

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 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, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: Wade.

Proclamation

2. Proclamation: Arbor Day Proclamation

Presentation

3. Jasper County Emergency Management Agency – Jamey Robinson, Emergency Management Coordinator. Updates on the Agency and upcoming improvements were provided.

4. The Well – Jayson Henry, CEO. Mr. Henry informed the Council of the purpose of the Well, not only as a thrift store, but as resource center for the community.

Citizen Participation

5. Ina Heidemann spoke regarding Earth day on April 22nd at the Newton at the Arboretum and the recycling of plastic bags that day from 9 am to 6 pm. Heidemann also spoke about other opportunities in the city on recycling items.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 6-26. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

6. April 1, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

7. April 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

8. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Special Event April 16, 2024, American Legion, 600 N 2nd Avenue West Special Class C Retail Alcohol License; Gezellig Brewing Company, LLC, 403 West 4th Street North, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service: Walgreens #05942- LE0002171, 1204 1st Ave East, Class E Retail Alcohol License; Hy-Vee Indy Pop-Up 1, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class B Retail Alcohol License; Hy-Vee Indy Pop-Up 2, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class B Retail Alcohol License

9. Approve May 1 – June 30, 2024, Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for GMR Marketing LLC, 333 Rusty Wallace Dr

10. Designate May 6, 2024 as a public hearing date for the 2nd Budget Amendment for Fiscal year 2023-2024

11. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-03)
Resolution 2024-111 adopted.

12. Resolution approving quote from Con-struct Inc. for a sanitary sewer manhole replacement at Legacy Plaza
Resolution 2024-112 adopted.

13. Resolution approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Van Maanen Electric, Inc Property Located at 500 Iowa Speedway Drive withing the East Mart Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-113 adopted.

14. Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Newton and the Iowa Speedway, LLC for law enforcement services
Resolution 2024-114 adopted.

15. Resolution approving an agreement with Black Hills Energy for the installation of natural gas facilities in the Arbor Estates Second Addition subdivision
Resolution 2024-115 adopted.

16. Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement for updates to the architectural plans for the Westwood Clubhouse Project
Resolution 2024-116 adopted.

17. Resolution approving the FY23 Audit for the City of Newton
Resolution 2024-117 adopted.

18. Resolution approving an environmental covenant for the former manufactured gas plant site as part of the Iowa Land Recycling Program
Resolution 2024-118 adopted.
19. Resolution approving the purchase of a Stryker Chest Compression system and external power supply
Resolution 2024-119 adopted.
20. Resolution approving the Clinical and Field Affiliation agreement with University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics
Resolution 2024-120 adopted.
21. Resolution Authorizing the return of Earnest Money to Pivotal GP Holding LLC per the terms of the 3/23/22 amended purchase and development agreement & the 3/22/23 reinstatement and first amendment to amended purchase and redevelopment agreement
Resolution 2024-121 adopted.
22. Resolution accepting completion of the Westwood Clubhouse demolition project
Resolution 2024-122 adopted.
23. Resolution Setting a date for a public hearing on the FY25-FY29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Resolution 2024-123 adopted.
24. Resolution approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Newton Senior Residence, LLC property located in the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-124 adopted.
25. Resolution approving a Property Tax Rebate for the GG 115 LLC property located in the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-125 adopted.
26. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

27. Public Hearing on a resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 525 West 4th Street South 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. Mayor George stated the buyer was excited to build their dream home.
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
28. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 525 West 4th Street South Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-126 adopted.
29. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the 2024-25 Operating Budget for the City of Newton
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 Simbro, seconded by Ervin to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing is closed.
30. Resolution Approving the 2024-2025 Operating Budget for the City of Newton
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None
Resolution 2024-127 is adopted.
31. Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Mayor George Stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above resolution. There were no written comments. Council member Mills asked what CIPP referred to and Utility Director Rhone replied that was for cast in place pipe.
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing is closed.
32. Resolution awarding contract for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-128 is adopted.

Resolution

33. Resolution approving the 2024-2025 Non-Union Compensation Plan
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-129 adopted.
34. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 600 East 12 Street North, Newton
Council member Simbro stated that this program is great for the citizens and would like to promote the program and Mayor George agreed.
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-130 adopted.
35. Resolution Approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism grant program application for \$925 for Heart of Transit
Mayor George stated this event has people invited on a National level.
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-131 adopted.
36. Resolution Approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$942.81 for Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Inc
Ina Heidemann spoke on behalf of Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Inc that the event will be "may the 4th be with you" and described the activities that will be going on at the event on May 4th.
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-132 adopted.
37. Resolution authorizing the Fire Department Administrative Supervisor at Range 5, Step 2 on the City of Newton Salary Schedule Matrix
Council Member Ervin and Dalton both appreciated the setting of goals for this position when hired.
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-133 adopted.
38. Resolution approving quote for water storage tank suction pipe repairs
Council member Mills asked if video or picture footage was given to the City. Utility Director Rhone provided this information. Mills asked what caused the failures that led to these repairs and Rhone stated there was a check valve that failed and this led to these failures.
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2024-134 adopted.
39. Resolution awarding the purchase of Firefighter's personal protective equipment
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None
Resolution 2024-135 adopted.

Staff Report

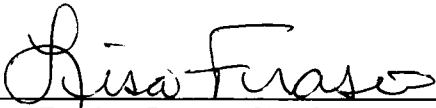
25. Current Projects, Engineering and Stormwater updates – Joe Grife, Public Works Director

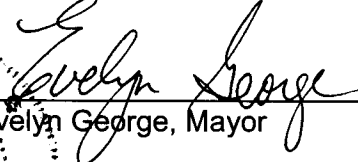
Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments
Mills had the opportunity to attend the United Way events Voices of Inspiration. Encouraged all to get involved these events coming up. April 25th is the next event with Carol Kramer, a Newton native. Dalton reminded everyone of the Newton Mainstreet event on April 25th celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the organization. Discussion was held regarding a possible tour of the Homes for Iowa program.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Lisa Frasier, Deputy City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

