

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 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. Jeff Stark, Jody Stark, and Meg Outhouse spoke regarding the speed limit on Union Drive. Jessica Lowe-Volks spoke regarding partner funding. Jerry Chandler spoke regarding the appointment process and Landfill spending. Donna Stumme spoke regarding adding Newton attractions to the interstate informational signs and encouraging house numbers on curbs.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 3-23. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. December 04, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. December 04, 2023, Budget Workshop Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: MEGAGRIS INC- LC0038865, DBA-Sombrero, 1130 1ST AVE E, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service; Montana Mike's Steakhouse- LC0041393, 1400 W 18th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Catering; Cardinal Lanes- LC0046802, 1300 S 5th Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Levy @ Iowa Speedway, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service
6. Resolution appointing City Clerk and Deputy City Clerks
Resolution 2023-372 adopted.
7. Resolution appointing members to the Animal Review Committee
Resolution 2023-373 adopted.
8. Resolution reappointing Rachelle Tipton, Jeff Osby, and Melanie Humphrey to the Newton Park Board for varying term expirations
Resolution 2023-374 adopted.
9. Resolution reappointing William Yeager, Sr. to serve on the Newton Building Trades board for a term ending December 31, 2026
Resolution 2023-375 adopted.
10. Resolution reappointing Jack Topp to serve on the Newton Building Trades Board for a term ending December 31, 2026
Resolution 2023-376 adopted.
11. Resolution appointing Matthew Roberts to the Downtown Grant Review Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026
Resolution 2023-377 adopted.
12. Resolution approving a 28E agreement with the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division supporting the I-Pledge Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Product Enforcement Program for FY2024
Resolution 2023-378 adopted.
13. Resolution accepting completion of the Westwood Clubhouse Asbestos Abatement Project
Resolution 2023-379 adopted.
14. Resolution approving the reimbursement of legal fees and expenses
Resolution 2023-380 adopted.
15. Resolution accepting completion of the 2023 Ceiling Installation Project - Community Services
Resolution 2023-381 adopted.
16. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 23-11)

Resolution 2023-382 adopted.

17. Resolution accepting completion of the 2023 Water Service Project
Resolution 2023-383 adopted.
18. Resolution accepting completion of the Roof Repair Project 2023-02 – Utilities
Resolution 2023-384 adopted.
19. Resolution approving a letter of support for Newton Main Street's application to T-Mobile's Hometown Grant for the Downtown Splash Pad Park
Resolution 2023-385 adopted.
20. Resolution authorizing the purchase of pickup for Water Distribution
Resolution 2023-386 adopted.
21. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Mediacom Communications Corporation
Resolution 2023-387 adopted.
22. 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 W 4th St S 200-400 Block Reconstruction Project
Resolution 2023-388 adopted.

23. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

24. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Minor Plat for Eastgate Plaza Plat 2 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.
25. Resolution Approving the Minor Plat for Eastgate Plaza Plat 2 in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-389 adopted.
26. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Official Zoning Map for the west 101 feet of Eastgate Plaza Plat 2 (in the 300 block of Iowa Speedway Drive) from R-2: One- and Two-Family Residential to C-A: Arterial Commercial
Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Ordinance. There were no written comments. Moved by Wade, seconded by George to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
27. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Official Zoning Map for the west 101 feet of Eastgate Plaza Plat 2 (in the 300 block of Iowa Speedway Drive) from R-2: One- and Two-Family Residential to C-A: Arterial Commercial
Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
28. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Vacation of Easements located within Lots 3 and 4 of Eastgate Plaza Plat 1, 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 Dalton, seconded by Wade to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
29. Resolution Approving the Vacation of Easements located within Lots 3 and 4 of Eastgate Plaza Plat 1, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-390 adopted.
30. Public Hearing on a resolution awarding contract for the Westwood Clubhouse Demolition Project
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 Hallam, seconded by George to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
31. Resolution Awarding Contract for the Westwood Clubhouse Demolition Project
Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-391 adopted.
32. Public hearing on a resolution awarding contract for the Downtown Spray Park and Gathering Space Project
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 Dalton, seconded by George to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

33. Resolution awarding contract for the Downtown Spray Park and gathering Space Project
Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-392 adopted.

Resolution

34. Resolution approving a service agreement with Flock Safety for LPR cameras
Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-393 adopted.
35. Resolution accepting a Byrne JAG Criminal Justice Enhancement Grant for the proposed LPR project
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-394 adopted.
36. Resolution opposing Alliant Energy's proposed electric rate increase
Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-395 adopted.
37. Resolution approving a memorandum of agreement with Clean Energy Districts of Iowa
Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-396 adopted.
38. Resolution authorizing the submission of a pre-application for federal airport improvement program funding and certifying eligibility requirements
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-397 adopted.
39. Resolution Amending the City of Newton Parks Fee Schedule
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-398 adopted.
40. Resolution Approving Amended Development Agreement with Hotel Maytag Investors, LLC, Authorizing Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement
Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Three. NAYS: Hallam, Ervin, Wade. Resolution failed.
41. Resolution relating to the financing of proposed projects to be undertaken by the City of Newton, Iowa; establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code
Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2023-399 adopted.
42. Resolution approving employment agreement with the Police Chief for the City of Newton
Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Four. NAYS: Ervin, Wade. Resolution 2023-400 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

43. Mayor and Council Comments
The oath of office was performed for incoming Mayor George, council member Simbro and council member Mills. Recognition was given to outgoing Mayor Hansen, council member Ervin and council member Trotter.

Adjourn

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

