

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 05, 2022, 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. Mayor Pro Tem George presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Dalton, George, Ervin. Absent: Wade.

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

Doug Smith, Board President for Project Awake presented on the many community activities going on for Project Awake including the annual plant and bulb sales, the educational activities, and the community partnerships.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 4-10.

4. June 20, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: The addition of Catering Privilege for Newton Post No. 111, The American Legion, 1101 W 4th St S; Hy-Vee Club Room, 1501 1st Ave E, Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales, Catering; New Star 66, 405 1st Ave E, Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales; Thunderdome, LLC formally Baqara, 1615 1st Ave W, Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; PB Pub, 113 1st Ave E, Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales.
6. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 22-06). Resolution 2022-200 adopted.
7. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for Adopting the Jasper County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2027. Resolution 2022-201 adopted.
8. Resolution approving a payment for body cameras, in-car dash cameras, software, cloud storage and accessories for \$22,154 from Axon Enterprise Inc. Resolution 2022-202 adopted.
9. Resolution approving a payment to Lexipol, LLC. for police policy manual maintenance and training services. Resolution 2022-203 adopted.
10. Approve Bills

AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance adding Title XI, Chapter 120 - Natural Gas Franchise to the Newton Code of Ordinances 2016, granting to Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive twenty-five year franchise to construct, operate, maintain, and extend a natural gas distribution system in the City of Newton, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to approve the First consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First consideration was approved.

Mayor Pro Tem George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance vacating and disposing of the full width of the east-to-west South 7th Avenue East roadway located between the 600 and 700 blocks of East 27th Street South, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Vincent Haydon, adjacent property owner requesting the vacate explained that he has been maintaining the property and plans to do some additional landscaping. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to approve the First consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. First consideration was approved.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton, to approve the Third consideration of the Ordinance Closing Maytag Plant 2 Urban Renewal Area. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Third Consideration passed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2416 was adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution approving the grant agreement between the Iowa Economic Development Authority and the City of Newton for the Downtown Housing Grant. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-204 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution to reorganize staff in the Community Development Department. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-205 adopted.

During Mayor/Council comments Mayor Pro Tem George appreciated the participants that were in the July 4th parade. Chief Burdess spoke regarding firework calls. July 1st through July 4 there were 68 calls for service with 4 citations issued. There was one injury that is being investigated. On July 3rd there was a 50 minute period with over 20 calls. July 4th calls were more about safety. For the year we are trending down.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6.36 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk