

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

2. Mayor Hansen proclaimed September 17-23 Constitution Week.

Nicole Breitbach, Sr. Community Affairs Manager – Black Hills Energy, presented on their past year and upcoming dates. She mentioned Black Hills services 161,000 customers. In 2020 Black Hills had a direct economic impact of \$48 million across Iowa. The sustainability strategy calls for a 50% reduction in natural gas emissions by 2035. Throughout 2020 the company achieved a 33% reduction in natural gas emissions. \$1.8 million was budgeted for 2021 in an effort to reduce energy usage. They have a long-standing relationship with Tress forever. Together they have planted over 82,000 trees in Iowa.

Mayor Hansen removed council agenda item number 11 in order to give both parties time to resolve the matter. There were no objections.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-14.

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6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: AmericInn Lodge, Renewal, BW0093079, 4401 S 22nd Ave E, Special Class C Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit, Sunday Sales; LaCabana, Renewal, LC0029523, 2617 1st Ave E Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales

7. Resolution Fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 21-07). (Council Report 21-243) Resolution 2021-241 adopted.

8. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Lion Development Group, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area. (Council Report 21-244) Resolution 2021-242 adopted.

9. Resolution awarding contract for the 2021 Maytag Park Sidewalk Project. (Council Report 21-245) Resolution 2021-243 adopted.

10. Resolution awarding contract for the 2021 City of Newton Woodland Park Tree & Stump Removal Project. (Council Report 21-246) Resolution 2021-244 adopted.

11. Resolution directing sidewalk repairs at 217 N 2nd Ave W. (Council Report 21-247) Resolution removed by Mayor.

12. Resolution setting a public hearing and inviting proposals for the sale of property at 521 South 4th Avenue West in Newton. (Council Report 21-248) Resolution 2021-245 adopted.

13. Resolution awarding the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus harnesses and bottles. (Council Report 21-249) Resolution 2021-246 adopted.

14. Approve Bills

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

15. Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to approve the First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 600-700 blk. of E 15th St S. (Council Report 21-250) AYES: Five. NAYS: One. First Consideration was approved.

16. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to approve the First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 600-700 blk. of E 14th St S. (Council Report 21-251) AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved.

17. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Stonner to approve the First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 1200-1400 blk. of S 6th Ave E. (Council Report 21-252) AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved.

18. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve the First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 94: Public Nuisances, Revisions and/or additions related to outside parking and storage of vehicles and trailers on residential property. (Council Report 21-253) Fran Henderson, 1101 S 13th Ave W, spoke in support of the ordinance via zoom. After Council discussion it was moved by Ervin and seconded by Hallam to amend the First consideration of the ordinance. Police Chief, Rob Burdess confirmed the parking limit rule for tractor trailers is 72 hours within a 5-day period. Chief Burdess also stated the parking rule can be difficult to track. NAYS: Two. AYES: Four. The First consideration of the amended version of the ordinance was approved.

Community Services Director, Brian Laube presented on an update of the Community Services Department.

During Mayor/Council comments it was mentioned that the Frank Fest was a huge success.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Shawnda Abbas, Deputy City Clerk