

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 02, 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, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

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

Melissa Butler, Communications Director for Progress Industries, presented to the Council regarding their services.

During citizen participation Jerry Kelley, 611 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W, spoke against allowing private fireworks to continue in city limits.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to approve consent agenda items 4-11.

4. July 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Resolution awarding contract for the 2021 Streetscape Lighting – N 2nd Ave W & W 3rd St N Project. Resolution 2021-200 adopted.
6. Resolution awarding contract for the Downtown Newton Lighting Improvements Phase 2 Project. Resolution 2021-201 adopted.
7. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site 2021 Remediation Project. Resolution 2021-202 adopted.
8. Resolution setting a public hearing and inviting proposals for the sale of property at 702 East 4th Street North and 416 North 7th Avenue East in Newton. Resolution 2021-203 adopted.
9. Resolution approving amending Landfill 28-E agreement with Landfill Associate members. (Resolution 2021-204 adopted.
10. Resolution setting public hearing and authorizing publication of notice on City of Newton City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan Revision. Resolution 2021-205 adopted.

11. 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 Approving Development Agreement with CRH 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 Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-206 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Cindy Rogers-Sell, 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 Mullan, seconded by Stonner, 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 2021-207 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to approve a Resolution approving extension and amendment to the Newton Housing Initiative Single Family Home Construction Incentive Programs through December 31, 2023. Jon Dunwell, 912 S 11 Ave W, asked about the movement of single family homes in Newton. Chambers, Director of Community Development stated in approximately 2011 there were zero single family home builds and through the comprehensive plan they realized they needed to jump start home builds. Since that time 50 new homes were built once plan was adopted. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-208 adopted.

Katrina Davis, Administrative Services Manager & Lisa Frasier Finance Officer, provided an Administration review over Admin Services and Finance. Frasier led council through Continuing Disclosure training as well.

During Mayor/Council comments Mayor Hansen indicated that he is bringing back Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Library and would like two council members to attend with him for each one. Mullan encouraged council to attend the Iowa League of Cities annual conference. Hallam reminded everyone about the last concert in Maytag Park and announced that there will be no fee for Jasper County residence this year at the Jasper County Historical Museum. Ervin announced that United Way and Our Savior Lutheran Church are hosting a School Supplies Drive at Maytag Park Thursday evening.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Shawnda Abbas, Deputy City Clerk