

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2022, 6:00 PM
NEWTON ARBORETUM

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 6:00 pm, on the above date at the Newton Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, 3000 N 4th Ave E., Newton, Iowa 50208. Mayor Hansen presided. Present: Council Members Hallam, Dalton, George, Trotter, Wade. Absent: Ervin. Also in attendance:

City Administrator, Matt Muckler reviewed the results of the August 29, 2022 Workshop. The first council priority was to review the 2018 Procedural Rules of the Newton City Council.

Council discussion ensued regarding the 2018 Procedural Rules of the Newton City Council. Attorney Patrick Burk was present for consultation regarding the rules. Council presented potential changes to various rules that staff will prepare and bring back to council for a vote.

Community Development Director, Erin Chambers presented on Envision 2042 Strategy which is part of the Comprehensive Plan Update. The four objectives include Establish Newton as a compelling destination, focus efforts on population and business growth, elevate curb appeal, and maintain existing infrastructure. Chambers presented a plan to focus on tourism and the downtown businesses in order to put emphasis on the first objective.

Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk