survey instrument. Resolution 2020-139 adopted.
9. Resolution accepting completion of the Arbor Estates Phase 1 Construction Project. Resolution 2020-140 adopted.
10. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2020-01 Project. Resolution 2020-141 adopted.
11. Resolution approving the purchase of Wetlands Mitigation Credits for the Arbor Estates Grading Project. Resolution 2020-142 adopted.
12. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC – N 4th Ave E & E 23rd St N. Resolution 2020-143 adopted.
13. Resolution Approving Allocation of Local Option Sales and Services Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Resolution 2020-144 adopted.
14. Resolution Approving Cancellation of Outstanding Check #325261 made payable to the Newton CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau) and Reissuing to Future Productions for Sponsorship of the Miss Iowa USA and Miss Teen Iowa Pageant. Resolution 2020-145 adopted.
15. Resolution Approving a Contract for Professional Community and Economic Development Services with the Newton Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Resolution 2020-146 adopted.
16. Resolution accepting completion of the 1st Avenue Traffic Signal Improvements Project. Resolution 2020-147 adopted.
17. Resolution approving a one (1) year supplemental agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City maintenance of U.S. Highway 6. Resolution 2020-148 adopted.
18. Resolution renewing the insurance package with Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP). Resolution 2020-149 adopted.
19. 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 an Ordinance amending and updating The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning, Fences. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to approve the 1st consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the final plat for Arbor Estates First Addition in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-150 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Micro Grant Funds for 113 1st Avenue West to the Newton Chamber of Commerce. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-151 adopted.

Item 25, Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Micro Grant Funds for 114 North 2nd Avenue West to Eugenia Adams was pulled from the agenda at the applicant's request.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution adopting a Workplace Violence Policy for the City of Newton. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-152 adopted.

During Mayor/Council Comments, Ervin expressed his anxiousness to get back into the Council Chambers for council meetings. Mayor Hansen provided an update on the mechanical issues at Maytag Pool. The opening date is yet to be determined.

It was moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk