

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 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.

Dawn Bleeker, Owner of Capitol II Theater presented on their year in review and the many activities they have been doing including sponsored free movies, Halloween teen night, Ladies night out, and popcorn to go.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 4-16.

4. July 27, 2021 Special City Council Workshop Minutes
5. August 2, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Resolution appointing Miranda Caldwell to the Newton Park Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2023. Resolution 2021-209 adopted.
7. Resolution appointing Mike Sell to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2022. Resolution 2021-210 adopted.
8. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 21-06). Resolution 2021-211 adopted.
9. Resolution accepting completion of the City of Newton 2021 Fence Installation Project. Resolution 2021-212 adopted.
10. Resolution approving an agreement for remediation oversight services with Terracon Consultants for the Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site 2021 Remediation Project. Resolution 2021-213 adopted.
11. Resolution accepting completion of the City of Newton Westwood Golf Course Clubhouse Roof Repairs Project. Resolution 2021-214 adopted.
12. Resolution accepting completion of the City of Newton Woodland Park & Union Cemetery Roof Repairs Project. Resolution 2021-215 adopted.
13. Resolution awarding contract for the 2021 Streetscape Light Pole Refinishing Project. Resolution 2021-216 adopted.
14. Resolution approving a new, revised agreement between the City of Newton and Project AWAKE. Resolution 2021-217 adopted.
15. Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting at which it is proposed to approve a Development Agreement with Van Maanen Electric, Inc., Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments. Resolution 2021-218 adopted.
16. 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 awarding contract for the HMA Resurfacing Project 2021. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-219 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 Southwest Newton Economic Development Area. There were no written comments. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Trotter, 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 2021-220 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 East-Mart Economic Development Area. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to adopt the resolutions. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-221 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution approving amendment to the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan. 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 Stonner, seconded by George to adopt the resolutions. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-222 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to approve a Resolution approving the granting of D&D 2.0 Grant Funds for the rehabilitation of a historic home at 500 1st Avenue West. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-223 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve a Resolution creating Civil Engineering Tech Trainee classification in City of Newton pay Matrix. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-224 adopted.

Jody Rhone, Public Works Director, presented on a Snow Removal Policy Update which includes additional advertising, notifications that the snow ordinance is in effect, and towing after 24 hours. Rhone also indicated that he is still working with FEMA regarding reimbursement for costs associated with Derecho.

During Mayor/Council comments Mayor Hansen indicated that the last coffee with the Mayor was successful and he received some interesting comments and questions. George received positive feedback from citizens on the drivability of 1st Ave with the new streetlights. Mullan commented on the state trees along the interstate that are dead. Hallam attended the Cops in Neighborhoods meeting at Woodland Park. He encouraged everyone to attend a meeting as they are very beneficial.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk