

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2021, 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 and via an electronic meeting (pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8) because a meeting in person is impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of council members, staff, and the public due to COVID-19. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: Ervin.

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

Brooke Ramsey, Business Development Manager for HIRTA Public Transit, provided Council with a 2020 update.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 4-20.

4. March 01, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. March 04, 2021 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Newton KOA, 1610 E 36th St S, BC0030734, Class C Beer Permit, Class B Native Wine Permit, Sunday Sales, pending staff approval; West End, 1321 1st Ave W, BC0023868, Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales.
7. Certify Promotional List for Lieutenant; Certify Promotional List for Sergeant; Certify Candidate List for Police Officers
8. Resolution reappointing David Zellinger to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a term ending April 1, 2025. Resolution 2021-056 adopted.
9. Resolution appointing representatives to the Animal Protection and Control review committee. Resolution 2021-057 adopted.
10. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 21-02). Resolution 2021-058 adopted.
11. Resolution accepting completion of the 2020 Tree Removal Project No. 3 – Union Cemetery. Resolution 2021-059 adopted.
12. Resolution accepting completion of the 2020 Tree Removal Project No. 1 - Public Right-of-Way Trees. Resolution 2021-060 adopted.
13. Resolution approving the 2021 Independence Day Fireworks Proposal and Covid-19 Addendum. Resolution 2021-061 adopted.
14. Resolution approving Engineering Design Services Agreement to Close Cells B and C. Resolution 2021-062 adopted.
15. Resolution awarding contract for the Public Works Middle Bay Electrical Improvements Project. Resolution 2021-063 adopted.
16. Resolution approving grant application from Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency to Iowa Economic Development, Rural Innovation. (Resolution 2021-064 adopted.
17. Resolution approving refund of over-payment of sale proceeds for 1803 1st Avenue East. Resolution 2021-065 adopted.
18. Resolution amending Resolution 2020-285 to provide stipend to Catalyst Development Newton LLC for the consulting services required for the Iowa Reinvestment District Application. Resolution 2021-066 adopted.
19. Resolution ordering Clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for a Public Hearing on the FY22 - FY26 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Resolution 2021-068 adopted.
20. Approve Bills

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

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the 2021-22 Operating Budget for the City of Newton. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-067 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan, to approve the third 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 200 block of West Ninth Street North. AYES: Four. NAYS: George. Third consideration passed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2392 was adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Stonner, to approve the third 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 400-500 block of West Tenth Street North and the 900 block of North Fifth Ave West. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Third consideration passed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by George to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2393 was adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter, to approve the third consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Offenses Adopted by Code Reference" by adding a "No Right Turn on Red" designation on the south quadrant of the East Twelfth Street and First Avenue intersection. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Third consideration passed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2394 was adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner, to approve the second consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 94: Public Nuisances, Revisions and/or additions related to outside parking and storage of vehicles and trailers on residential property. Council discussion ensued regarding regulating property in this manner. AYES: Four. NAYS: Hallam. Second consideration passed.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Placement of Seasonal Floral Planters in the Newton Downtown by the Newton Downtown SSMID Board. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-069 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution expressing intent to provide economic development support to Best Midwest Properties, LLC. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-070 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021A. Michael Maloney, Managing Director at D.A. Davidson & Co. presented on the rates and terms for each bond agreement. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-071 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021B. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-072 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the Sale of Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021C. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-073 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of Road Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021D. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-074 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution Accepting Agreement with Metlife Insurance for Dental and Vision Coverage. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-075 adopted.

During Mayor/Council comments Stonner thanked staff for all of their work on the budget. Mayor Hansen announced that he would be working with the Covid-19 committee to create a plan to transition council meetings back to normal.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk