

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 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, Mullan, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: None.

Proclamation

2. Small Business Saturday Proclamation

Mayor George proclaimed Saturday, November 30th as Small Business Saturday, urging the community to support our small businesses.

Citizen Participation

3. Jerry Chandler, 1065 S 52nd Ave E and Newton property owner, asked about the status of the animal kennel location.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 4-18. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. November 4, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

5. November 4, 2024 Workshop Minutes

6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-15)
Resolution 2024-380 adopted.

7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule 24-16)
Resolution 2024-381 adopted.

8. Resolution Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
Resolution 2024-382 adopted.

9. Resolution Authorizing Urban Renewal Area activities to be Certified and Decertified as TIF Indebtedness
Resolution 2024-383 adopted.

10. Resolution Claiming Less than the Maximum Allowable Revenue from the 1st Avenue East Tax Increment Financing District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Resolution 2024-384 adopted.

11. Resolution Claiming Less than the Maximum Allowable Revenue from the Speedway/Prairie Fire Tax Increment Financing District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Resolution 2024-385 adopted.

12. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Westwood Clubhouse Phase 1 Exterior Improvements Project
Resolution 2024-386 adopted.

13. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Westwood Clubhouse Phase 2 Interior Improvements Project
Resolution 2024-387 adopted.

14. Resolution awarding contract for the 2024-01 Demolition Project
Resolution 2024-388 adopted.

15. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, and setting dates for the Public Works Washbay Project
Resolution 2024-389 adopted.

16. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, and setting dates for the 1st Ave E Traffic Signal Improvements Project
Resolution 2024-390 adopted.

17. Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,900,000
Resolution 2024-391 adopted.

18. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

19. Public Hearing on a resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 748 North 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. Jerry Chandler, 1065 S 52nd Ave E, asked why the city would sell for \$500. Erin Chambers, Community Development Director, indicated that this lot is only 2,212 square feet and would not accommodate building a home. The city is currently paying to upkeep the property. The abutting neighbor made an offer to use the lot for additional yard space. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Mills to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
20. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 748 North 3rd Avenue east Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-392 adopted.
21. Public Hearing on a resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 817 North 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 Hallam, seconded by Mills to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
22. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 817 North 3rd Avenue east Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-393 adopted.

Ordinance

23. Third Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Official Zoning Map for the east 1,350 feet of Parcel #0826200003 (south side of the 2300–2400 blocks of N. 19th Ave. E.) from A-1: Agricultural to I-L: Light Industrial
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. Tammy Stock, 1420 E 19th St N, and Mike Kaldenberg, 602 E 16th St N, had concerns about rezoning to light industrial. Brett Doering, part owner of this property spoke about planning for this parcel, indicating that it is adjacent to the industrial area. Frank Liebl, NDC Director, gave an overview of the process of businesses looking at sites in the city. This company viewed other sites that would not work for them but confirmed this site would fit since they need 60 acres. Richard Boggess, 2319 N 6th Ave E, indicated that there isn't a written agreement yet and confirmed this would not be a high density use project. He indicated that it would be a very nice looking building without a lot of concrete so it wouldn't cause water issues for the neighbors. Council member Mullan asked Bruce Showalter, NHDC, to speak about housing and how this project could affect future housing. There are currently 140 lots left in Arbor Estates, which would still take 10 years to develop. From 19th Street to the belt line there is another 90 acres, which would be another 270 more lots. It would be 20 years or more for housing to get anywhere close to this area. AYES: Four. NAYS: Mills, Simbro. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Four. NAYS: Mills, Simbro. Ordinance 2457 was adopted.
24. Second consideration of an Ordinance Amending various sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference"
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
25. Second consideration of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 90 "Animals"
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Dalton to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

26. Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement (ESA) with Kirkham Michael for the SE Apron Expansion Project at the Newton Municipal Airport
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS:

None. Resolution 2024-394 adopted.

27. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 501 West 14th Street North

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-395 adopted.

28. Resolution approving suspension of Civil Service hiring practices for entrance positions as authorized by Iowa Code Section 400.12A for the period November 18, 2024, through November 18, 2025

Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-396 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

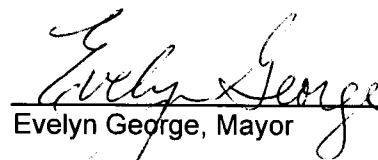
29. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor George asked Chief Burdess to provide an animal kennel update. He confirmed that a site has not yet been determined. A list of potential locations will be in front of the council in December. Parkview will continue to provide only 2 kennels through May.

Adjourn

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

