

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2025, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

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 Mullan presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Mullan, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. Grow Solar Program (Free Educational Program on Solar Energy) - Jessica Maldonado from The Nature Conservancy

Solar is a great economic driver in our state, creating 1000 jobs in Iowa. Zillow reports homes with solar sell for 4.1% more on average than comparable homes. This program utilizes bulk purchasing power and provides community education.

Citizen Participation

3. This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Council. After being recognized by the presiding officer, each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak. Elected officials will take comments into consideration; however, this time is not intended for a discussion or entering into a dialogue. Elected officials and City staff will not answer questions or debate a citizen during the *Citizen Participation* portion of the meeting. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Mills, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 4-17. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. January 6, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

5. January 6, 2025 Workshop Minutes

6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: American Legion Newton Post 111 - LC0018906, 1101 W 4th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service, Catering renewal pending Dramshop verification; Biaggios Italian Restaurant, LLC - BW0097269, 2331 1st Ave E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal pending Dramshop verification; Cardinal Lanes - LC0046802, 1300 S 5th Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal pending Dramshop verification; Dollar General #3032 - LG0000159, 1803 1st Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Fore Seasons, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event February 13-17, 2025; Legends American Grill-Newton - LC0050866, 1425 W 19th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service renewal pending Dramshop verification; Newton 66 #963 - LG0000322, 1806 S 12th Ave W, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal

7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-01)
Resolution 2025-013 adopted.

8. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Water Meters and Radio Read End Points
Resolution 2025-014 adopted.

9. Resolution to accept a principal forgiveness SRF grant award
Resolution 2025-015 adopted.

10. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a vacuum street sweeper for the Public Works Department
Resolution 2025-016 adopted.

11. Resolution approving a tire recycling agreement with Liberty Tire Recycling
Resolution 2025-017 adopted.

12. Resolution approving a fiber optic easement for Mahaska Communication Group
Resolution 2025-018 adopted.

13. Resolution accepting completion of the City of Newton Roof Repair Project 2023-01 - Parks
Resolution 2025-019 adopted.

14. Resolution awarding contract for the City of Newton Fire Department Engine Bay Floor Reinforcing Project
Resolution 2025-020 adopted.
15. Resolution Approving a Renewal Contract with Regal Clean LLC for the Janitorial Services at the City Hall and Police Facility
Resolution 2025-021 adopted.
16. Resolution relating to the financing of proposed projects to be undertaken by the City of Newton, Iowa; establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code
Resolution 2025-022 adopted.
17. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

18. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at City-owned property 1111 West 22nd Street South and Parcel Identification Number 0832477011
Mayor Pro Tem Mullan stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
19. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at City-owned property 1111 West 22nd Street South and Parcel Identification Number 0832477011
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-023 adopted.
20. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the Fastpitch SB Complex Minor Plat I
Mayor Pro Tem Mullan stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
21. Resolution approving the Fastpitch SB Complex Minor Plat I
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-024 adopted.
22. Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning
Mayor Pro Tem stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Ordinance. There were no written comments. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
23. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
24. Public hearing on a resolution rejecting bids for the 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) Traffic signal upgrade Project
Mayor Pro Tem Mullan stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
25. Resolution rejecting all bids for the 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) Traffic signal upgrade Project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-025 adopted.

Ordinance

26. First Consideration of an Ordinance to adopt the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, AKA "City Code"
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

27. Resolution approving the Award of Downtown Housing and Downtown Improvement grants for the building at 107 1st Avenue West
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-026 adopted.

28. Resolution accepting the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund Grant for the purpose of constructing an ADA Accessible Fishing Pier and Walking Trails Around Cardinal Pond in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. Bruce Showalter, Newton Housing Development Corporation Director, proposed creating a Friends of Cardinal Pond tax exempt support group. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-027 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments
Mills is excited for all of the great things happening around Newton. He appreciates all of the support. Ervin agreed that a lot of good things are coming in 2025.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Katrina Davis, City Clerk

Evelyn George, Mayor