

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 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.

Proclamation

2. National Public Works Week May 19–25, 2024

Presentation

3. Newton Public Library Programming Update, Phyllis Peter, Youth Services Librarian

Citizen Participation

4. Randy Camp, 713 E 15th St N, spoke regarding the parking restrictions in the 700 block of E 15th St N. Bruce Showalter, Newton Housing Development Corporation Director, announced a Housing Reception on Wednesday from 5 to 7 PM at Legacy Building 20. Donna Stumie, 401 E 10th St S, spoke about parking on W 3rd St S where you have to swerve in and out of traffic. She requested a reminder to citizens about parking 5 feet from fire hydrants, and also to make sure people make their house numbers visible in order for EMS can get to the correct address faster.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-24. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. May 6, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: GIT-N-GO CONVENIENCE STORE #14-LG0000558, 801 1ST AVE W, Class B Retail Alcohol License

7. Approve 2024 - 2025 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for Fareway, 120 N 3rd Ave E; Hy-Vee Iowa Speedway #1, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr; Hy-Vee Iowa Speedway #2, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr; Love's Travel Stop #361, 4400 S 222nd Ave E; Newton Convenience LLC/World Liquor & Tobacco + Vapors, 702 1st Ave E; Newton Gas LLC/World to Go, 403 1st Ave E; and Raceway 80, 4300 S 22nd Ave E.

8. Designate June 3, 2024 as a public hearing date for the 3rd Budget Amendment Fiscal year 2023-24

9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-04)
Resolution 2024-163 adopted.

10. Resolution approving a Civil Engineering Services Agreement for the Westwood Clubhouse Building Project.
Resolution 2024-164 adopted.

11. Resolution approving a one (1) year supplemental agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City maintenance of U.S. Highway 6.
Resolution 2024-165 adopted.

12. Resolution approving household hazardous waste service agreement with Metro Waste Authority.
Resolution 2024-166 adopted.

13. Resolution awarding contract for the Fairmeadows North Plat 7 Storm Sewer Improvement Project.
Resolution 2024-167 adopted.

14. Resolution correcting the low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 525 North 2nd Avenue East, Newton
Resolution 2024-168 adopted.

15. Resolution authorizing the filing of a 657A petition for abandoned building for 601 East 13th Street North, Newton
Resolution 2024-169 adopted.

16. Resolution Approving a One Year Extension to the Contract for Auditing Services and

Preparation of Annual Financial Statements for Year Ending June 30, 2024
Resolution 2024-170 adopted.

17. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the CRH Properties LLC Property Located at 117 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-171 adopted.
18. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Best Midwest Properties LLC Property Located at 109 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-172 adopted.
19. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Newton Elite Properties, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-173 adopted.
20. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Hopkins Properties LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-174 adopted.
21. Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the 2019 Sports Entertainment Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-175 adopted.
22. Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting at which it is Proposed to Approve an Amended Development Agreement with The Circle Development, LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments
Resolution 2024-176 adopted.
23. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering 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 Newton Airport Pavement Rehabilitation Project.
Resolution 2024-177 adopted.
24. Approve Bills

Ordinance

25. Second 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 Dalton, seconded by Simbro to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
26. Second 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 Dalton, seconded by Wade to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. Cody Pearson, 615 E 15th St N indicated the parking is only an issue on the 600 block. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to amend the Ordinance to only include the 600 block. AYES: Four. NAYS: Mills, Ervin. The amendment passed to only include the 600 block. Moved by Mills, seconded by Dalton to amend this reading of the ordinance back to the first consideration. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed to amend back to the First Consideration. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The First Consideration of the amended Ordinance was approved.
27. Second 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 Wade, seconded by Hallam to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
28. Second 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 Dalton, seconded by Wade to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. Council discussed changing back to the original recommended east side. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to amend back to restrict parking on the original east side. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The amendment passed. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

29. Resolution selecting Veenstra & Kim, Inc. to serve as the building inspection service for the City of Newton
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-178 adopted.
30. Resolution selecting Bing Bang as agency of record for Marketing & Advertising Agency Services.
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-179 adopted.
31. Resolution approving D&D 2.0 Demo Grant for 901 North 8th Avenue East in Newton
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-180 adopted.
32. Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Iowa Airport Improvement Program and certifying eligibility requirements.
Moved by Wade, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-181 adopted.
33. Resolution awarding contract for the Maytag Park Mini-Pitch PCC Pad Project
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-182 adopted.

Discussion

34. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title XV Land Usage by adding Chapter 159 Commercial Business/Property Code
Discussion ensued regarding registering businesses in order to have contact information and fines versus infractions
35. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title XV Land Usage by adding Chapter 150.008 Downtown Historic District Design Guidelines
This ordinance would only affect contributing buildings. Discussion ensued. Council wanted the opportunity to review this further.

Mayor/Council Comments

36. Mayor and Council Comments
Wade announced her resignation on June 19th because of purchasing another home outside of Ward 4. Mills announced that he and other partners would be doing office hours in the future to give people an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Dalton attended the state Main Street conference in Burlington Alabama.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Katrina Davis, City Clerk

Evelyn George, Mayor