

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 03, 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.

Mayor Hansen proclaimed August 9, 2020 – August 15, 2020 as American Wind Week.

Tracy Stevens, US Census, Partnership Census and Brian Dunkelberger, Newton City Planner, gave an update on the status of the 2020 Census. After August 11<sup>th</sup> census workers will be knocking on doors to collect information following the Covid-19 guidelines issued by the governor.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 5-12.

5. July 20, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Resolution appointing Darcy Soule to Serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2026. Resolution 2020-179 adopted.
7. Resolution appointing Megan Pryke to serve on The Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) Board for a term ending June 30, 2023. Resolution 2020-180 adopted.
8. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 20-04). Resolution 2020-181 adopted.
9. Resolution accepting completion of the 2020 City Wide Sidewalk Improvements Project. Resolution 2020-182 adopted.
10. Resolution accepting completion of the Water Pollution Control Plant Clarifier Coating Project. Resolution 2020-183 adopted.
11. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 309 South 8th Avenue West, 609 South 3rd Avenue East, and 514 South 2nd Avenue West. Resolution 2020-184 adopted.
12. 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 adding Title XI, Chapter 119 - Electric Transmission Franchise to the Newton Code of Ordinances 2016, granting to ITC Midwest LLC, its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive twenty-five year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric transmission system in the City of Newton, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Trotter to approve the third consideration of an Ordinance designating the name "Stan Clement Drive" for existing roadway in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third consideration approved. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2379 was adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to approve the second consideration of an Ordinance amending Title XIII, Chapter 135 "Fireworks" of the Code of Ordinances, Newton, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second consideration approved.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Trotter to approve the second 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: Ervin. Second consideration approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to approve the second 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: Six. NAYS: None. Second consideration approved.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V Public Works, By Adding Chapter 53 Stormwater Utility. Hallam made a motion to table the ordinance due to Covid-19 and the uncertainty of the economic conditions. Motion failed due to lack of a second. AYES: Five. NAYS: Hallam. First consideration approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance Amending and Updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title III: Administration, Chapter 35: Fiscal Management; Taxation. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration approved.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution approving an agreement for environmental insurance cost recovery work with Eisenstein Malanchuk LLP. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-185 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution accepting title to property located at 1111 West 22nd Street South in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Six, NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-186 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a 657A.10A petition for ownership of property at 514 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and 209 North 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-187 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve a Resolution recommending approval of the Walnut Creek Subdivision located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 80, Range 19 in Jasper County, Iowa, to Jasper County Board of Supervisors. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-188 adopted.

During staff reports Police Chief Burdess updated council on the proposed reorganization changes. There was council consensus to review the proposal at ERC.

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.

City Administrator, Matt Muckler and Library Director Nicole Lindstrom presented on the status of the FY22 Budget.

During the reopening of the Council Chambers discussion Mayor Hansen indicated that we have the equipment in place to resume meetings in the Council Chambers in accordance with CDC social distancing recommendations. Council will return to the chambers on September 8<sup>th</sup> with staff continuing to report through zoom.

There were no Mayor/Council comments.

It was moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk