

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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.

Mayor Hansen asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hansen proclaimed January 17, 2022, as Martin Luther King Jr Day in Newton, Iowa. Mayor Hansen also paid tribute by recognizing the life and public service of L.D. Palmer from the Newton WaterWorks.

Matt Hansen, Manager of Customer Operations, Alliant Energy, updated council on the downtown H-structure removal project.

During citizen participation Fred Rhodes, 1099 S 52nd Ave E, and rental property owner, spoke regarding the Rental Inspection program and the changes in the guidelines since its inception. He asked that council review the approved inspection list. Jeff Davis, Dave McNeer, and Julie Prendergast also rental property owners, echoed concerns including scheduling issues.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 6-15.

6. January 3, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
7. January 3, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes
8. Approve Cigarette Permit for New Casey's 3954, 4343 S 15th Ave E.
9. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: American Legion Newton Post No 111, 1101 W 4th St S, Class C Liquor License (LC0018906), Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Baqara Special Event January 20, 2022, 403 W 4th St N, Class C Liquor License.
10. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 22-01). Resolution 2022-010 adopted.
11. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for Des Moines Area Community College Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2022-011 adopted.
12. Resolution approving replacement of three (3) street lights damaged by strong winds. Resolution 2022-012 adopted.
13. Resolution amending previous Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC – 2125 W 20th St S. Resolution 2022-013 adopted.
14. Resolution Adjusting the Fee Schedule for the Newton Fire Department Ambulance Service. Resolution 2022-014 adopted.
15. Approve Bills

AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent agenda items approved.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area. There were no written comments. Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-015 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Hopkins Properties, L.L.C., Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments, and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. There were no written comments. Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-016 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting purchase agreement for property at 410 South 6th Avenue West in Newton, Iowa. 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. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-017 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve the First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 300 block of East Twenty-Third Street South. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration was approved.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution to approve the creation of a temporary administrative assistant position in the Police Department and eliminating a temporary administrative assistant position in the Fire Department. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-018 adopted.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution amending the Snow Removal Policy to allow for vehicle impoundment during citywide snow removal and downtown hauling operations. Michael Adams and Diane Dillman, residents of the Hotel Maytag, spoke about the downtown parking situation during snow hauling. Dawn Bleeker, Theater Owner, asked about revisiting the time frames. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-019 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution Approving 28E Project Agreement Reimbursement #10 to the Des Moines Area Community College Relating to the DMACC Newton Campus Expansion Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-020 adopted.

Brian Laube, Community Services Director lead a discussion on the proposed park bond referendum. He asked for feedback regarding the recommended projects to include. Laube will bring a recommendation back to council for approval.

During Mayor/Council comments Mayor Hansen thanked George for chairing while he was out. He welcomed new council members and looks forward to the upcoming year. Wade announced that the food truck fee was not on the agenda and asked Muckler to share. Muckler indicated that staff recommendation was to go through the first year of the program and come back with actual cost to present to the council before implementing any fees.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk