

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 02, 2020, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Pro Tem Trotter presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tanya Michener, President Jasper County Gems presented on the great projects that the Gems have donated to. The Gems is a donation giving group; participants are 18 and older the donate \$100 a quarter. They choose three presenters and vote on an organization to support.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to approve consent agenda items 4-11.

4. October 19, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor License Applications for the following: Hy-Vee Food Store #1, Renewal, 1501 1st Ave E, LE0000090, Class E Liquor License (LE), Class B Wine Permit (Carroust Wine - Includes Native Wine)
6. Approval of FY19/20 Annual Urban Renewal Report
7. Resolution accepting completion of the Westwood Golf Course Hole 5 Cart Path Project. Resolution 2020-247 adopted
8. Resolution awarding bids for cropland leases for land at Agnes Patterson Park & Union Cemetery for the 2021-2023 growing seasons. Resolution 2020-248 adopted
9. Resolution setting a date of meeting at which it is proposed to approve a development agreement with Newton Elite Properties, LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment. Resolution 2020-249 adopted
10. Resolution setting public hearing and authorizing publication of notice on City of Newton City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan Revision. Resolution 2020-250 adopted
11. Approve Bills

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

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 20-21. 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 Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-251 adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East Urban Renewal Area. There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Mullan, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-252 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to approve the second consideration of an Ordinance amending and updating The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title IX: General Regulations, Chapter 94: Public Nuisances, and Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 150: Building Regulations. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by Stonner, 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 600-700 blocks of South Fifth Avenue East. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016 Title XV Land Usage, by adding Chapter 159 Commercial Business/Property Code. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution adopting the 2020 - 2022 Council Goals for the City of Newton. AYES: Six, NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-253 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 1015 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa for the D&D Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-254 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution to promote housing and retail in Newton using radio, digital display and digital video in a strategic advertising campaign. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-255 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution for the City of Newton to retain Liebl Marketing Group services for marketing management services. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-256 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with Parkview Animal Hospital for animal shelter services. Kevin Luetters, Jasper County Community Development Director asked council to consider partnering with the county on the use of the animal facility they recently acquired. 80% of the animals are from Newton. Chief Burdess stated that there may be a partnership in the future however the cost at this time does not justify utilizing the county services. AYES: Five. NAYS: Ervin. Resolution 2020-257 adopted.

Police Chief Burdess introduced Mitch Weinzetl from BerryDunn. Mitch introduced the Newton Police Department Key Staffing and Operations Review. The recommendations summary included improved Reporting Practices, updated Technology, Staffing and Schedule is sufficient, Alternative Reporting, Investigations, Recruiting & Hiring opportunities.

During Mayor/Council comments Ervin thanked the parks department and Nick Cummins for their excellent care of the baseball fields. Mullan asked about street patching progress. Public Works Director Jody Rhone indicated that crews are working on crack sealing and then will move back to patching.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk