

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 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 (via telephone), George, Ervin, Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. CIRHA Update - Robert Vernon, Executive Director, Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA)

Mr Vernon was not able to attend.

Citizen Participation

Logan Shaver, 318 S 6th Ave W spoke regarding jobs in Newton. Donna Stumme, 401 E 10th St S, spoke regarding a concern for the homeless population and their animals that may become a nuisance.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to approve consent agenda items 3-20. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. July 10, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

4. July 10, 2023 Council Workshop Minutes

5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Thunderdome, LLC- LC0048500, 1611 1st Avenue West, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Cobblestone Inn & Suites- BW0094189, 4222 S 22nd Ave. E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License; PB Pub- LC0045655, 113 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License

6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 23-06)
Resolution 2023-193 adopted.

7. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Arbor Estates Second Addition Construction Project
Resolution 2023-194 adopted.

8. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Westwood Golf Course Clubhouse Project
Resolution 2023-195 adopted.

9. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Maytag Pool Improvements Project
Resolution 2023-196 adopted.

10. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Aurora Park Pickleball Court Construction Project
Resolution 2023-197 adopted.

11. Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition Project 2023-01
Resolution 2023-198 adopted.

12. Resolution Authorizing Additional Fund Transfers in FY 22/23
Resolution 2023-199 adopted.

13. Resolution awarding contract for the PCC patching 2023-01 Project
Resolution 2023-200 adopted.

14. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Union Drive Reconstruction Project

Resolution 2023-201 adopted.

15. Resolution to Provide Funding to IndyCar LLC in Place of the Newton Development Corporation for the NTT Indycar Series in FY24 and FY25
Resolution 2023-202 adopted.

16. Resolution approving payment to Axon Enterprises, LLC for Police Video Equipment and Service
Resolution 2023-203 adopted.

17. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a pickup for the Water Treatment Plant
Resolution 2023-204 adopted.

18. Resolution Approving the Annual Support Fees for the Fire Department Record Management Software
Resolution 2023-205 adopted.

19. Resolution authorizing payment of previously approved contract by Newton Waterworks Board for fire hydrant painting
Resolution 2023-206 adopted.

20. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

21. Public Hearing on a Resolution to Ratify the Disposal and Conveyance of City Property
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 Ervin to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

22. Resolution to Ratify the Disposal and Conveyance of City Property
Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-207 adopted.

23. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending and Updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Ch. 158: Zoning
Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Ordinance. There were no written comments. Community Development Director, Erin Chambers indicated that this would align with the state or federal law. Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

24. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending and Updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Ch. 158: Zoning
Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: Ervin. First consideration passed.

25. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Revised Preliminary Plat for 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 above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

26. Resolution approving the revised preliminary plat for Arbor Estates Second Addition in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-208 adopted.

Ordinance

27. Third Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title XV Land Usage, by Rescinding Chapter 159 Commercial Business/Property Code
Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. Discussion ensued and council members raised concerns. Mayor Hansen indicated that a workshop on creating a new ordinance would be set for August 21st. AYES: Three. NAYS: Dalton, George, Trotter. Third Consideration of the Ordinance failed.

28. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference" to Designate Free Municipal Parking Lots and Remove Parking Restrictions in the 100 Block of East Third Street South
Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

29. Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the City of Newton Employee Handbook Regarding Clothing Allowances
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-209 adopted.

Staff Report

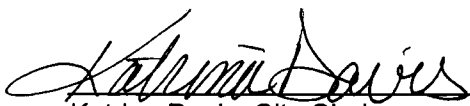
30. Mid-Year PD Report - Rob Burdess, Police Chief
Chief Burdess indicated that there were about 30 law enforcement personnel including local, state, county and federal officers on site during the Indy Car race. The event went well. It was a good weekend. The Department is currently one officer short. Staffing includes 33 full-time employees and 3 part-time seasonal employees. Calls for service for January through June are lower compared to previous years. Arrests are up, which means they are getting bad guys off the streets. Accidents are about average and traffic stops are down. Crimes against people are up due to juvenile issues in the schools. Crime against property has consistently dropped over the last 4 years. This also includes shop lifting issues in some of our bigger stores. Compared to other like-sized communities, Newton's Crime Data is at 817 for 2022 with Indianola at 1025 and Oskaloosa at 647. It typically follows the population. There is not a community without crime. K9 Lobo is on duty. He has had 33 deployments with 32 narcotics related and 10 drug finds; also 1 track arrest warrant since April of 2023. The Chief mentioned several outreach programs, including National Night Out, Shop with Cops, Cops and Bobbers, Safety Fest, and Coffee with a Cop.

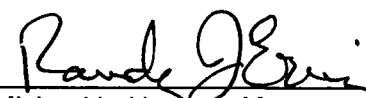
Mayor/Council Comments

The Mayor and Council member Ervin participated in a Habitat for Humanity dedication. Nice to see a family able to take ownership of a new home; we appreciate anyone that was involved in assisting with this. Hansen praised HyVee and Indy for putting on a great event. It's a treasure and a benefit to our community. Ervin indicated that he was able to socialize with multiple new business owners who confirmed a pleasant experience working with the city and planned to have more business to come. Wade announced a chat and book signing event with author Heather Gudenkauf, Friday at Alta House.

Adjourn

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Michael L. Hansen, Mayor Pro Tem
Randy J. Ervin

