

NEWTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hansen asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Hansen recognized the service and commitment of the now dissolved Water Board of Trustees: Dr. Maureen Lockwood, Brett Doerring, and Brian Buch.

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 Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Dalton, George, Ervin, Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

Citizen Participation

2.

During citizen participation, Elizabeth Morgan, spoke regarding an incident on 12/14/22 that she would like to resolve. State Representative, Jon Dunwell, 912 S 11th Ave W, spoke regarding partnership with the city. He will continue to keep the council apprised of items that would affect Newton. He appreciates that citizens continue being engaged in the community. There is a public hearing at 5:00 pm at the capital. Jon will have information on his Facebook page; he encourages citizens to attend.

Consent Agenda

Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to approve consent agenda items 3-10. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. January 3, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

4. January 3, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes

5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Kwik Star #1001- BC0030784, 1910 1st Ave E, Ownership Change; Fore Seasons, Special Event at DMACC, Class C Retail Alcohol License; American Legion- LC0018906, 1101 W 4th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service, Catering; New Star Mart- LE0002579, 702 1st ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License; Montana Mike's Steakhouse, 1400 W 18th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Sunday Sales.

6. Resolution approving the transfer of funds to satisfy the remaining balance due for the Airport's purchase of a tractor from Water Pollution Control.
Resolution 2023-005 adopted.

7. Resolution approving change order #2 for the 2022 Newton City Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction Project.
Resolution 2023-006 adopted.

8. Resolution authorizing the sale of a spray injection patching machine for Public Works Operations and repealing a 28E agreement with Jasper County.
Resolution 2023-007 adopted.

9. Resolution authorizing a 3-year agreement with HLW Engineering Group to provide professional services for the Newton Sanitary Landfill.
Resolution 2023-008 adopted.

10. Approve Bills

Resolution

11. Resolution approving updated park rules to allow for ice fishing on Cardinal Pond.
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-009 adopted.

Discussion

12. Pickleball Courts at Aurora Park

Community Services Director Brian Laube, indicated that the proposed location inspired complaints regarding the noise and lights. There was consensus to get input from the pickleball community.

13. Residential and Commercial Inspection Program

Council member Ervin spoke regarding the meeting on the residential/commercial inspection program. Owners request that follow-up inspection results be given to them in writing and be specific. The council agrees that the Building Trades Board needs to be involved with the appeal process and are discussing if the program should stay in house or with the current company. Inspections will resume February 1, 2023.

Mayor/Council Comments

14. Mayor and/or City Council Comments

Mayor Hansen indicated that he would follow up with the PD regarding Mrs. Morgan's request. Wade indicated that a constituent would like the council to discuss chickens. Wade also asked that a resolution be presented at the next meeting regarding the Council Rules and Procedures. George indicated that MCG was working over by Berg.

Closed Session

15. 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 2022

Moved by Wade, seconded by George at 6:51 P.M. to go into closed session. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

Return to Open Session

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

Closed Session

16. 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 2022

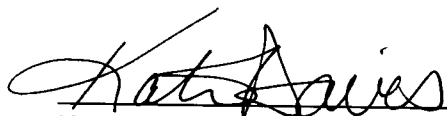
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to go into closed session at 7:20 P.M. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

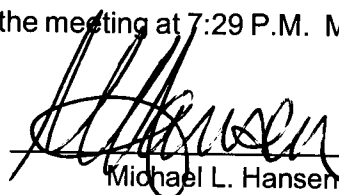
Return to Open Session

Council returned to open session at 7:27 P.M. with all members present.

Adjourn

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

