

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 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, George, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: Stonner.

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

Cindy Henninger, Holmes Murphy Account Executive, provided an employee benefit update.

Andy Stone, a Board Member for Project Awake provided an update on activities they have been involved in and upcoming plans.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-21.

5. June 7, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Newton Lodge #1270, Renewal, LA0000274, 111 E 2nd St S, Class A liquor license, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Olive 'et Boutique, Renewal, WBN001153, 111 W 2nd St S, Class B Native Wine Permit, Sunday Sales
7. Approve 2021-2022 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Dollar General, 2617 1st Ave E; Shop N Save, 404 S 11th Ave W
8. Certify Firefighter Candidates List
9. Resolution reappointing Julia Prendergast to The Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for the term ending June 30, 2023. Resolution 2021-156 adopted.
10. Resolution reappointing Adam Leber to The Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for the term ending June 30, 2023. Resolution 2021-157 adopted.
11. Resolution renewing the insurance package with Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP). Resolution 2021-158 adopted.
12. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 4205. Resolution 2021-159 adopted.
13. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 21-04). Resolution 2021-160 adopted.
14. Resolution awarding contract for the Newton Parks Baseball Infield Improvements Project. Resolution 2021-161 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the Community Services Dept. (Airport) purchase of the 1983 John Deere 4450 tractor from Public Works (Water Pollution Control). Resolution 2021-162 adopted.
16. Resolution setting a date of meeting at which it is proposed to approve a development agreement with Hopkins Properties LLC, including annual appropriation tax increment payments. Resolution 2021-163 adopted.
17. Resolution setting a public hearing and inviting proposals for the sale of property at 501 South 2nd Avenue West, 517 South 2nd Avenue West, and 521 South 4th Avenue West in Newton. Resolution 2021-164 adopted.
18. Resolution Approving 3 Year Service Agreement with Baker Group for the City Center Building Automation System (BAS). Resolution 2021-165 adopted.
19. Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers in FY 21/22. Resolution 2021-166 adopted.
20. Resolution Authorizing The City Of Newton To Respond To A Request For Proposal From Pyrotechnics Guild International, Inc. (PGI) To Host The 2022 PGI Convention At The Iowa Speedway Facility And Property. Resolution 2021-167 adopted.

21. 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 an ordinance vacating and disposing of a small area of the right-of-way located in the 800 block of North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and assign it to Parcel 0827226003, located in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. A letter was provided by Phoenix Industrial Investors stating they do not object to the waiver of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Motion passed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin, to suspend the rules and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Motion passed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by George, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2399 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution Approving Second Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Cardinal Ridge Subdivision. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-168 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to approve a Resolution selecting MSA Professional Services, Inc. as the Comprehensive Plan consultant and authorizing payment for consulting services. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-169 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution authorizing a payment of \$1,000.00 to Newton Main Street to assist with the Downtown Electric Panel Project. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-170 adopted.

Brian Laube, Community Services Director, provided information on the plans for the Westwood Golf Clubhouse. Public meetings will be held to get citizen input. Goals are to grow opportunities and eliminate deficit.

During Mayor/Council comments Hallam stated that the Alumni weekend and Newton Fest was a successful. Hansen thanked everyone that attended the car show. It was difficult to judge. Overall the winners are the community for having such a successful event.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk