

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 01, 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.

There was no citizen participation.

Linda Klepinger, Executive Director of the Center for Arts & Artists updated Council on all of the projects they are undertaking including partnering with the schools, the community murals, the Historic Preservation area and sculpture tour.

Brad Sponseller, Westwood Golf Pro at the Westwood Golf Course updated Council. The aggressive pricing schedule has made the course more competitive and increased usage. May was rainy but June was strong. They have taken on 3 more outings and the Boys State Tournament as well as the IPGA Jr Tours.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-15.

5. June 17, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. June 24, 2019 Council Workshop Minutes
7. Approve Liquor License for the following: Approve Baqara for renewal, LC0044602, 1615 1st Ave. W., Class C Liquor License, Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; The Cellar Peanut Pub for renewal, BB0038276, 403 W. 4th St. N., Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Pour Bastards Pub, a new license, LCV87332, 113 1st Ave. E., Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales.
8. Resolution reappointing Jeffrey Maki to the Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for a term ending June 30, 2022. Resolution 2019-126 adopted.
9. Resolution appointing Jo Kono to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2024. Resolution 2019-127 adopted.
10. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private property for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 19-03). Resolution 2019-128 adopted.
11. 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 2019 Parking Lot Reconstruction Project. Resolution 2019-129 adopted.
12. Resolution Terminating Paying Agent and Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreements with Bankers Trust Company and Approving new Paying Agent and Registrar Agreement with BOKF. Resolution 2019-130 adopted.
13. Resolution Approving a Contract for Professional Community and Economic Development Services with the Newton Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Resolution 2019-131 adopted.
14. Resolution to purchase kitchen cabinets for remodel of the kitchen in the fire station. Resolution 2019-132 adopted.
15. Approve Bills

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

Mayor Hansen stated that item 16. The First Consideration of an ordinance repealing Newton, Iowa Code of Ordinances 2011 Title 5, Chapter 43, Article 2 - Electric Franchise; and adding Title 11, Chapter 118 - Electric Franchise to Newton Code of Ordinances 2016, granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive twenty-five year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Newton, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the city and its inhabitants. (Council Report 19-139) would be postponed in order to call for a public hearing at the next meeting.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company for the replacement of existing overhead structures, wires, and associated equipment in the City's central business district. Keith Sherman and Matt Hansen with Alliant spoke on the project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-133 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution accepting a grant from the Governor Branstad Iowa History Fund and approving a Rocky Marciano Project located along the hike and bike trail near exit 164 of Interstate 80. Mike Chapman spoke in favor of the project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-134 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition 2019-02 Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-135 adopted.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution in support of the Boone, Jasper, Marion, and Warren counties' Local Housing Trust Fund. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-136 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving the granting of D&D 2.0 Grant funds for the rehabilitation of a non-historic home at 1711 N. 4th Avenue E. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-137 adopted.

During staff reports, Lisa Frasier, Finance Officer provided a FY21 Budget Update.

There were no Mayor/Council Comments.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan at 7:05 P.M. to go into closed session To Discuss the Purchase of Particular Real Estate Only Where Premature Disclosure Could be Reasonably Expected to Increase the Price the Governmental Body Would Have to Pay For That Property Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 21.5(1)(j), Code of Iowa 2019. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

Upon returning to Open Session at 7:28 P.M. it was moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan at 7:29 P.M. to go into closed session To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2019. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

Upon returning to Open Session at 7:41 P.M. it was Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk