

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 6, 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 (6:02 p.m.), Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

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

Mayor Hansen proclaimed July 2020 as Park and Recreation Month.

During citizen participation, Donna Stumme, 401 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. S. spoke regarding the illegal use of fireworks and proposed exploring ways to take lawlessness and turn it around.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to approve consent agenda items 4-15.

4. June 15, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor License for the following: Newton Lodge #1270 dba The Elks, pending sketch approval by Fire Chief, Pending Dram Shop, Outdoor Service, 111 E 2nd St S, LA0000274, Class A Liquor License (LA) (Private Club), Sunday Sales; New Star 66, Renewal, 405 1st Ave. E., BC0030861, Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine – Includes Native Wine), Sunday Sales; Baqara, Renewal, 1615 1st Ave W, LC0044602, Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; PB Pub, Pending Dram Shop, Renewal, 2020 1st Ave E, LC0045655, Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales.
6. Certify Firefighter Candidate List.
7. Resolution adopting 2020 S12 supplement to the “Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Newton, Iowa, 2016”, and approving distribution of the same to code subscribers. Resolution 2020-154 adopted.
8. Resolution appointing Rita Baker to serve on The Library Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2026. Resolution 2020-155 adopted.
9. Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers in FY 19/20. Resolution 2020-156 adopted.
10. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 20-03). Resolution 2020-157 adopted.
11. Resolution accepting completion of the Newton Airport Fuel Tank Relocate and Replace Project. Resolution 2020-158 adopted.
12. Resolution revising the property owner for prohibited sanitary sewer discharge removal work at 611 E 17th St N included in the 2020 Out-of-District Improvements – Bid Package No. 1. Resolution 2020-159 adopted.
13. Resolution approving the purchase of a Utility Vehicle for Parks Operations Division. Resolution 2020-160 adopted.
14. Resolution approving the purchase of a Ball Diamond Drag for Parks Operations Division. Resolution 2020-161 adopted.
15. 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 designating the name “Stan Clement Drive” for existing roadway in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 awarding contract for the PW Office building #18 tenant improvements. There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-162 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Trotter to approve the Second consideration of the Ordinance amending and updating The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning, Fences. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 602 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa for the D&D Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-163 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Micro Grant Funds for 110 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-164 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Micro Grant Funds for 124 1<sup>st</sup> Street North. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-165 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution Amending the City of Newton Public Works and Community Services Fee Schedule. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-166 adopted.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving agreement with the property owner of 109 N 2nd Ave E for non-standard improvements in the city right-of-way. Andy Breuer of Muse Wine Bar thanked council for their consideration. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-167 adopted.

During Mayor/Council Discussion on reopening Council Chambers for Council Meetings, Fire Chief Wellik presented on Covid-19 status and the plan for reopening the chamber. The reopening committee considers the 9 county area surrounding Newton. In the last 2-3 weeks the trend line appears to be out to late August early September before the trend of cases goes down. The task force will review the procedures for transitioning back into the chambers for council meetings and present at the next council meeting.

During Mayor/Council Comments, Mayor Hansen thanked Chief Burdess for his service as Acting City Administrator during Muckler's vacation. Mullan invited all to see the sidewalk north of the stadium. Hansen also spoke on the great addition to Agnes Patterson Park in the Story Walk. Thanks to Kinetic Edge and Newton Wellness Coalition and our Youth Services Librarian Phyllis Peters for making this happen. Mayor Hansen asked that citizens respect each other and their neighbors when shooting off fireworks. The individuals that are selfishly violating the law are causing a strain on law enforcement and disrespecting their neighbors. Stonner proposed a steeper penalty. George reiterated that the fireworks laws need to be changed at the State level. Ervin agreed with making the fines more severe. Ervin also stated that the Farmers Market this year is amazing and encourage citizen to support the vendors. Hallam invited all to view the new signage at Legacy Plaza. Mullan spoke of a lovely band playing in the courtyard by Peanut Pub over the weekend and what a great place it is to go.

It was moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk