

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 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 (via telephone), Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: None.

Proclamation

Mayor George proclaimed the following:

2. National EMS Week Proclamation

3. 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation

4. National Police Week Proclamation

5. May is Historic Preservation Month Proclamation

6. May is Building Safety Month Proclamation

Presentation

7. Marketing & Advertising Agency Services Presentation, Danielle Rogers, Community Marketing Manager

Rogers and Brandon Bingham presented the proposed marketing plan with Bing Bang.

8. Newton Municipal Airport Update, Ethan Nasalroad, President, Johnson Aviation

Nasalroad presented his annual update on the past year events and status of the airport.

Citizen Participation

9. Colfax Police Chief, Jeremy Burdess, spoke regarding his run for Jasper County Sheriff.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to approve consent agenda items 10-30. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

10. April 15, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

11. April 16, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

12. Approve liquor licenses for the following: Newton/Des Moines East KOA, 1601 East 36th Street South, Special Class B Retail Native Wine License

13. Approve June 14 - 30, 2024 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for Brewco Marketing Group, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr, and 2024 - 2025 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for Casey's #1911, 1018 1st Ave E; Casey's #3954, 4343 S 15th Ave E; Casey's # 2341, 3104 1st Ave E; Casey's #2417, 1200 W 18th St S; Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh, 1421 1st Ave E; Hy-Vee Food Store, 1501 1st Ave E; Tobacco, Vape & E-cig, 1126 1st Ave E

14. Resolution adopting 2024 S18 Supplement to the "Code of Ordinances of The City of Newton, Iowa, 2016," and approving distribution of the same to code subscribers
Resolution 2024-137 adopted.

15. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-04)
Resolution 2024-138 adopted.

16. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-03)
Resolution 2024-139 adopted.

17. Resolution Approving the replacement of Newton Union Cemetery Dirt Shed
Resolution 2024-140 adopted.

18. Resolution approving the private sale and transfer of ownership of 1400 East 6th Street South
Resolution 2024-141 adopted.

19. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC
Resolution 2024-142 adopted.

20. Resolution Authorizing the City of Newton and the Newton Fire Department to Enter into a 28E Agreement for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Transportation with City of Baxter and Baxter Rescue Squad
Resolution 2024-143 adopted.
21. Resolution approving reduced prices on Maytag Pool single-day admissions for June 8, 2024
Resolution 2024-137 adopted.
22. Resolution authorizing the purchase of pre-season salt for snow and ice control.
Resolution 2024-145 adopted.
23. Resolution authorizing the City of Newton to apply for an Iowa Thriving Communities designation with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) and Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).
Resolution 2024-146 adopted.
24. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a cab and chassis truck with a dump box for Water Distribution
Resolution 2024-147 adopted.
25. Resolution accepting completion of the WPC 1st ST N aerial sewer crossing repair project
Resolution 2024-148 adopted.
26. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a stand-on skid steer for Water Pollution Control
Resolution 2024-149 adopted.
27. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Jasper Point Plaza, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-150 adopted.
28. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an Addendum to the Ambulance Restocking Agreement with MercyOne Medical Center-Newton.
Resolution 2024-151 adopted.
29. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving the same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the W 8th St N Bridge Approach Replacement Project.
Resolution 2024-152 adopted.
30. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

31. Public Hearing on a resolution adopting the FY25 through FY29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. Due to the changes in legislature this item will come back before the council at a later date. There were no written comments. Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
32. Public Hearing on Resolution Approving the Second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
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 Wade, seconded by Mills to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
33. Resolution Approving the Second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-153 adopted.
34. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV, Ch. 150, to revise and update Section 150.085 Vacant Building
Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Ordinance. There were no written comments. Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
35. 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 Simbro, seconded by Mills to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Ordinance

36. 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 block of E 15th St N
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.

37. 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 400-600 block of W 8th St N
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Ervin to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
38. 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 200-300 block of E 25th St N
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Wade to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. Discussion ensued over no parking should be on the east or west side of the street. It was moved by Dalton, seconded by Ervin to amend the ordinance specifying no parking on the west side of the street. AYES: Four. NAYS: Mills, Wade. Motion passed. To approve the first consideration of the amended ordinance: AYES: Five. NAYS: Mills. First Consideration of the amended Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

39. Resolution awarding the Westwood Clubhouse Site Design Grading Project
Moved by Mills, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-154 adopted.
40. Resolution approving the location of the mini-pitch soccer court and the donation agreement with Kick It Forward
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-155 adopted.
41. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 525 North 2nd Avenue East, Newton
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-156 adopted.
42. Resolution approving the Award of a downtown improvement grant for 110 1st Avenue East
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-157 adopted.
43. Resolution approving United Way of Jasper County Downtown Improvement Grant
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-158 adopted.
44. Resolution approving the award of a Downtown Improvement Grant for the building at 209-211 North 2nd Avenue West
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-159 adopted.
45. Resolution amending the Newton Downtown Improvement Program to add an additional program area for "Parking Lot Improvements"
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: Mills. Resolution 2024-160 adopted.
46. Resolution approving City of Newton purchase of 1010 East 8th Street North, Nnewton, for the D&D program
Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-161 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

47. Mayor and Council Comments
Mayor George announced that Newton has been selected by Channel 13 as an RV TV spot on Friday, September 6th for the Home Football game. Newton will set up as a tailgate party. Councilmen Ervin and Mayor George met with the Iowa Speedway about "Throttle Up Thursday", June 13th. Race fans are invited downtown for a fun event. Indy has announced a Free Family Friday on July 12, for families to come to the speedway. Hallam announced that World To Go is inviting everyone to come to their second grand opening on Wednesday at noon where they will be serving their Krispy Krunchy Chicken.

Closed Session

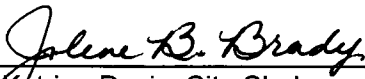
48. To Evaluate The Professional Competency Of Individuals Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance Or Discharge Is Being Considered When Necessary To Prevent Needless And Irreparable Injury To That Individual's Reputation And That Individual Request A Closed Session. Pursuant To The Provisions Of Section 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa 2024 At 7:53 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.

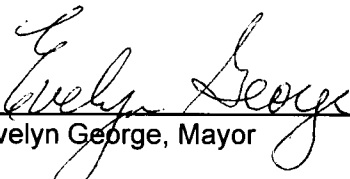
Return to Open Session

49. Return to Open Session
Council returned to open session at 9:17 P.M. with all members present.
50. Resolution approving salary increase for the City Administrator
Moved by Mills, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution to include a 4% salary increase. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-162 adopted.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


~~Katrina Davis, City Clerk~~
Solene Brady, Deputy City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

