

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Hallam presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Dalton, Ervin, Trotter, Wade. Absent: George.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Hallam asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

During citizen participation Jon Dunwell, 912 S 11th Ave W, stated they are getting ready for the next Legislative session and appreciates council's support. He urges council to keep his cell number handy and to reach out to him and keep him up to date on issues that affect the city. Brenda Morris, 500 E 12th St Place N, requested a policy regarding dead trees in neighborhoods and the danger they impose. Mark Vickroy, 404 E 12th St Place N, spoke regarding snow removal at city hall.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 3-24.

3. November 7, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. November 7, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes
5. Approve Liquor License for the following: Newton Market, 321 1st Avenue West, Class E Retail Alcohol License, Sunday Sales pending staff approval.
6. Approve Cigarette/Tobacco Nicotine/Vapor License for: Newton Market, 321 1st Ave W
7. Certify Police Sergeant Promotional List
8. Resolution reappointing Joshua Cantu to the Newton Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2027 Resolution 2022-310 adopted.
9. Resolution reappointing Don Poynter to the Newton Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2027 Resolution 2022-311 adopted.
10. Resolution reappointing John Billingsley to the Newton Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2027 Resolution 2022-312 adopted.
11. Resolution reappointing Beverly Rossow to the Newton Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2027 Resolution 2022-313 adopted.
12. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 22-11). Resolution 2022-314 adopted.
13. Resolution to provide free golf and pool passes for inclusion in the Newton Housing Development Corporation's (NHDC) 2023 Get to Know Newton Welcome Package. Resolution 2022-315 adopted.
14. Resolution awarding contract for the 2022 City of Newton Tree Removal Project No. 1. Resolution 2022-316 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the 2023 Independence Day Fireworks Proposal. Resolution 2022-317 adopted.
16. Resolution approving a Professional Design Services Agreement for the Westwood Clubhouse Project. Resolution 2022-318 adopted.
17. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the McCann Housing Associates, LP Property Located Within the McCann Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2022-319 adopted.
18. Resolution approving a 28E agreement with the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division Supporting the I-Pledge Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Product Enforcement Program for FY23. Resolution 2022-320 adopted.
19. Resolution for the City of Newton to retain Liebl Marketing Group services for marketing management services. Resolution 2022-321 adopted.
20. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 1312 East 6th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. Resolution 2022-322 adopted.
21. Resolution appointing Engineering Tech III and Engineering Tech trainee to serve on the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency, Transportation Advisory Group. Resolution 2022-323 adopted.
22. Resolution awarding bid for the cropland lease for the 2023-2025 growing seasons at the Newton Sanitary Landfill. Resolution 2022-324 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 Library Roof Replacement Project. Resolution 2022-325 adopted.
24. Approve Bills.

AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Hallam stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV Land Usage, by adding chapter 150.007 Entitled Abandoned and Unsafe Buildings. There were no written comments. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Trotter to approve the First consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to suspend the rules and waive the second and third consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2423 was adopted.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to approve the Third consideration of an Ordinance vacating and disposing of the full width of the east-to-west South 10th Avenue West right-of-way located in the 1000 block of West 2nd Street South, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2424 was adopted.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution authorizing the submittal of the Remediation Report to the Iowa DNR following the completion of the Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site 2021 Remediation Project. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-326 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution to create a Utilities Department and reorganize the Public Works and Administration Departments. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-327 adopted.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution to approve temporarily adding two Permanent/Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic positions in the Fire Department. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-328 adopted.

Community Development Director Erin Chambers presented on the Comprehensive Plan.

During Mayor/Council Comments Hallam spoke regarding all of the exciting events going on Friday evening with the court house lighting, Santa, carriage rides, food, etc. Ervin reminded citizens about Shop Small Saturday. Dalton spoke regarding the NDC grand for the demo house on 1st Ave and the process for bids. Staff will research.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 6.46 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk