

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 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 Hallam, seconded by Wade to approve consent agenda items 3-17. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. January 2, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

4. January 2, 2024, Budget Workshop Minutes

5. Resolution appointing Sveta Miller to the Newton Park Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2026
Resolution 2024-006 adopted.

6. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-01)
Resolution 2024-007 adopted.

7. Resolution approving a performance contract with the Heath Alan Band for the Newton Fest concert on Saturday, June 8, 2024
Resolution 2024-008 adopted.

8. Resolution authorizing the application for a Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant for 118 North 2nd Avenue East in Newton
Resolution 2024-009 adopted.

9. Resolution Approving a 2 Year Contract with Gilbert Lawn and Snow Removal LLC for the 2024 and 2025 Lawn Care at the City Hall Facility
Resolution 2024-010 adopted.

10. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 6386
Resolution 2024-011 adopted.

11. Resolution setting public hearing and authorizing publication of notice for Airport Ground Lease and T-Hangar Agreement
Resolution 2024-012 adopted.

12. Resolution repealing resolution 2023-386 and authorizing the purchase of a pickup for Water Distribution to the next lowest bidder
Resolution 2024-013 adopted.

13. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Water Meters and Radio Read End Points for FY2024
Resolution 2024-014 adopted.

14. Resolution Adjusting the Fee Schedule for the Newton Fire Department Ambulance Service
Resolution 2024-015 adopted.

15. Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement for the Westwood Clubhouse Site Grading Project
Resolution 2024-016 adopted.

16. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the W 4th St S (200-400) Blocks Reconstruction Project
Resolution 2024-017 adopted.

17. Approve Bills

Ordinance

18. Third 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 Simbro, seconded by Wade to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2441 was adopted.
19. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V, Chapter 51, Transported Waste; Waste Haulers and Chapter 52: Sewers and increasing the rates by Five percent each year for Five years, effective July 1 each year 2024-2028
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

20. Resolution approving collective bargaining agreement with the Newton Association of Professional Fire Fighters
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-018 adopted.
21. Resolution approving appointment to vacant At Large Council Seat
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution appointing former At Large Council Member, Randy Ervin. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2024-019 adopted. Ervin was sworn in and took his seat on the Council.

Staff Report

22. Administration Department Admin Assistant reclassification recommendation - Katrina Davis, Administration Services Manager

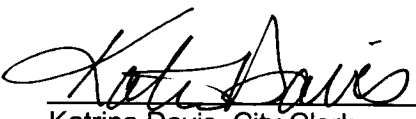
The current Administrative Assistant has quickly achieved several benchmarks. It is also expected that with this reclassification additional responsibilities will be added. This job classification better aligns with the increased responsibilities. It is proposed to move this position from Range 3, Step 2 to a Range 4, Step 3, titled Executive Assistant.

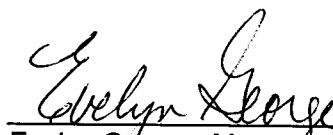
Mayor/Council Comments

23. Mayor and Council Comments
Mills appreciated everyone that put their name in for the open council seat. He asked if citizens are interested in serving, that they get involved early and continue to be involved. Wade agreed with recommending volunteering to serve on boards and commissions to learn as much as they can. Mayor George indicated that Mother Nature wasn't very kind and thanked everyone for their patience; crews were working as fast as they could. Public Works Director Grife indicated that they had spent 700 hours on snow removal for this event and were still hauling snow. There are 200 lane miles in town.

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

