

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES APRIL 17, 2023, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Proclamation

2. April is Fair Housing Month

The Mayor proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.

3. Arbor Day Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day.

Presentation

4. Iowa District Optimists - Rich May

Rich May, representing the Iowa District of Optimists, and Jim Boyd from Optimist International spoke regarding resurrecting an Optimists Club in Newton which help youth and the community.

5. Newton Main Street Report on National Main Street Conference - Erin Yeager, Executive Director

Erin Yeager, reported on the Main Street National Conference in Boston.

Citizen Participation

6. Michael Merritt, Grinnell, former Newton resident, spoke regarding open records requests. Jon Dunwell, State Representative, spoke regarding the current status of the Legislative session.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 7-11. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

7. April 3, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

8. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Newton/Des Moines East KOA, 1601 E 36th St S, Class B Retail Alcohol License; Gezellig Brewing Company, LLC, 403 West 4th Street North, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Casey's General Store #2417- LE0002740, 1200 W 18th St S, Renewal and Ownership update, Class E Retail Alcohol License; Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh- LE0003889, 1421 1st Avenue East, Class E Retail Alcohol License; Walgreens #05942- LE0002171, 1204 1st Ave East, Class E Retail Alcohol License

9. Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Newton Airport Taxiway Relocation Project

Resolution 2023-090 adopted.

10. Resolution authorizing the EPA property acquisition form to be completed

Resolution 2023-091 adopted.

11. Approve Bills

Ordinance

12. Third 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 Trotter, seconded by Hallam to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Ordinance 2429 was adopted.

13. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Code of Ordinances Chapter 32, Section 32.003 Membership to expand eligibility for persons to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission to include owners of historic properties in the City of Newton

Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

14. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2500 from Fierce Faith Music Festival

Moved by Ervin, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-092 adopted.

15. Resolution approving an amendment to the adopted Low-Moderate Income Set Aside Funds policy

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-093 adopted.

16. Resolution authorizing increase in pay for Fire Captain from Range 8 to Range 9 in the Fire Department

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Erving to adopt the Resolution. Discussion ensued. It was moved by George, seconded by Wade to amend the Resolution by adding "effective 07/01/2023 as budgeted" to the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Amendment passed. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-094 adopted as amended.

Staff Report

17. New Library and Catalog System - Newton Public Library Director Nicole Terry
Terry presented the status of the migration to the new catalog system which will result in cost savings and provide additional benefits such as online registration, text reminders, and account tracking.

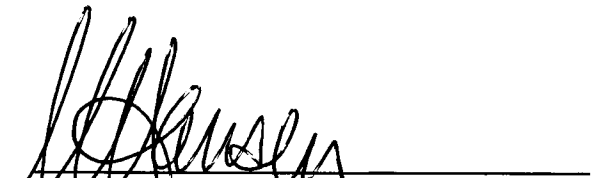
Mayor/Council Comments

18. Mayor and Council Comments
There were no Mayor/Council comments.

Adjourn

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

