

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 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

Mayor Hansen proclaimed:

2. EMS Week Proclamation

3. National Public Works Week - May 21 - 27, 2023

4. Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Presentation

5. MercyOne Newton Update - Chad Kelley, MercyOne Newton Chief Operating Officer Kelley presented on the investment into MercyOne Newton by Trinity Health which created more bargaining power, more available surgeons, and cost savings.

Citizen Participation

6. Amanda Price, Ragbrai Committee asked that the Council waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of the Ragbrai Ordinance in order for the Committee to begin planning.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 7-19. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

7. May 01, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

8. May 01, 2023 Workshop Minutes

9. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: GIT-N-GO Convenience Store #14, 801 1ST AVE W, Class B Retail Alcohol License; Fore Seasons special event-wedding at DMACC, 600 North 2nd Avenue West, Class C Retail Alcohol License

10. Approve 2023-2024 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Casey's #1911, 1018 1st Ave E; Casey's #2341, 3104 1st Ave E; Casey's #2417, 1200 W 18th St S; Casey's #3954, 4343 S 15th Ave E; Fareway, 120 N 3rd Ave E; HyVee Iowa Speedway #1, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr; HyVee Iowa Speedway #2, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr; Newton Market, 321 1st Ave W; Tobacco, Vape & Ecig, 1126 1st Ave E

11. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 23-04)
Resolution 2023-117 adopted.

12. Resolution authorizing the purchase of pre-season salt for snow and ice control
Resolution 2023-118 adopted.

13. Resolution approving 10-year Technical Services Master Agreement with Fox/Strand Engineering for the City of Newton's Waterworks needs
Resolution 2023-119 adopted.

14. Resolution accepting completion of the 2023 Overhead Door Installation Project
Resolution 2023-120 adopted.

15. Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the Airport Taxiway Project Consulting Services Agreement
Resolution 2023-121 adopted.

16. Resolution accepting completion of the Sunset Dog Park Project - Phase 1
Resolution 2023-122 adopted.

17. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 524 South 4th Avenue East in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2023-123 adopted.

18. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 309 South 8th Avenue West in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2023-124 adopted.

19. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

20. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the preliminary plat of Arbor Estates Second Addition in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the Resolution below. There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
21. Resolution approving the preliminary plat of Arbor Estates Second Addition in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-125 adopted.
22. Public Hearing on an Ordinance vacating and disposing of the west 6 feet of the north-to-south street right-of-way of East 6th Street North located in the 1000 block, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.
Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the Ordinance below. There were no written comments. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
23. An ordinance vacating and disposing of the west 6 feet of the north-to-south street right-of-way of East 6th Street North located in the 1000 block, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.
Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Ordinance

24. Third 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 Hallam to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2430 was adopted.
25. First Consideration of an Ordinance Creating Chapter 97 "RAGBRAI Regulations/Permits", Within Title IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newton, Iowa, establishing regulations and a permit structure for RAGBRAI's visit to Newton - July 27, 2023
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to suspend the rules and waive the second and third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2431 was adopted.

Resolution

26. Resolution approving a D&D 2.0 Demolition Grant for 806 East 9th Street North in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-126 adopted.
27. Resolution Adjusting the Fee Schedule for the Newton Fire Department Ambulance Service
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-127 adopted.
28. Resolution approving the RAGBRAI route through the City of Newton
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Halam to adopt the Resolution. Discussion ensued. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to amend the Resolution by inserting Route B which would go down 1st Avenue. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-128 adopted.

29. Resolution granting an easement to Interstate Power & Light Co. at 110 1st St S & 112 W 3rd St S.
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-129 adopted.
30. Resolution approving Task Order 23-01 with Fox/Strand Engineering for professional services for the construction of a new Jordan Well.
Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-130 adopted.
31. Resolution approving Task Order 23-02 with Fox/Strand Engineering for professional services for the upgrade of the water plant and distribution system electrical controls and telemetry.
Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-131 adopted.
32. Resolution approving a new lease agreement for the Community Hangar with Midwest Custom Ag Aviation, Inc. at the Newton Municipal Airport
Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-132 adopted.
33. Resolution approving the Community Marketing Manager to make reservations for the Iowa Tourism Office's FY24 Travel Iowa Co-Op Program not to exceed \$24,000.
Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-133 adopted.
34. Resolution approving the creation of two temporary Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic positions in the Fire Department
Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. Logan Shaver, a Newton resident, spoke in support. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-134 adopted.
35. Resolution Placing Staff on the Pay Matrix in the Administration, Utilities, and Fire Departments
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-135 adopted.

Staff Report

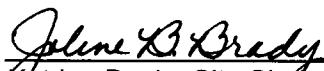
36. Marketing Update - Danielle Rogers, Marketing Manager
Rogers provided a yearly marketing update. In 2022 Newton had over 187 online media mentions. The City uses Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Nextdoor, and YouTube. In 2022 there were 28,459 followers on Facebook with 132,272 page visits. On March 10th a new website design was released.

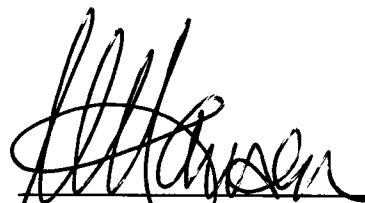
Mayor/Council Comments

Hansen invited everyone to attend the Peace Officer Memorial on Thursday at 5:30 pm at the Jasper County Courthouse. Wade announced that Parkview Animal Hospital was holding an Open House on May 24th from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


~~Catrina Davis, City Clerk~~
Jolene B. Brady, Deputy


Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

