

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 06, 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, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

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

Mayor Hansen proclaimed July as Park & Rec Month.

Keri VanZante, Director, Jasper County Conservation presented to the council on activities over the past year and initiatives to attract people to Jasper County parks. She spoke about the progress towards raising funds for the Jasper County Environmental Education Center which is a sustainable building used for education, tourism, and economic development. All donations are appreciated.

During citizen participation Stacy Grams, 603 E 12th St Place N, spoke regarding the homeless in Newton. Stacy collects hygiene, clothing, and nonperishable items to distribute to the homeless. Many businesses have also contributed. Over the past 3 months she has distributed over 220 bags. Donations can be dropped at Aurora Heights Park from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. this Saturday.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve consent agenda items 5-22.

5. June 21, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Baqara, Renewal, 1615 1st Ave W, LC0044602, Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Hy-Vee Gas, Renewal, 1421 1st Ave E, BC0029242, Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales; PB Pub, Renewal, 113 1st Ave E, LC0045655, Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales, Outdoor Sales; New Star 66, Renewal, BC0030861, 405 1st Ave E, Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit, Sunday Sales.
7. Certify Police Officer Candidates List
8. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 21-05). Resolution 2021-171 adopted.
9. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2021-01 Project. Resolution 2021-172 adopted.
10. Resolution awarding contract for the City of Newton Westwood Golf Course Clubhouse Roof Repairs Project. Resolution 2021-173 adopted.
11. Resolution awarding contract for the City of Newton Woodland Park & Union Cemetery Roof Repairs Project. Resolution 2021-174 adopted.
12. Resolution awarding contract for the City of Newton Agnes Patterson Park Roof Repairs Project. Resolution 2021-175 adopted.
13. Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition 2021-02 Project. Resolution 2021-176 adopted.
14. Resolution approving a Five (5) year agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City maintenance of U.S. Highway 6. Resolution 2021-177 adopted.
15. Resolution approving a one (1) year supplemental agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City maintenance of U.S. Highway 6. Resolution 2021-178 adopted.
16. Resolution accepting completion of the 2021 Highway and Symbol Painting Project. Resolution 2021-179 adopted.
17. Resolution Amending Fund Transfers in FY20/21. Resolution 2021-180 adopted.
18. Resolution setting a date of meeting at which it is proposed to approve a development agreement with Best Midwest Properties, L.L.C., including annual appropriation tax increment payments. Resolution 2021-181 adopted.
19. Resolution of support of a Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program application by Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity for new home construction in Newton, Iowa. Resolution 2021-182 adopted.
20. Resolution approving a payment for body cameras, in-car dash cameras, software, cloud storage and accessories for \$23,660 from Axon Enterprise Inc. Resolution 2021-183 adopted.
21. Resolution amending the purchase of a replacement tarp deployment system and tarps for the Newton Sanitary Landfill. Resolution 2021-184 adopted.
22. Approve Bills

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

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the North Central Urban Renewal Area. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to adopt the resolutions. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-185 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to adopt the resolutions. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-186 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution approving development agreement with Hopkins Properties LLC, authorizing annual appropriation tax increment payments and pledging certain tax increment revenues to the payment of the agreement. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the resolutions. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-187 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing for the sale of property at 717 West 6th Street South in Newton. There were no written comments. There were no offers received and therefore no Resolution to be adopted at this time. Moved by George, seconded by Mullan, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to approve a Resolution approving Temporary Office Position in Fire. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-188 adopted.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by George to approve a Resolution to approve creating a firefighter position in the Fire Department. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-189 adopted.

Rob Burdess, Police Chief, presented Police Department Updates including information on calls for service, the School Resource Officer Program, Code Enforcement efforts, and Fireworks.

Jarrod Wellik, Fire Chief asked for direction regarding the YMCA Generator Project. After the Derecho, we didn't have an adequate community shelter with power. In 2020 a partnership was developed with the EMA to develop a plan for a facility for emergency situations where medically dependent citizens could charge their devices. A generator has been donated by Alliant Energy however a transfer switch and gas line would need to be installed totaling \$24,285. Hansen agreed that the project was very important and needed addressed but urged the group to exhaust all grant possibilities.

During Mayor/Council comments Hansen stated that the July 4th parade was great and it was good to see families out celebrating the holiday.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk