

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 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, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: Ervin.

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

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

3. July 6, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Liquor License for the following: Cardinal Lanes, New Ownership, LCV93749, 1305 S 5th Ave E, Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Sunday Sales; Wal-Mart #748, Renewal, LE0000974, 300 Iowa Speedway Dr, Class E Liquor License (LE), Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine - Includes Native Wine), Class C Beer Permit (Carryout Beer), Sunday Sales; Hy-Vee Club Room, Renewal, LC0044764, 1501 1st Ave E, Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Catering Privilege, Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine - Includes Native Wine), Sunday Sales, Outdoor Sales, HyVee Gas, Renewal, BC0029242, 1421 1st Ave E, Class C Beer Permit (BC), Sunday Sales.
5. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 20-03). Resolution 2020-168 adopted.
6. Resolution accepting completion of the 2019 Westwood Golf Course Vault Restroom Project. Resolution 2020-169 adopted.
7. Resolution ordering Clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for a public hearing on the proposed adoption of an ordinance granting ITC Midwest LLC an electric transmission franchise. Resolution 2020-170 adopted.
8. Resolution approving the request for reimbursement for the Certified Local Government Grant 2019-009 for the Nomination of the First Avenue East and West Historic Districts. Resolution 2020-171 adopted.
9. Approve Bills

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

Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance amending and updating The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning, Fences. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Moved by Mullan, seconded by George to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2378 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve the second consideration of an Ordinance designating the name "Stan Clement Drive" for existing roadway in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Second consideration approved.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance amending Title XIII, Chapter 135 "Fireworks" of the Code of Ordinances, Newton, Iowa. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First consideration approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 300-400 blocks of East Twenty Second Street South. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First consideration approved.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Code Reference" by adding stop signs at Arbor Estates Plat #1 & Fairmeadows North Plat #8. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First consideration approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution providing for reduction of interest rate on Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Note. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-172 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving Notice to Extend Option to Purchase Spec Home & Amendment on Lots 7 & 15, Cardinal Ridge Subdivision Plat 1 in Newton. AYES: Five, NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-173 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution establishing a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fence permit fee. Austin Hudson #2 Bungalow Ct., Newton called in opposition of the fees. AYES: three. NAYS: two. Hallam, George. In accordance with the City of Newton Code of Ordinances 2011, Title III, Chapter 30, subdivision 037 (A) (1), a resolution requires a majority vote of all the members of the Council therefore the Resolution fails.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve a Resolution approving Addendum 1 to the Purchase and Redevelopment Agreement for 1803 1st Avenue East in Newton. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-174 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt a resolution to enter into an Agreement for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Federal-Aid Swap Project with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Union Dr. Reconstruction Project. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-175 adopted.

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Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution to approve an agreement for professional services for the design work on the Union Dr. Reconstruction Project. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-176 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to approve a Resolution awarding contract for the Downtown Newton Lighting Improvements Project. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-177 adopted.

During staff reports Jody Rhone, Public Works Director and Brian Laube, Community Services Manager, gave Council an update on the situation at Maytag pool. It was reported that the pool is leaking after several attempts to fix it. It was also reported that attendance at the pool has been down considerably. It was recommended and Council consented that the pool close for the season on August 10th.

During staff reports Lisa Fraiser, Finance Officer, gave Council a financial update on the close of FY20, proposed FY22 budget calendar, and changes to financial policies.

During staff reports Rob Burdess, Police Chief, presented a reorganization proposal to Council. It was proposed to reorganize Public Works, Community Services, and Administration in order to become more effective.

During the reopening of the Council Chambers discussion, Fire Chief, Jarrod Wellik, presented Council with a proposal prepared by the Pandemic Reopening Committee to reopen the Council Chambers. The proposal recommended meetings be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers with strict social distancing measures put in place, require masks, and screen individuals that participate in person. There was Council consensus to reopen Council Chambers for Council Meetings.

During the Hillcrest Park discussion, it was reported that citizens in the Hillcrest Park neighborhood thought a portion of the park was for sale. It was confirmed that a portion of the park is a residential lot that is for sale. The city received a petition with 46 names asking Council to reconsider the development of the single-family lot. Staff will provide further information on the matter to Council.

During the Storm Water Utility discussion, it was reported the matter was put on hold due to COVID-19. Mayor Hansen recommended moving forward with an amended fee schedule making necessary adjustments as the economy changes.

It was moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk