

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2024, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

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. Newton Residential Rental Inspection Program Annual Report- Brian Dunkelberger, Sr. City Planner and Iowa Inspections

Citizen Participation

3. This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Council. After being recognized by the presiding officer, each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

Kelly and Jay Koenen, 713 E 17th St N spoke regarding the demolition of the building downtown that adjoins their business. Michael Merritt, a former Newton resident, spoke regarding open record fees charged by government bodies. Billy Cupples, a City of Newton mechanic, spoke regarding the Teamsters contract. Donna Stumme, 401 E 10th St S, spoke about preventative planning.

Consent Agenda

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

4. March 4, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

5. Resolution appointing Deputy City Clerk
Resolution 2024-075 adopted.

6. Resolution Appointing Carson Claypool to the Newton Downtown Self-Supported Improvement District Board for the Unexpired Term Ending June 30, 2024.
Resolution 2024-076 adopted.

7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-02)
Resolution 2024-077 adopted.

8. Resolution approving contract for the 2024 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 1
Resolution 2024-078 adopted.

9. Resolution approving contract for the 2024 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 2
Resolution 2024-079 adopted.

10. Resolution accepting a permanent municipal utility easement located at 1101 1st St N
Resolution 2024-080 adopted.

11. Resolution accepting a permanent municipal utility easement located at 1120 W 4th St N
Resolution 2024-081 adopted.

12. Resolution authorizing the sale of a 1982 Dump Truck at the Water Treatment Plant
Resolution 2024-082 adopted.

13. Resolution relating to the financing of proposed projects to be undertaken by the City of Newton, Iowa; establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code
Resolution 2024-083 adopted.

14. Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement for the City's professional engineering needs
Resolution 2024-084 adopted.

15. Resolution approving a temporary construction easement with Newton Housing Development Corporation
Resolution 2024-085 adopted.

16. Resolution approving a non-standard use agreement with the property owner of 403 1st Ave E.
Resolution 2024-086 adopted.

17. Resolution approving emergency permanent repairs and upgrades of the Newton Airport septic tank and pump system
Resolution 2024-087 adopted.
18. Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Jasper Community Foundation Grant application in partnership with Kid Assist of Jasper County for handicap accessibility equipment at Maytag Pool
Resolution 2024-088 adopted.
19. Resolution approving 28E for the Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities Shared Services Agreement (SCCIC)
Resolution 2024-089 adopted.
20. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 525 West 4th Street South in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2024-090 adopted.
21. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering city clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Resolution 2024-091 adopted.
22. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

23. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving a revised Partnership Agreement and Lease Addendum #2 with Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens (F.K.A. Project AWAKE)
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 Dalton, seconded by Simbro to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
24. Resolution approving a revised Partnership Agreement and Lease Addendum #2 with Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens (F.K.A. Project AWAKE)
Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-092 adopted.
25. Public Hearing on a resolution approving the Purchase Agreement for City-owned property at 121 South 3rd Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
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 Dalton, seconded by Wade to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
26. Resolution approving the Purchase Agreement for City-owned property at 121 South 3rd Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-093 adopted.

Ordinance

27. Second Consideration of an Ordinance eliminating Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title III, Chapter 32, Sections 32.130 - 32-140 Non-Bargaining Employee Grievance Commission and addressing the process in the City Council adopted Employee Handbook
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
28. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV, Ch. 150, to revise and update Section 150.085 Vacant Building
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
29. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V, Chapter 54 Waterworks, Section 54.19 Fee Schedule
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Simbro, seconded by Dalton to suspend the rules and waive the second and third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: Mills. Motion passed. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 244 was adopted.

Resolution

30. Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2024A
Moved by Wade, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-094 adopted.
31. Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of Road Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024B
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-095 adopted.
32. Resolution authorizing amendments to the City of Newton Employee Handbook regarding employment of family members
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-096 adopted.
33. Resolution approving collective bargaining agreement 2024-2029 with Teamsters Local 120
Moved by Mills, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-097 adopted.

Staff Report

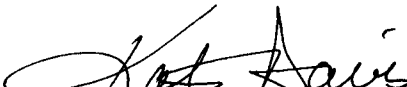
34. Community Development Administrative Assistant Pay Matrix Range Adjustment - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director

Mayor/Council Comments

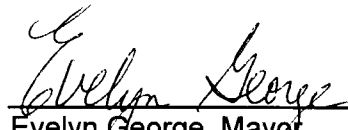
35. Mayor and Council Comments
Ervin commented on the adoption of the Teamster's contract and asked staff to research the details for participating in the Economic Vitality partnership with Jedco and NDC, led by the University of Northern Iowa. Dalton mentioned an open house at Dalton Toys. Mills asked about the Westwood Clubhouse's status and adding information to the website.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.



Katrina Davis, City Clerk



Evelyn George, Mayor

