

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2025, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor George 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 George presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Mullan, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro. Absent: Ervin.

Citizen Participation

2. Frank Liebl, Newton Development Corporation spoke regarding their annual report. They will be sending them out to companies and businesses that are inquiring about Newton. He thanked council for their continued support. Jerry Schwaller, owner of 107 1st Avenue W wanted to thank the city for the continued support with the grant money for Gray Moon Market. Remma Henning, 509 E 21st St S, recently purchased their first home but took awhile to transfer into their new home. Did not receive the snow removal notice and asking if there is anything that can be done.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to approve consent agenda items 3-23. Hallam clarified the minutes for the January 16th meeting by adding that he attended via telephone. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. January 16, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
4. January 20, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
5. January 20, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. January 20, 2025 Budget Workshop Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Dollar General #3032 - LC0000159, 1803 1st Ave E, ownership updates pending background check; Los Amigos Mexican Bar and Grill, Inc - LC0048081, 2002 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service renewal
8. Resolution adopting 2025 S19 Supplement to the "Code of Ordinances of The City of Newton, Iowa, 2016," and approving distribution of the same to code subscribers
Resolution 2025-028 adopted.
9. Resolution appointing Robert McCormick to the Newton Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2027
Resolution 2025-029 adopted.
10. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-01)
Resolution 2025-030 adopted.
11. Resolution sponsoring the application of TPI Composites, Inc., dba TPI Iowa, LLC, to the Iowa Economic Development Authority High Quality Jobs Program
Resolution 2025-031 adopted.
12. Resolution approving a 28E agreement with the Iowa Department of Revenue, Alcohol & Tax Compliance Division for participation in underage alcohol compliance checks
Resolution 2025-032 adopted.
13. Resolution approving the Agreement for Covenants and Restrictions for 515 West 4th Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2025-033 adopted.
14. Resolution approving the Amended Purchase Agreement for the "Hatchery Site" at 1015 North 3rd Avenue East, 1117 North 3rd Avenue East, and 211 East 12th Street North
Resolution 2025-034 adopted.
15. Resolution accepting completion of the Outdoor Warning Sirens Electrical service project
Resolution 2025-035 adopted.
16. Resolution approving an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for the Public Works Community Development Wash Bay Project
Resolution 2025-036 adopted.

17. Resolution approving an agreement with Driving Cap Entertainment for a UV glow foam party at Newton Fest 2025
Resolution 2025-037 adopted.
18. Resolution awarding contract for the Newton Public Library Furnace Replacement & Installation Project
Resolution 2025-038 adopted.
19. Resolution Amending Resolution 2024-277 Authorizing the Newton Fire Department to accept the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award in the amount of \$ 62,904.76
Resolution 2025-039 adopted.
20. Resolution amending Resolution 2024-373 for Awarding the Bid and Contracting for the Purchase and Installation of an Upgrade to the Fire Department Vehicle Exhaust Removal System.
Resolution 2025-040 adopted.
21. Resolution approving the purchase of public area furniture for the Westwood Clubhouse
Resolution 2025-041 adopted.
22. Resolution setting the date for public hearings on proposal to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and to borrow money thereunder
Resolution 2025-042 adopted.
23. Approve Bills

Ordinance

24. Second Consideration of an Ordinance to adopt the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, AKA "City Code"
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Dalton to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
25. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. Tyler Clement, 2408 N 7th Ave PI E, asked to have clarification conversations with land owners. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

26. Resolution Approving a three year Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC for the GeoPermits Portal Development, Hosting, and Maintenance
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-043 adopted.
27. Resolution Authorizing Temporary Positions in the Administration Department and the Police Department for FY26
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-044 adopted.
28. Resolution approving reorganization of staffing for Westwood Golf Course
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-045 adopted.
29. Resolution approving the purchase of two golf simulators for the Westwood Clubhouse
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-046 adopted.
30. Resolution supporting the Grow Solar Program
Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-047 adopted.
31. Resolution authorizing the City of Newton to update a 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Poweshiek County Emergency Services
Moved by Mills, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-048 adopted.
32. Resolution to approve creating a temporary Firefighter/EMT position in the Fire Department
Moved by Mills, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-049 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

33. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor George announced the 2025 WHO Great Tractor Ride sponsored by the Iowa Speedway from June 15 through June 18th.

Adjourn
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

