

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

Pledge

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

Call to Order

1. 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 George presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Wade, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report, Larry Hurto, HPC Chair
Hurto presented the HPC Annual report including many of their activities over the past year.

Citizen Participation

3. Logan Shaver, 318 S 6th Ave W, spoke regarding the benefit of filling vacant buildings. Michael Merritt, spoke regarding open record fees charged by government bodies.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 4-22. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. February 5, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. February 5, 2024 Budget Workshop Minutes
6. February 6, 2024 City Council Retreat Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Biaggios Italian Restaurant LLC- BW0097269, 2331 1st Avenue E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License; Dollar General #3032- LG0000159, 1803 1st Avenue E, Class B Retail Alcohol License; Nostalgia Wine & Spirits- LC0048028, 109 N 2nd Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service Area; Murph and Mary's- LC0049455, 403 W 4TH ST N, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service Area; Los Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill- LC0048081, 2002 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service Area; Americinn Newton Iowa- BW0097446, 4401 South 22nd Avenue E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License
8. Resolution setting public hearing and authorizing publication of notice for Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Land Lease and Partnership Agreement
Resolution 2024-036 adopted.
9. Resolution setting the date for public hearings on proposals to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and to borrow money thereunder
Resolution 2024-037 adopted.
10. Resolution setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Road Use Tax Revenue Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder
Resolution 2024-038 adopted.
11. Resolution Approving the 2023 Certified Local Government Annual Report for the Newton Historic Preservation Commission
Resolution 2024-039 adopted.
12. Resolution Appointing The City's Development Specialist To Serve On The Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance For Community Development Board Of Directors In 2024
Resolution 2024-040 adopted.
13. Resolution approving the Clinical Engineering Agreement with Unity Point Health
Resolution 2024-041 adopted.
14. Resolution awarding purchase and installation of bathroom fixtures in the fire station
Resolution 2024-042 adopted.
15. Resolution approving an agreement with MercyOne Newton for legal blood draw and specimen collection
Resolution 2024-043 adopted.
16. Resolution approving a proposal to replace a damaged streetscape light
Resolution 2024-044 adopted.
17. Resolution approving the donation of two Maytag Pool season passes to the 2024 MercyOne Newton Gala Fundraiser
Resolution 2024-045 adopted.
18. Resolution repealing the 2023 City of Newton Supplemental Specifications to the 2024 editions of SUDAS Standard Specifications and the SUDAS Design Manual and adopting the 2024 editions of both the SUDAS Standard Specifications and SUDAS Design Manual along with the 2024 City of Newton Supplemental Specifications to said 2024 editions of the SUDAS Standard Specifications and SUDAS Design Manual
Resolution 2024-046 adopted.
19. Resolution authorizing the filing of a 657A abandoned property petition for 410 East 4 ½ Street South, Newton Jasper County, Iowa

Resolution 2024-047 adopted.

20. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of 121 South 3rd Avenue East
Resolution 2024-048 adopted.

21. Resolution approving a letter of support for the establishment of a mini-pitch soccer court on City of Newton Parks property
Resolution 2024-049 adopted.

22. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

23. Public Hearing on a resolution extending Airport Ground Lease and T-Hangar Agreement with Johnson Aviation
Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
24. Resolution extending Airport Ground Lease and T-Hangar Agreement with Johnson Aviation
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-050 adopted.

Ordinance

25. Third Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V, Chapter 51, Transported Waste; Waste Haulers and Chapter 52: Sewers and increasing the rates by Five percent each year for Five years, effective July 1 each year 2024-2028
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2442 was adopted.

Resolution

26. Resolution awarding contract to Northway Well Corporation for Jordan Well maintenance
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-051 adopted.
27. Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement (ESA) for the 2024 Airport Pavement Rehabilitation Project
Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-052 adopted.
28. Resolution approving an agreement with Synsys Gatso USA, Inc. for an automated traffic enforcement system
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-053 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

29. Ervin mentioned that they have gotten a lot of good feedback on the mini-pitch project. He indicated there was a large non-profit project in the works and indicated a holiday entertainment event as well.

Closed Session

30. 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 2024
At 6:35 P.M., it was moved by Wade, seconded by Ervin to go into closed session. The city attorney advised the council that they had legal authority to do so. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The motion passed.

Return to Open Session

31. Council returned to open session at 7:18 P.M. with all members present.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.