

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 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, Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

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

Nicole Terry, Library Director & Studio Melee updated council on the condition of the Library Roof which is in need of a full replacement.

Ethan Nasalroad, Johnson Aviation, gave council a recap of the airport on the Indy Race Weekend.

During citizen participation Jon Dunwell, 912 S 11th Ave W, spoke in support of the larger vision of a walk path from Legacy Plaza through Downtown including Harmony Park where people will have a full destination experience. Brady Archibald, 417 E 8th St S, spoke in favor of HF2130 allowing UTV/ATVs on roadways. He would like the City to allow for this in town.

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-16.

5. August 1, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Liquor License for the following: Ownership updates, Newton Post No. 111, The American Legion, 1101 W 4th St S.
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 22-07). Resolution 2022-231 adopted.
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 22-08). Resolution 2022-232 adopted.
9. Resolution approving the purchase of a sprayer for the Community Services Department. Resolution 2022-233 adopted.
10. Resolution awarding contract for the City of Newton 2022 Roofing Project No. 1. Resolution 2022-234 adopted.
11. Resolution directing sidewalk repairs at 1300 1st Ave E. Resolution 2022-235 adopted.
12. Resolution approving a telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC – 2801 Rusty Wallace Dr. Resolution 2022-236 adopted.
13. Resolution approving purchase of a Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool. Resolution 2022-237 adopted.
14. Resolution Approving a Funding Request of \$3,000 to the South Skunk Blues Society for the 2022 Bowlful of Blues. Resolution 2022-238 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the purchase of CivicClerk. Resolution 2022-239 adopted.
16. Approve Bills.

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

Mayor Pro Tem George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the North Central Urban Renewal Area. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Wade, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-240 adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on Resolution awarding contract for the 2022 Union Cemetery Paving Project. 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 Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-241 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution to Approve Additional Quantities to the Contract for the Newton City Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-242 adopted.

During the UTV/ATV discussion council reviewed options. Chief Burdess confirmed that under the current state law riders can drive from their residence directly to a secondary road in the county. Council inquired about various restrictions and enforcement issues. Ervin asked that the Traffic Safety Committee look at an Ordinance that would be the best manageable option if council would decide to allow it. Taking control of it to the best of our ability. George asked for information from other cities that are currently allowing them.

During Mayor/Council Comments Hallam reiterated how much fun he had with PGI all week and thanked Ervin for all the work he did to get them here. Dalton spoke in support of Harmony Park, stating she has received over 20-25 people in favor with very few opposed. George echoed that opinion.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 7.38 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk