

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 07, 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 (via Zoom @ 6:10 p.m., Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

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

Liz Dodd, Dodd's Trash Hauling and Recycling, Inc., updated council on the recycling program and the importance of keeping these items out of the landfills. About 50% of the community is recycling.

Jessica Lowe Vokes representing Friends of the Newton Parks reviewed projects from the year such as mural repairs, painting, and Holiday lights. She spoke about upcoming projects such as the edible orchard. They are involved in the Newton Cares Classic that takes place July 15th and Newton Fest activities.

During citizen participation Donna Stumme shared information from Next Door Digest on reducing food waste and composting. 68% of food ends up in the landfill creating methane gas.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to approve consent agenda items 5-24.

5. May 17, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Muse LLC, Newton Alumni-Newton Fest, Friday June 11th, 109 N 2nd Ave E, License No. TBD, Class B Beer Permit, Outdoor Service, 5-Day Special Event; Levy Premium Foodservice, Special Event Iowa Speedway, Saturday July 10th, 333 Rusty Wallace Dr, License No. TBD, Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales, 5-Day Special Event; Newton American Legion Post 111, Thunder Nights, Friday July 9th, W 2nd St S, License No. TBD, Class B Beer Permit, Outdoor Sales, 5-Day Special Event; Hy-Vee Market Café, Renewal, 1501 1st Ave. E, License No. LC0041009, Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales
7. Approve 2021-2022 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Git n Go #14, 801 1st Ave. W.; Git n Go #45, 1708 S. 8th Ave. E.; Hy-Vee Food Store, 1501 1st Ave. E.; Hy-Vee Gas, 1421 1st Ave. E.; Kwik Star #1001, 1910 1st Ave. E.; Love's Travel Stop, 4400 S. 22nd Ave. E.; Murphy's Oil, 200 Iowa Speedway Dr.; New Star Mart, 702 1st Ave. E.; Pit Stop Liquors, 1324 1st Ave. E.; New Star 66, 405 1st Ave. E. 7.; Casey's #1911, 1018 1st Ave E; Casey's #2341 3104 1st Ave E; Casey's #2417 1200 W 18th St S; Newton 66, 1806 S 12th Ave W; West End, 1325 1st Ave W; Fareway, 120 N 3rd Ave E; Walgreens, 1204 1st Ave E; Wal-Mart 300 Iowa Speedway Dr.
8. Resolution appointing Noreen Otto to serve on The Library Board of Trustees for a Term Ending June 30, 2024 Resolution 2021-135 adopted.
9. Resolution Approving Contract for Auditing Services and Preparation of Annual Financial Statements. Resolution 2021-136 adopted.
10. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 21-04). Resolution 2021-137 adopted.
11. Resolution awarding contract for the 2021 Parks Mowing Contract No. 4. Resolution 2021-138 adopted.
12. Resolution accepting completion of the Agnes Patterson Park Trail Repairs and ADA Parking Improvements Project. Resolution 2021-139 adopted.
13. Resolution accepting completion of the Newton Airport Apron Expansion Project. (Council Report 21-140)
14. Resolution accepting completion of the Public Works Middle Bay Electrical Improvements Project. Resolution 2021-141 adopted.
15. Resolution accepting completion of the Downtown Newton Lighting Improvements Project, phase 1. Resolution 2021-142 adopted.
16. Resolution accepting completion of the 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) HMA Resurfacing Project (from approx. 300' West of E 14th St to Iowa Speedway Dr.). Resolution 2021-143 adopted.
17. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a PCC Saw for Public Works Operations. Resolution 2021-144 adopted.
18. Resolution authorizing the filing of 657A.10A petitions for abandoned property at 1017 West 4th Street South, 211 South 15th Avenue West, 323 West 2nd Street South, 519 East 19th Street South, and 901 North 6th Avenue East, Newton. Resolution 2021-145 adopted.
19. Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for North Central Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2021-146 adopted.
20. Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area. Resolution 2021-147 adopted.
21. Resolution setting a public hearing and inviting proposals for the sale of property at 717 West 6th Street South in Newton. Resolution 2021-148 adopted.
22. Resolution approving payment for the installation of new exterior doors in the City Hall complex. Resolution 2021-149 adopted.

23. Resolution awarding the contract for the purchase and construction of a fire rescue engine. Resolution 2021-150 adopted.

24. Approve Bills

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

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to approve the First consideration of the ordinance amending Title XIII, Chapter 135 "Fireworks" of the Code of Ordinances, Newton, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration was approved. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to suspend the rules and waive the 2nd and 3rd considerations. Ervin asked that the council not get into the habit of waiving. AYES: Five. NAYS: Ervin. Motion passed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt the above ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2398 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution Authorizing Approval of the City of Newton Employee Handbook as Amended. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-151 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution expressing intent to provide economic development support to Nehring Auto, Inc. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-152 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Micro Grant Funds in the signage program area for 201 1st Avenue West. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-153 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Micro Grant Funds in the signage program, awning removal, and historic façade renovation for 102 North 2nd Avenue East. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-154 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Micro Grant Funds in the signage program, awning removal, and painting areas for 102 1st Street North. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-155 adopted.

Jarrod Wellik, Fire Chief presented on the Commercial Inspection Program. The goal is about health and safety and then curb appeal.

During Mayor/Council comments Mullan commented about how nice the cemeteries looked for Memorial Day. Ervin indicated that PGI has requested for us to apply to host the conference by July 7th, 2021. Ervin reminded us all of the positive things happening in Newton especially looking down 1st Avenue. Mayor Hansen thanked Randy Ervin and Craig Armstrong for working to get the PGI proposal together. Hallam reminded everyone to attend Newton Fest and the Alumni Association events. Hansen thanked everyone for their work on these events.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk