

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2024, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor George 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 George presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Wade, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro. Absent: None.

Citizen Participation

2. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to pull item # 6 (Resolution approving the purchase of six new golf cars for Westwood Golf Course) for review and to approve the rest of the consent agenda items 3-5 & 7-11. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adopt the resolution approving the purchase of six new golf cars for Westwood Golf Course. Discussion ensued regarding including Jasper County business in the local preference policy. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to postpone item # 6 to review the policy. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The resolution approving the purchase of six new golf cars for Westwood Golf Course was postponed indefinitely.

3. December 18, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

4. December 18, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes

5. Approve Liquor License for the following: Special Event Baqara, 600 North 2nd Avenue West, 5 Day Class C Retail Alcohol License, January 18-22, 2024.

6. Resolution approving the purchase of six new golf cars for Westwood Golf Course

7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 23-11)
Resolution 2024-001 adopted.

8. Resolution accepting completion of the City Hall Skylight Replacement Project
Resolution 2024-002 adopted.

9. Resolution authorizing Water Pollution Control selling existing Jet/Vac truck to Water Distribution
Resolution 2024-003 adopted.

10. Resolution amending a power interrupt agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company
Resolution 2024-004 adopted.

11. Approve Bills

Ordinance

12. Second 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 Wade, seconded by Hallam to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

13. Resolution directing publication of notice of intent to fill the At Large vacancy by appointment
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-005 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

14. Mayor and Council Comments

The council wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the new members along with congratulating the new Mayor. Hallam stated that we are the first in the nation, at least on the Republican side of the caucuses, and that this week Newton will be on the national news because we will have Ryan Binkley on Friday at Uncle Nancy's, Vivek Ramaswamy will be in town on Wednesday, and former president Trump will be at DMACC on Saturday. That brings a lot of attention to Newton. Mayor George

reminded everyone that the next Council meeting would be on Tuesday, January 16th due to caucuses.

Closed Session

15. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2023

At 6:19 P.M., it was moved by Mills, seconded by Simbro to go into closed session.

The city attorney advised the council that they had legal authority to go into closed session. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The motion passed. Mayor George stated council would take a short recess to clear the chambers.

Return to Open Session

16. Return to Open Session

Council returned to open session at 7:19 P.M. with all members present.

Closed Session

17. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2023

At 7:24 P.M., it was moved by Wade, seconded by Mills to go into closed session. The

city attorney advised the council that they had legal authority to go into closed session.

AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The motion passed.

Return to Open Session

18. Return to Open Session

Council returned to open session at 7:53 P.M. with all members present.

Closed Session

19. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2023

At 7:54 P.M., it was moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to go into closed session.

The city attorney advised the council that they had legal authority to go into closed session. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The motion passed.

Return to Open Session

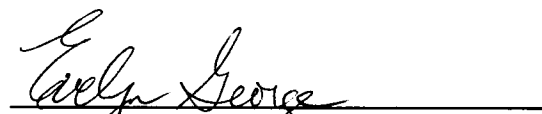
20. Return to Open Session

Council returned to open session at 8:44 P.M. with all members present.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

