

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2022, 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, Dalton, George, Ervin, Wade. Absent: Trotter.

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

Mayor Hansen proclaimed July Parks and Recreation Month

Carol Camp with the Iowa Extension Office spoke on the Community Inspiration Garden plans.

Emily Thomason, Newton Main Street spoke regarding the plans for Harmony Park.

During citizen participation Cory Blood, Reasnor, owns property in town, is having issues with a neighbor and asks for assistance.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Trotter to approve consent agenda items 7-23.

7. June 6, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
8. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Hy-Vee Gas Two Pop up Stores at the Iowa Speedway, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr, Class C Beer Permits, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Love's Travel Stop #361, 4400 S 22nd Ave E updated ownership; Newton Lodge #1270, B.P.O. Elks- LA0000274, 111 East 2nd Street, S, Class A Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Special Event American Legion, July 2022 Thunder Nights Downtown, Class B Beer Permit;
9. Approve 2022-2023 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Hy-Vee Gas, 1421 1st Ave. E.; Murphy USA, 200 Iowa Speedway Dr.; Pit Stop Liquors, 1324 1st Ave. E.; and Shop N Save, 404 S. 11th Ave. W.
10. Resolution Reappointing Jeffrey Maki to the Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for a Term Ending June 30, 2025. Resolution 2022-186 adopted.
11. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 22-05). Resolution 2022-187 adopted.
12. Resolution Naming Bank Depositories. Resolution 2022-188 adopted.
13. Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers in FY 22/23. Resolution 2022-189 adopted.
14. Resolution renewing the insurance package with Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP). Resolution 2022-190 adopted.
15. Resolution Authorizing Agreement between the City of Newton, Iowa and the Iowa Speedway for Fire Engine/Firefighter Standby at the Iowa Speedway. Resolution 2022-191 adopted.
16. Resolution approving purchase of park benches by the Newton Downtown SSMID Board. Resolution 2022-192 adopted.
17. Resolution accepting completion of the HMA Resurfacing Project 2021. Resolution 2022-193 adopted.
18. Resolution accepting completion of the 2022 Streetscape Light Pole Refinishing Project. Resolution 2022-194 adopted.
19. Resolution accepting a permanent municipal utility easement located at 605 W 4th St N. Resolution 2022-195 adopted.
20. Resolution approving a one (1) year supplemental agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City maintenance of U.S. Highway 6. Resolution 2022-196 adopted.
21. Resolution approving the purchase of Tasers from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for \$14,811.22. Resolution 2022-197 adopted.
22. Resolution ordering Clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for a public hearing on the proposed adoption of an ordinance granting Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC a natural gas franchise. Resolution 2022-198 adopted.

23. Approve Bills

AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter, to approve the Second consideration of the Ordinance Closing Maytag Plant 2 Urban Renewal Area. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration passed.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 1311 First Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa for the D&D Program. Discussion ensued regarding the cost. Erin Chambers, Community Development Director, stated that the owner would not take less and this property would open up the area for development as it is hindering potential developers. AYES: Four. NAYS: Ervin, Wade. Resolution 2022-199 was passed and pending approval by the Mayor.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution approving agreement with the property owner of 215 1st Ave W for non-standard improvements in the city right-of-way. Request does not align with ADA standards. AYES: None. NAYS: Hallam, Dalton, George, Ervin, Trotter, Wade. Resolution failed.

During Mayor/Council comments Mayor Hansen shared that when speaking with race officials they took time to say how much they enjoyed our town and the golf course. Hallam gave credit to all of the activities and events that were held over the past few weekends.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk