

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 03, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mayor Hansen proclaimed Building Safety Month — May, 2021; Historic Preservation Month — May, 2021; National Public Works Week — May 16 – 23, 2021; Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week — May 16 – 22, 2021; National Police Week (May 9 – 15, 2021); and National Peace Officer Memorial Day (May 15, 2021).

Tom Messinger, Superintendent, Newton Community School District provided council with a comprehensive update.

During citizen participation John Longdin, 917 E 8th St S asked that the council consider meeting with the drivers prior to making a decision regarding tractor parking on residential properties. Fred Rhodes, 1099 S 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, spoke regarding the rental inspection program and the current cost of inflated building materials. He asked that the council delay implementation of the program to allow the economy to heal and for prices to return to normal levels in order to avoid passing on the costs to his renters.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 9-19.

9. April 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
10. Designate May 17, 2021 as a public hearing for the 2nd Budget Amendment for Fiscal year 2020-21
11. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Lion Development Group, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2021-114 adopted.
12. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 21-03). Resolution 2021-115 adopted.
13. Resolution approving a contract from Midwest Inflatables, LLC for Newton Fest activities. Resolution 2021-116 adopted.
14. Resolution accepting completion of the Iowa Speedway Drive Restoration Project (400-1400 Blocks). Resolution 2021-117 adopted.
15. Resolution awarding contract for 2021 Parks Mowing Contract No. 2. Resolution 2021-118 adopted.
16. Resolution awarding contract for 2021 Parks Mowing Contract No. 3. Resolution 2021-119 adopted.
17. Resolution approving the purchase of three (3) ¾-ton pickups and one (1) small SUV for the Public Works, Community Services, and Community Development Departments. Resolution 2021-120 adopted.
18. Resolution approving the purchase of a replacement tarp deployment system for the Newton Sanitary Landfill. (Resolution 2021-121 adopted.

19. 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 accepting purchase and redevelopment proposal for property at 920 and 922 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street North in Newton. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-122 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting purchase and redevelopment proposal for property at 520 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East in Newton. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-123 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to approve the Third 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: Five. NAYS: None. Third consideration was approved. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Mullan to adopt the above ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2395 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to approve the Third consideration of the Ordinance vacating and disposing of a portion of north-south alley right-of-way located in the 200 block of South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue East between East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South and East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South, located in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Third Consideration was approved. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt the above ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2396 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant Funds for 109 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-124 adopted.

During staff reports, Brian Laube, Community Services Director & Chadd Kahlsdorff, Bolton & Menk presented on the role of the City Engineer and shared the status on many of the projects that have been completed and ones to come.

Craig Armstrong, Community Development Specialist, presented on the rural housing readiness.

Councilmen Ervin joined the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Council discussion ensued regarding the Chapter 94 Nuisance Ordinance. There was consensus regarding referring the issue to the Boards and Commissions to review options.

Erin Chambers updated council on the status of the Mobile Food Vendor Policy. The recommendation from the Planning and Zoning board is to delay implementation until 01/01/2022. Council agreed.

During Mayor/Council comments Mullan requested a report on recycling in order to educate citizens.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk