

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 07, 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.

Captain Janelle Cleaveland, Corps Officer with the Newton Salvation Army presented on their past year and upcoming events. They were open the whole time during the pandemic. During 2020 they helped 150 families a month with the food pantry. They did see an increase in families needing help with rent and utilities. Homelessness has also increased in Newton; all of the agencies are working together to try and help them as they can but some do not want to be helped. They did the Christmas assistance program, provided backpacks and supplies for children going back to school, and did the breadline. The annual quilt and basket auction will happen October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at DMACC. The annual kettle campaign will happen Nov 15 – 24th. Volunteers to ring bells is always appreciated.

During citizen participation Jerry Chandler, 1011 W 8th St N, asked about homelessness, vagrancy, and loitering. City Administrator, Muckler will respond to Mr. Chandler with a written response.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to approve consent agenda items 4-18.

4. August 16, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Okoboji Grill, Renewal, 1425 W 19th St S, LC0033422, Class C Liquor License, Special Class A Beer Permit, Catering, Sunday Sales, Outdoor Service; Kwik Star #1001, Renewal, 1910 1st Ave E, BC0030784, Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit Sunday Sales; Git-n-Go #45, Renewal, 1708 S 8th Ave E, BC0030584, Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit, Sunday Sales
6. Approve 2021-2022 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for: Raceway 80 (New Business), 4300 S 22nd Ave E.
7. Resolution Appointing members to 2021 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Resolution 2021-225 adopted.
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 21-06). Resolution 2021-226 adopted.
9. Resolution awarding contract for the 2021 City of Newton Parks Tree & Stump Removal Project. Resolution 2021-227 adopted.
10. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2021-02 Project. Resolution 2021-228 adopted.
11. Resolution approving temporary access easement N2021-01 at 811 E 12th St Pl N. Resolution 2021-229 adopted.
12. Resolution approving updated Professional Services Agreement for the City's engineering and GIS needs. Resolution 2021-230 adopted.
13. Resolution authorizing signing Settlement Agreement and releasing of retainage for the 2017 UV disinfection project. Resolution 2021-231 adopted.
14. Resolution authorizing payment for the repair of Salt and sand storage building. Resolution 2021-232 adopted.
15. Resolution awarding the purchase of battery powered extrication equipment. Resolution 2021-233 adopted.
16. Resolution setting a public hearing and inviting proposals for the sale of property at 900 South 5th Avenue East, 1106 South 5th Avenue East, and 200 East 8th Street North in Newton. Resolution 2021-234 adopted.
17. Resolution Approving Promissory Notes & Construction Contracts for Lots 10 & 11, Cardinal Ridge Subdivision Plat 1 in Newton from Ground Breaker Homes, LLC of Clive, Iowa. Resolution 2021-235 adopted.
18. 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 Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site 2021 Remediation Project. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mullan to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-236 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting purchase agreement for property at 702 East 4th Street North and 416 North 7th Avenue East in Newton. 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 Stonner, seconded by Hallam to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-237 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Van Maanen Electric, Inc., 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 Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-238 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the International Church Minor Subdivision, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George, 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 2021-239 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve a Resolution accepting a grant from the Jasper Community Foundation and awarding the purchase of thermal imaging equipment. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-240 adopted.

Fire Chief, Jarrod Wellik, presented on the 9/11 20th Anniversary and invited everyone to the memorial service Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m.

During Mayor/Council comments George reminded everyone to sign up for the Public Safety Academy. Mullan invited everyone to attend the "Coffee with the Mayor" and asked about chimineas in Newton and guidance on safety. Ervin announced the PGI committee will be looking for volunteers to help at the Alta house September 30th at 5:30 p.m. Hallam asked about participating in the Comprehensive Plan. Erin Chambers, Community Development Director stated that there will be multiple surveys and focus groups that citizens can participate in. They will be at the farmers market on September 28th to kick things off. Hallam announced that the "8 Track Band" was inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Stonner participated in that band. The last performance was 10 years ago. Stonner stated, "it was a great honor".

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk