

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 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 Community Theatre Update - Sue Beukema

Sue spoke regarding all the shows, musicals, and events over the last year, including the current production, The Sound of Music. They do the NCT Children's Summer Workshop and multiple fundraisers throughout the year.

Citizen Participation

3. Lynn Anthony, 823 E 16th St N, spoke regarding local option tax spending. Finance Officer, Lisa Frasier, confirmed that 35% of local option sales tax goes to property tax relief. According to the ballot, other things that it can be used for are streets, police, and fire expenses. Jim Knudson, 624 E 17th St N, spoke regarding disk golf in Woodland Park and asked for additional baskets. Frank Mulbrook, 210 E 10th St S, spoke regarding speeding and parking on E 10th St S, as well as individuals that are not cleaning up their properties and tax spending.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to approve consent agenda items 4-21. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. June 3, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Hy-Vee Market Cafe- LC0041009, 1501 1st Ave E Market Cafe Area, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Fore Seasons Sports Bar, Special Event July 27th, 600 North 2nd Avenue West, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Levy @ Iowa Speedway- LC0050765, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Expansion of licensed areas; Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, 1110 E 10th St N, June 21st Special Class C Retail Alcohol License; Hy-Vee Indy Pop Up Shop1, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, 14 Day Special Class C Retail Alcohol License; Hy-Vee Indy Pop Up Shop2, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, 14 Day Special Class C Retail Alcohol License
6. Approve 2024 - 2025 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for Shop N Save, 404 S 11th Ave W
7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-06)
Resolution 2024-204 adopted.
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-05)
Resolution 2024-205 adopted.
9. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the McCann Housing Associates, LP Property Located Within the McCann Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-206 adopted.
10. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Lion Development Group, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2024-207 adopted.
11. Resolution approving an agreement with the Newton YMCA for Fiscal Year 2025
Resolution 2024-208 adopted.
12. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with the United Way of Jasper County for Fiscal Year 2025
Resolution 2024-209 adopted.
13. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Jasper County for Fiscal Year 2025
Resolution 2024-210 adopted.
14. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency for Fiscal Year 2025
Resolution 2024-211 adopted.

15. Resolution Setting a Date for a Public hearing on the FY25-FY29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Resolution 2024-212 adopted.
16. Resolution awarding contract for the W 8th St N Bridge Approach Replacement Project
Resolution 2024-213 adopted.
17. Resolution awarding the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus harnesses and equipment
Resolution 2024-214 adopted.
18. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment
Resolution 2024-215 adopted.
19. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 2024 Streetscape Improvement Project
Resolution 2024-216 adopted.
20. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 2024 HMA Resurfacing Project
Resolution 2024-217 adopted.
21. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

22. Public Hearing approving an application for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding assistance for the Newton Airport Pavement Rehabilitation Project, and awarding a contract for said project contingent upon the receipt of said funding assistance grant
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 Dalton to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
23. Resolution approving an application for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding assistance for the Newton Airport Pavement Rehabilitation Project, and awarding a contract for said project contingent upon the receipt of said funding assistance grant.
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-218 adopted.
24. Public Hearing on resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 315, 319, and 321 East 8th 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. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
25. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 315, 319, and 321 East 8th Street South Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-219 adopted.
26. Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the 2019 Sports Entertainment Urban Renewal Area
Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. The council discussed the difference between tax abatements and tax rebates. Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
27. Resolution to Approve an Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for 2019 Sports Entertainment Urban Renewal Area
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-220 adopted.
28. Public Hearing on Approval of an Amended Development Agreement with The Circle Development, LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments
Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Frank Mulbrook, 210 E 10th St S, spoke regarding the necessity. The council reiterated that this is a private investment. Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
29. Resolution Approving an Amended Development Agreement with The Circle Development, LLC Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-221 adopted.

Ordinance

30. Third 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 block of E 15th St N
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Simbro, seconded by Dalton, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2448 was adopted.
31. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title XV Land Usage by adding Chapter 159 Commercial Business Property Code
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
32. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V, Chapter 53: Stormwater Utility
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to amend the ordinance to a one year, 5% increase. AYES: Three. NAYS: Mills, Dalton, Simbro. The amendment failed. AYES: Three. NAYS: Wade, Hallam, Ervin. First Consideration of the Ordinance failed.

Resolution

33. Resolution amending the City of Newton Employee Handbook
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-222 adopted.
34. Resolution Approving A Contract For Professional Community And Economic Development Services With The Newton Development Corporation For Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Simbro, seconded by Wade to amend the NDC fiscal year 24-25 agreement, by adding a clause specifying that an Annual Report shall be prepared and delivered to City Staff, and the Mayor and Council members no later than May 31, 2025, covering activity from the previous 12-month period. The Annual Report should reflect NDC's Mission Statement and Chapter 5 of the City's Envision 2042 Comprehensive Plan. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The amendment was approved. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-223 adopted.

Discussion

35. Golf Fees
Discussion ensued. Council consensus was in support of increasing the 18 hole, weekend + cart golf fee for the next 3 seasons beginning in 2025 to \$40, \$42, and \$45 from the current \$35 fee.

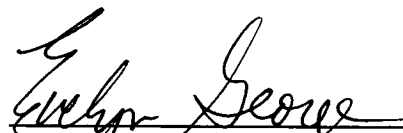
Mayor/Council Comments

36. Mayor and Council Comments
Mayor George presented a clock to Ward 4 council member Vicki Wade in appreciation for her service to the community over the last two years. Parties interested in serving the remainder of the Ward 4 term should submit a letter of interest by June 21st at noon. George commented on all the activities over the weekend, including the races, the music throughout the community, and the taco fiesta. The council members thanked Wade for her service on the council. George announced that Indy would be doing a flag raising at the Farmers Market on Tuesday.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

