

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2023, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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. Absent: Wade.

Proclamation

2. Proclaiming April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"

They Mayor proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Presentation

3. Financial Update - Michael Maloney from DA Davidson

Michael Maloney presented a financial update to the council. He confirmed that the assessed valuation for the city is over one billion dollars. The G.O. debt limit is \$54,640,410. After the June payment of debt, the City will have \$30,972,000 (57%) of outstanding G.O. debt. The City has been managing that in a very fiscally responsible way. Historically, the City has targeted a debt service levy rate of \$2.30/1,000 of the taxable valuation range. Michael reviewed the difference in bonding options.

Citizen Participation

4. During citizen participation Michael Merritt, 308 E St, Grinnell, a previous citizen of Newton, spoke regarding a Police Department situation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to approve consent agenda items 5-24. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. March 20, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. March 27, 2023 Special City Council Retreat Minutes

7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Americinn, 4401 South 22nd Avenue East, Ownership Change, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, pending staff approval; Nostalgia Wine & Spirits-LC0048028, 109 N 2nd Ave E, Special Outdoor Event including N 2nd Ave E from 1st St N to E 2nd St N on April 22, 2023; Los Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill-LC0048081, 2002 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service; West End, 1325 1 Ave W, Class B Retail Alcohol License; World Liquor & Tobacco + Vapors, 702 1st Avenue East, Class E Retail Alcohol License

8. Approve 2022-2023 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Newton Convenience LLC, 702 1st Ave E

9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 23-03)
Resolution 2023-069 adopted.

10. Resolution approving the purchase of a zero-turn mower for Union Cemetery
Resolution 2023-070 adopted.

11. Resolution approving an agreement with Driving Cap Entertainment for a UV glow foam party at Newton Fest 2023
Resolution 2023-071 adopted.

12. Resolution approving a spring/summer strategic video marketing campaign to attract potential home buyers to Newton
Resolution 2023-072 adopted.

13. Resolution rescinding the original contract, and awarding a new contract for the 2022 City of Newton Tree Removal Project No. 1
Resolution 2023-073 adopted.

14. Resolution approving reduced prices on Maytag Pool single-day admissions for June 10, 2023
Resolution 2023-074 adopted.

15. Resolution Approving Payment to S&P Global Ratings for Services Related to the 2023 Bonding
Resolution 2023-075 adopted.

16. Resolution Approving a Contract with Gilbert Lawn and Snow Removal LLC for 2023 Lawn Care at the City Hall Facility
Resolution 2023-076 adopted.

17. Resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) fire hydrants
Resolution 2023-077 adopted.
18. Resolution approving a proposal from Terracon to plug existing monitoring wells at the former manufactured gas plant site
Resolution 2023-078 adopted.
19. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 5705
Resolution 2023-079 adopted.
20. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 5725
Resolution 2023-080 adopted.
21. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Lion Development Group, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2023-081 adopted.
22. Resolution approving the waiving of rental fees of the Pool Pavilion for the Newton Schools' Summer Meals Program
Resolution 2023-082 adopted.
23. Resolution approving First Amendment to Agreement for Private Development with Christensen Development 1, LLC and Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2023-083 adopted.
24. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

25. Public Hearing on a resolution adopting the FY24 through FY28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
26. Resolution adopting the FY24 through FY28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-084 adopted.
27. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the 2023-2024 Operating Budget for the City of Newton
Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
28. Resolution approving the 2023-2024 Operating Budget for the City of Newton
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-085 adopted.

Ordinance

29. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title III, Chapter 30, Section 30.002, "Powers And Duties"
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Four. NAYS: Dalton. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
30. First 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 East Twenty-First Street North Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. first Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to suspend the rules and waive the second and third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Motion passed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2428 was adopted.

Resolution

31. Resolution amending the City's commitment to Newton Housing Development Corporation for 1015 North 3rd Avenue East
Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-086 adopted.
32. Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,760,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023A and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-087 adopted.

33. Resolution amending the City of Newton Employee Handbook Appendix D: Vehicle Allowance and Mileage Reimbursement Policy
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2023-088 adopted.
34. Resolution approving the 2023-24 Non-Union Compensation Plan
Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None.
Resolution 2023-089 adopted.

Staff Report

35. Administration Update - Lisa Frasier, Finance Officer
Frasier presented updates on the Finance division.

Discussion

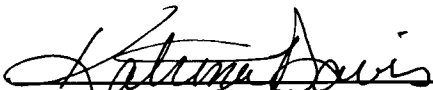
36. 2023 Ragbrai Route through Newton - Joe Grife, Public Works Director
This discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

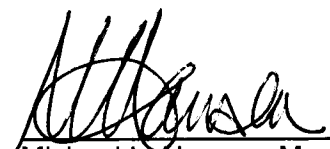
Mayor/Council Comments

37. Mayor and Council Comments
Mayor Hansen thanked Pro-Tem Ervin for covering for him. Ervin was excited that Ragbrai is expecting 83% over last year's registered attendees. Newton Main Street and the Chamber will need a lot of volunteers to help. Ervin stated they are working on a date for the Commercial Inspection meeting.

Adjourn

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

