

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 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.

Citizen Participation

2. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 3-14. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. November 18, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

4. November 18, 2024 Workshop Minutes

5. Resolution approving a 28E Agreement with the State of Iowa for participation in the I- PLEDGE program
Resolution 2024-397 adopted.

6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-16)
Resolution 2024-398 adopted.

7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-17)
Resolution 2024-399 adopted.

8. Resolution to provide free golf and pool passes for inclusion in the Newton Housing Development Corporation's (NHDC) 2025 Get to Know Newton Welcome Package
Resolution 2024-400 adopted.

9. Resolution approving an amendment to the previously approved Low-moderate Income Housing Set-aside Grant for 501 West 14th Street North, Newton
Resolution 2024-401 adopted.

10. Resolution approving an amendment to the total grant amount for the Downtown Improvement Grant at 105 West 2nd Street North
Resolution 2024-402 adopted.

11. Resolution Authorizing a Fund Transfer from the General Fund to the Water Fund in the Amount of \$750,000
Resolution 2024-403 adopted.

12. Resolution approving Transparity's annual software licensing and maintenance agreement with General Traffic Controls Inc.
Resolution 2024-404 adopted.

13. Resolution Accepting the Completion of the Library Roofing Replacement Project
Resolution 2024-405 adopted.

14. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

15. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement

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 Dalton, seconded by Mullan to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

16. Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter Into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-406 adopted.

Ordinance

17. Third 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 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 Mullan, seconded by Hallam, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2458 was adopted.

18. Third 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 Ervin to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2459 was adopted.

Resolution

19. Resolution officially naming the Soccer Mini Pitch located within Maytag Park as "Lundberg Mini Pitch."

Moved by Simbro, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. It was moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to amend the resolution to "Lundberg Family Mini Pitch". AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion to amend passed. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-407 adopted.

20. Resolution Approving the Final Amendment to the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-408 adopted.

21. Resolution Approving an Adjustment to Municipal Discounted Rates for Brick Gentry P. C. Legal Fees

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-409 adopted.

22. Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$2,529,000 Water Revenue Note, Series 2024C

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-410 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

23. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor George recapped the kickoff of the wonderful holiday events. She thanked the participants of the Holiday Lighting at Maytag Park and those that participated in the Shop Local Saturday event. She reminded citizens to visit "Newton for the Holidays" on Facebook. She also stated that with less than 2 inches of snow this morning, cars were not required to move off the street but if there is 2 inches or more than cars would need to move off the streets.

Closed Session

24. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2024

At 6:13 P.M., it was moved by Simbro, seconded by Mills 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

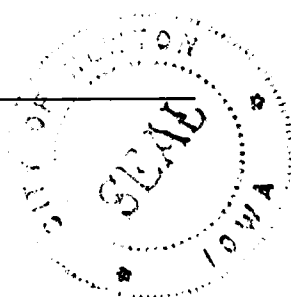
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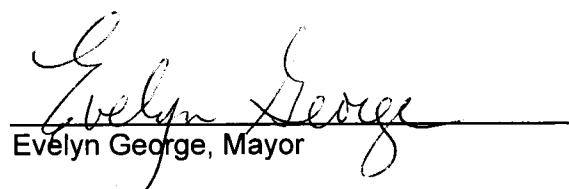
Council returned to open session at 7:20 P.M. with all members present.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk




Evelyn George, Mayor