

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 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 (arrived at 6:39pm), Mullan, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: Dalton.

Citizen Participation

2. This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Council. After being recognized by the presiding officer, each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak. Elected officials will take comments into consideration; however, this time is not intended for a discussion or entering into a dialogue. Elected officials and City staff will not answer questions or debate a citizen during the *Citizen Participation* portion of the meeting

There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 3-20. AYES: Four. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. December 2, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

4. December 2, 2024 Budget Workshop Minutes

5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Fore Seasons, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event January 11, 2025, and 105 N 2nd Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event February 1, 2025; Montana Mike's Steakhouse - LC0041393, 1400 W 18th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License and Catering renewal; and Sombrero - LC0038865, 1130 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service renewal

6. Resolution Reappointing Gary Johnson to Serve on the Civil Service Commission for a Term Ending December 31, 2028
Resolution 2024-411 adopted.

7. Resolution reappointing Dana VanGilder to serve on the Newton Planning & Zoning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2029
Resolution 2024-412 adopted.

8. Resolution re-appointing Carroll DePenning to serve on the Newton Building Trades Board for a term ending December 31, 2027
Resolution 2024-413 adopted.

9. Resolution reappointing Marilyn Terlouw and Rita Reinheimer to the Newton Downtown Grant Review Board and appointing Tiffany Thomas to fill an unexpired term
Resolution 2024-414 adopted.

10. Resolution appointing Wesley Ranard to serve on the Newton Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2027
Resolution 2024-415 adopted.

11. Resolution re-appointing Larry Hurto to serve on the Newton Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2027
Resolution 2024-416 adopted.

12. Resolution re-appointing Toni Peska to serve on the Newton Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2027
Resolution 2024-417 adopted.

13. Resolution re-appointing Rachelle Tipton and Collin Daniels to the Park Board for terms expiring on December 31, 2027
Resolution 2024-418 adopted.

14. Resolution re-appointing Rebecca Decker to serve on the Newton Building Trades Board for a term ending December 31, 2027
Resolution 2024-419 adopted.

15. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-17)

Resolution 2024-420 adopted.

16. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-18)

Resolution 2024-421 adopted.

17. Resolution approving performance agreements for the 2025 Summer Concert Series at the Maytag Bowl

Resolution 2024-422 adopted.

18. Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting at which it is Proposed to Approve an Amended Development Agreement with Hotel Maytag Investors, LLC, Including annual appropriation Tax Increment Payments

Resolution 2024-423 adopted.

19. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property 1111 West 22nd Street South and Parcel Identification Number 0832477011

Resolution 2024-424 adopted.

20. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

21. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Hy-Vee Minor Subdivision in the City of 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 Mullan, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Four. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

22. Resolution Approving the Hy-Vee Minor Subdivision in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Four. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-425 adopted.

Resolution

23. Resolution approving a contract with Iowa Inspections, LLC to conduct inspections for the Newton Rental Housing Inspection Program

Moved by Simbro, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. Fred Rhodes, 1099 S 52nd Ave E, and Carl Smith of Kellogg, spoke in opposition of the contract. They would like a list of contractors to choose from and call to complete the inspection. AYES: Four. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-426 adopted.

24. Resolution authorizing the submission of a pre-application for federal Airport Improvement Program funding and certifying eligibility requirements

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Four. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-427 adopted.

25. Resolution amending the parks shelter rental fee schedule

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Three. NAYS: Ervin. Resolution fails.

26. Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant funds for 111 W 2nd St. S. Chelsie Slycord

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Four. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-428 adopted.

27. Resolution acknowledging developer name change, approving the interchanging of "Hotel" and "Short Term Rentals" within the Development Agreement, and initiating steps to formally amend the Agreement for Private Development with Christensen Development 1 LLC, and Jasper County

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Four. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-429 adopted.

Staff Report

28. Animal Control Facility Location - Police Chief, Rob Burdess

The Chief provided information regarding 17 possible locations for the Animal Control Facility. Ten were immediately eliminated due to various issues including distance from residents and county regulations. There was consensus on getting more precise details on the Iowa Speedway Pump Station location.

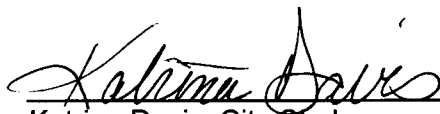
Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor George spoke about the Plant 1 Apartment Open House and the Iowa Department of Economic Development attending. She mentioned all of the Holiday

activities and to look at Newton for the Holidays. Mills spoke about all of the weather events the city has endured this year including the ice storm, the blizzard, the floods, and various thunderstorms. He applauds staff for planning ahead and keeping safety at top of mind. Simbro mentioned the exciting opening of Aldi and Mullan spoke about Ace Hardware now offering appliances and servicing.

Adjourn
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Simbro to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

