

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 04, 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, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: Ervin.

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

2. Mayor Hansen proclaimed Fire Prevention Week - October 3-9, 2021.

Bev Price, Co-Chair, Citizen Housing Discussion Group presented on housing development standards and the citizen group that is meeting to determine desirable/undesirable developments with the purpose of providing input to the City Council. Desirable elements that were presented include more greenspace, larger setbacks, wider streets, landscaping, unique home designs, and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

During citizen participation, Jerry Chandler, 1011 W 8th St N, inquired about abandoned houses and permits. Lonnie Appleby, 506 W 16 St N, announced that he would encourage citizens to write him in as Mayor.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 5-11.

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6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 21-07). Resolution 2021-247 adopted

7. Resolution approving a 28E agreement with the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division Supporting the I-Pledge Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Product Enforcement Program for FY21. Resolution 2021-248 adopted

8. Resolution awarding the purchase and installation of Stryker power cots and power loads. Resolution 2021-249 adopted

9. Resolution accepting completion of the Newton Parks Baseball Infield Improvements Project. Resolution 2021-250 adopted

10. Resolution directing sidewalk repairs at 217 N 2nd Ave W. Resolution 2021-251 adopted

11. Approve Bills

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

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting purchase and redevelopment proposal for property at 521 South 4th Avenue West in Newton, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Stonner, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to adopt the resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-252 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting purchase and a redevelopment agreement for 900 South 5th Avenue East & 1106 South 5th Avenue East in Newton, and a Resolution accepting purchase and redevelopment agreement for 200 East 8th Street North. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Goerge to adopt the Resolution accepting purchase and a redevelopment agreement for 900 South 5th Avenue East & 1106 South 5th Avenue East in Newton. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-253 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution accepting purchase and redevelopment agreement for 200 East 8th Street North. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-254 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to approve the Second 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. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to approve the Second 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. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to approve the Second 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. Mark Kirk, 1214 S 6th Ave E; William Morris, 1210 S 6th Ave E; Cindy Gray 1220 S 6th Ave E. all spoke in opposition of the ordinance. AYES: Three. Nays: Trotter, Mullan. Second Consideration failed.

The Mayor announced, with no objection to postpone agenda item 20; Second 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.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution expressing intent to enter into a development agreement and to provide economic development support to Catalyst Development Newton, LLC. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-255 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt Resolution authorizing the City of Newton to apply for a Downtown Housing Grant with Iowa Economic Development Authority. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-256 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by George to adopt Resolution to contract the installation of the emergency generator at the Newton YMCA. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-257 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt Resolution approving economic development local business support grant program agreement with Nehring Auto, Inc. for 1800 1st Avenue East. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-258 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to adopt Resolution authorizing the filing of 657A.10A petition for abandoned property at 229 East 24th Street North, Newton. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-259 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Stonner to adopt Resolution approving an agreement with Parkview Animal Hospital for animal shelter services. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-260 adopted.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to adopt Resolution approving the purchase of 10 new golf cars for Westwood Golf Course. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-261 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to adopt Resolution to Include the Newton Public Library Foundation and the Newton Friends of the Library as Discretely Presented Component Units in the FY21 Audit and All Future Audits. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2021-262 adopted.

Police Chief, Rob Burdess presented on Homelessness, Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders and Property Crime.

During Mayor/Council comments Hallam indicated that a representative with Main Street America gave Newton accolades on their success.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stoner to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk