

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2023,
6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Presentation

2. Historic Preservation Commission 2022 Annual Report - Larry Hurto, HPC Chair
Larry Hurto, HPC Chair, presented the Historic Preservation Commission 2022 Annual Report.

Citizen Participation

3. During Citizen Participation, Donna Stumme, 401 E 10th St S, spoke in appreciation for the work on the amended animal ordinance.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to approve consent agenda items 4-19. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. February 06, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. February 06, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Nostalgia Wine & Spirits- LC0048028, 109 N 2nd Ave E, Special Event 03/17/23, Temporarily extending outdoor service area
7. Resolution approving the 2022 Certified Local Government Annual Report for the Newton Historic Preservation Commission
Resolution 2023-025 adopted.
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 23-01)
Resolution 2023-026 adopted.
9. Resolution approving the submittal of a Prairie Meadows grant application for the Aurora Park Pickleball Courts Project
Resolution 2023-027 adopted.
10. Resolution accepting completion of the N 4th Ave W Traffic Signal Improvement Project
Resolution 2023-028 adopted.
11. Resolution awarding contract for the 2023 Highway and Symbol Painting Project
Resolution 2023-029 adopted.
12. Resolution awarding contract for the 2023 Overhead Door Installation Project - Community Services
Resolution 2023-030 adopted.
13. Resolution approving the Clinical Engineering Agreement with Unity Point Health
Resolution 2023-031 adopted.
14. Resolution setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and to borrow money thereunder
Resolution 2023-032 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the Newton Sanitary Landfill fee schedule
Resolution 2023-033 adopted.
16. Resolution approving a Professional Design Services Agreement for the City Hall Skylight Replacement Project
Resolution 2023-034 adopted.
17. Resolution renewing Newton's membership to the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance
Resolution 2023-035 adopted.
18. Resolution approving 2023 Water Supply and Treatment System Facility Plan Report
Resolution 2023-036 adopted.
19. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

20. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Acting Mayor Pro Tem George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Clinton Webster, Thunderdome owner, 1611 1st Ave W and Mary Cass, 1501 N 6th Ave E, spoke regarding the effects of tax increases on citizens and business owners. Finance Officer, Lisa Frasier, indicated that the 11.01% increase consists of increased property valuations on commercial and residential properties that were assessed by the County Assessor's Office. With the new legislation there will be an adjustment that will actually be lower once we get the numbers from the auditor. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
21. Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-037 adopted.

Ordinance

22. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking on various streets in northeast Newton
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
23. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 90, "Animals"
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Wade to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

24. Resolution approving the granting of a downtown improvement grant for the building at 118 North 2nd Avenue East
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. Hillary Foster, 2511 N 7th Ave E, asked about the maximum grant amount. Muckler indicated the most he saw was \$55,000. It is a matching 1:1 grant. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-038 adopted.
25. Resolution authorizing agreement for private development with Christensen Development 1, LLC and Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-039 adopted.
26. Resolution approving reorganization and additions to City staff
Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-040 adopted.

Staff Report

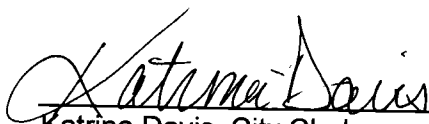
27. Law Enforcement Technology Presentation - Rob Burdess, Police Chief
Trace Kendig of Sector Technology Group, introduced a camera program that would capture images of vehicles without insurance coverage. The technology would have no cost but Sector would recoup through a share of the ticket revenue.

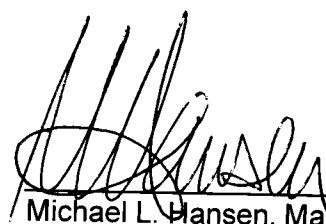
Mayor/Council Comments

Council discussed the upcoming Union Drive construction that will begin April 3rd.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

