

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 5, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Dalton, George, Ervin, Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance - Caleb Knutson

Andrew Collins presented on behalf of Caleb. He shared information about their services which includes assistance with grant writing and technical requests.

3. Therapy Canine Program - Newton Fire Department Captain Steve Ashing and River

Ashing presented the history and benefits of therapy dogs. River was donated and the training is all paid for.

Citizen Participation

4. Donna Stumme, 401 E 10th St S, reminded everyone that grass clippings should not be blown into the streets.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Wade to approve consent agenda items 5-22. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. May 15, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. May 15, 2023 Special Workshop Minutes

7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #1911- LE0003308, 1018 1ST AVE E, Class E Retail Alcohol License, Ownership Change; Hy-Vee Market Cafe- LC0041009, 1501 1st Ave E Market Cafe Area, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Wal-Mart Supercenter #748- LE0000974, 300 Iowa Speedway Dr, Class E Retail Alcohol License; Special Event Premise Transfer, American Legion for Thundersnights, June 9, 2023.

8. Approve 2023-2024 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Dollar General, 1803 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E; Git-N-Go #14, 801 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W; Git-N-Go #45, 1708 S 8<sup>th</sup> Ave E; KC Store, 4300 S 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E; Love's Travel Stop, 4400 S 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E; Newton 66, 1806 S 12<sup>th</sup> Ave W; Shop N Save, 404 S 11<sup>th</sup> Ave W; Walgreen's, 1204 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E; Wal-Mart, 300 Iowa Speedway Dr; West End, 1325 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W

9. Certify Police Officer Candidate List

10. Resolution appointing Andrew Elbert to the City of Newton Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2028.  
Resolution 2023-136 adopted.

11. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 23-05)  
Resolution 2023-137 adopted.

12. Resolution accepting completion of the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Restoration Project 2022-01  
Resolution 2023-138 adopted.

13. Resolution approving an agreement with the Newton YMCA for fiscal year 2024  
Resolution 2023-139 adopted.

14. Resolution accepting a Wellmark MATCH Grant for the proposed Aurora Park Pickleball Courts Project  
Resolution 2023-140 adopted.

15. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with United Way of Jasper County  
Resolution 2023-141 adopted.

16. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Skid Steer Loader for the Public Works and Fire Department  
Resolution 2023-142 adopted.

17. Resolution accepting completion of the Newton City Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction Project  
Resolution 2023-143 adopted.

18. Resolution awarding contract for the 2023 Streetscape Light Pole Refinishing Project  
Resolution 2023-144 adopted.
19. Resolution approving a one (1) year supplemental agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City maintenance of U.S. Highway 6.  
Resolution 2023-145 adopted.
20. Resolution amending the cost of the spring/summer strategic video marketing campaign to attract potential home buyers to Newton adopted on April 3, 2023.  
Resolution 2023-146 adopted.
21. Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$800,000  
Resolution 2023-147 adopted.

22. Approve Bills

Ordinance

23. 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 in the 1100 block of South Fifth Avenue West Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
24. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending and updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 111, "PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS."  
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

25. Resolution approving Ragbrai street closures on July 27, 2023  
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-148 adopted.
26. Resolution approving pay range Increase for an administrative assistant within the Police Department  
Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-149 adopted.
27. Resolution Approving the Granting of a Downtown Improvement Grant for the Business at 105 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North  
Moved by Wade, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-150 adopted.
28. Resolution Approving the Granting of a Downtown Improvement Grant and Downtown Housing Grant for the property at 120 North 2nd Avenue West  
Moved by George, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-151 adopted.

Staff Report

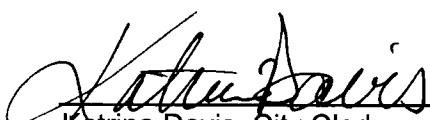
29. Construction Project Updates - Joe Grife, Public Works Director  
Grife updated council on the progress of Union Drive and the planning of other projects in the city.

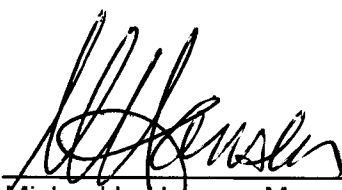
Mayor/Council Comments

30. Hallam reminded everyone about the events surrounding Newton Fest and the Alumni Weekend. Ervin indicated that the committee was looking at a hybrid program for the commercial inspection program. Dalton encouraged citizens to call their council members if they want to see changes or to share information. They represent the voters.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

  
Katrina Davis, City Clerk

  
Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

