

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 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 Pro Tem Hallam presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Hallam asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Hallam Arbor Day for April 19, 2021.

Amanda Price, Executive Director, The Greater Newton Area Chamber of Commerce, presented on their recent activities and upcoming events.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve consent agenda items 5-15.

5. April 05, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 21-03). Resolution 2021-099 adopted.
7. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 3993. Resolution 2021-100 adopted.
8. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 3997. Resolution 2021-101 adopted.
9. Resolution awarding contract for the 2021 Parks Mowing Contract No. 1. Resolution 2021-102 adopted.
10. 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 Newton Airport Taxiway Relocation Project. Resolution 2021-103 adopted.
11. Resolution awarding contract for the City of Newton 2021 Fence Installation Project. Resolution 2021-104 adopted.
12. Resolution approving household hazardous waste service agreement with Metro Waste Authority. Resolution 2021-105 adopted.
13. Resolution approving a work order and asset management agreement for Public Works. Resolution 2021-106 adopted.
14. Resolution approving an agreement with Eric Michaels (Ver Steegt) to perform a magic show at Newton Fest 2021. Resolution 2021-107 adopted.
15. Approve Bills

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

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to approve the Second consideration of the Ordinance amending and updating The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning, I-L: Light Industrial. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second consideration was approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to approve the Second consideration of the Ordinance vacating and disposing of a portion of north-south alley right-of-way located in the 200 block of South 5th Avenue East between East 2nd Street South and East 3rd Street South, located in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution approving the 2021-22 Non-Union Compensation Plan. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-108 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution approving salary increase for City Administrator. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-109 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution of support to use the City-owned lot at 224 W 3rd St N for the proposed downtown splash pad project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-110 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 315 East 8th Street South in Newton for the D&D Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-111 adopted.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving the submittal of a grant application to the COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program for the proposed Union Dr. hike & bike trail construction. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-112 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution approving an application for Federal Aviation Funding Assistance for the design and construction engineering services for the Newton Airport Taxiway Relocation Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-113 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Ervin to authorize the City Attorney to file litigation against Jeremy Chedester and Chedester Properties, LLC regarding the property at 209 W. 2nd Street N. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

During staff reports, Brian Laube, Community Services Director and Joe Grife, Engineering Technician III presented on the 2021 Construction Projects.

During Mayor/Council comments Mullan was pleased to see the street sweeper out. Stonner encouraged citizens to take the Agnes trails and get a great view of the new pond. Ervin highlighted the new Main Street City Map.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk