

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 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.

Citizen Participation

2. Noreen Otto with Cookie Fuzell speaking on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees. Noreen shared a list of library services that people may not be aware of and several comments from library users sharing their appreciation for all the services offered.

Consent Agenda

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 3-29. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. November 6, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Certify the Promotional List for Police Sergeant
5. Certify the Promotional List for Police Captain
6. Resolution Reappointing Gregg Hansen to the Newton Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2028
Resolution 2023-328 adopted.
7. Resolution Reappointing Jane Johnson to the Newton Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2028
Resolution 2023-329 adopted.
8. Resolution Reappointing Jeff Holschuh to the Newton Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2028
Resolution 2023-330 adopted.
9. Approve the FY23 Annual Financial Report
10. Resolution Approving the 2022-2023 Annual City Street Financial Report
Resolution 2023-331 adopted.
11. Resolution Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Resolution 2023-332 adopted.
12. Resolution Authorizing Urban Renewal Area activities to be Certified and Decertified as TIF Indebtedness
Resolution 2023-333 adopted.
13. Resolution Claiming Less than the Maximum Allowable Revenue from the 1st Avenue East Tax Increment Financing District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Resolution 2023-334 adopted.
14. Resolution Claiming Less than the Maximum Allowable Revenue from the Southwest Tax Increment Financing District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Resolution 2023-335 adopted.
15. Resolution authorizing the City of Newton dba Newton Fire Department to enter into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement, IGT Funding Certification, and GEMT Provider Agreement for the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) supplemental reimbursement program with the Iowa Department of Human Services.
Resolution 2023-336 adopted.
16. Resolution approving Change Order Number One for Demolition Project 2023-01
Resolution 2023-337 adopted.
17. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 23-10)
Resolution 2023-338 adopted.
18. Resolution revising the proposed funding source for the Community Services Shop Remodel Project – Electrical Work
Resolution 2023-339 adopted.

19. Resolution approving change order #2 for the Union Drive Reconstruction Project
Resolution 2023-340 adopted.
20. Resolution approving an agreement with the property owner of 115 & 117 W 3rd St N for non-standard improvements in the City right-of-way
Resolution 2023-341 adopted.
21. Resolution approving Transparency annual software licensing and maintenance agreement with General Traffic Controls Inc
Resolution 2023-342 adopted.
22. Resolution approving an extension to the completion deadline of a downtown improvement grant for painting for 102 North 2nd Avenue East
Resolution 2023-343 adopted.
23. Resolution approving the purchase of a pickup for Public Works
Resolution 2023-344 adopted.
24. Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2023-01 PCC patching project
Resolution 2023-345 adopted.
25. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a leak detection correlator
Resolution 2023-346 adopted.
26. Resolution authorizing the replacement of the east side of WPC Grit Building roof
Resolution 2023-347 adopted.
27. Resolution authorizing the repair of a high service pump motor at the Water Treatment Plant
Resolution 2023-000 adopted.00 adopted.
28. Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting at Which it is Proposed to Approve a Development Agreement with Ex Nihilo LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments
Resolution 2023-349 adopted.
29. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

30. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Official Zoning Map for Property Located at 1011, 1015, and 1017 E. 9th St. N. and 826 N. 10th Ave. E. from R-2: One- and Two-Family Residential to I-L: Light Industrial.
Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Ordinance. There were no written comments. Joe Kent, 826 N 10th Ave E, wanted to confirm that there would be no negative impact on the neighboring properties. Chambers confirmed that it could provide for other potential uses. Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
31. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Official Zoning Map for Property Located at 1011, 1015, and 1017 E. 9th St. N. and 826 N. 10th Ave. E. from R-2: One- and Two-Family Residential to I-L: Light Industrial.
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Wade to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by George, seconded by Ervin 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 George, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2440 was adopted.
32. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Minor Plat for Cramer Estates 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 Wade, seconded by Dalton to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
33. Resolution Approving the Minor Plat for Cramer Estates in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-350 adopted.

Resolution

34. Resolution Approving a 28E Agreement with the Newton Community School District for the School Resource Officer Program
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-351 adopted.
35. Resolution approving the Main Street Iowa Program Agreement for January 1, 2024

through December 31, 2027

Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-352 adopted.

36. Resolution to reorganize Community Services staff into the Community Development Department

Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: Ervin. Resolution 2023-353 adopted.

37. Resolution approving the upgrading and expansion of the Woodland Park Disc Golf Course

Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: Ervin. Resolution 2023-354 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

38. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Hansen congratulated the Mayor and Council members Elect, he plans to issue the oath of office to those individuals at the Council Meeting on December 18th. He indicated that the council could choose to have a special election or to appoint the vacated At Large seat created by George becoming Mayor. The council can approve a resolution at their first meeting in January giving notice of intent to appoint, asking for letters from those interested in taking that seat. The citizens could still file a petition with 393 signatures asking for a special election. Ervin congratulated George and thanked all for staying positive throughout the election. He indicated that he would be putting his name in for the vacant At Large seat.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

