

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 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, Ervin. Absent: None.

Proclamation

2. Government Communicators Day

Mayor George proclaimed February 21, 2025 as Government Communicators Day.

Presentation

3. Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report 2024 - Larry Hurto, HPC Chair

Hurto presented on HPC's activities in the past year, including rescuing a pre-1911 street marker, assisting the YMCA with historical materials, assisting with historical photos for the design of the Legacy Plaza housing/hotel project, assisting with the "Spark! Places of Innovation" exhibition, and various other projects.

Citizen Participation

4. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Mills, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 5-17. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. February 3, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. February 3, 2025 Budget Workshop Minutes

7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: American Legion Newton Post 111, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event April 3-7, 2025, pending dramshop review; Americinn - BW0097446, 4401 S 22nd Ave E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License pending dramshop review; Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh - LE0003889, 1421 1st Ave E; Hy-Vee Food Store #1 - LE0000090, 1501 First Ave E; and Hy-Vee Market Cafe - LC0041009, 1501 1st Ave E, Market Cafe Area, ownership updates; Levy @ Iowa Speedway, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service renewal

8. Approve January 1 - June 30, 2025 Device Permit for Newton Market, 321 1st Ave W; Newton Tobacco & Vape, LLC, 309 Iowa Speedway Dr; and Tobacco, Vape, E-Cig, 1126 1st Ave E

9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-02)
Resolution 2025-050 adopted.

10. Resolution approving the 2024 Certified Local Government Annual Report for the Historic Preservation Commission
Resolution 2025-051 adopted.

11. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Jasper Point Plaza, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-052 adopted.

12. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Highway and Symbol Painting Project
Resolution 2025-053 adopted.

13. Resolution approving a contract from Midwest Inflatables, LLC for Newton Fest activities.
Resolution 2025-054 adopted.

14. Resolution approving a quote to replace the undercarriage of the Landfill 850L dozer
Resolution 2025-055 adopted.

15. Resolution approving the Clinical Engineering Agreement with Unity Point Health
Resolution 2025-056 adopted.

16. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) Traffic Signal Upgrades Project
Resolution 2025-057 adopted.

17. Approve Bills

Ordinance

18. Third Consideration of an Ordinance to adopt the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, AKA "City Code"

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved

by Dalton, seconded by Hallam, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2460 was adopted.

19. Third Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Simbro to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. Tyler Clement, Senior Director of Operations of Iowa Speedway, spoke in concern about emergency training events and the noise causing issues with a dog facility in the vicinity. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Mills, seconded by Mullan, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2461 was adopted.
20. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V, Chapter 54, Waterworks Section 54.02 – 54.19 by adding or deleting language
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

21. Resolution approving the City-wide Signage Replacement Project
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. Ervin asked that staff continue promoting Newton with other campaign advertising, such as the YouTube videos that just came out. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-058 adopted.
22. Resolution approving Change Order #3 for the Westwood Clubhouse Phase #2 Interior Improvements Project
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-059 adopted.

Staff Report

23. Solid Waste and Recycling Hauling Contract - Joe Grife, Public Works Director
The current solid waste collection and hauling contract with Dodd's Solid Waste and Recycling expires on June 30, 2025. On January 24th, three proposals were received from Dodd's Solid Waste, Midwest Sanitation, and Waste Management. The contractors will have time at the March 3, 2025, meeting to speak about their proposals. Sample containers are located in the atrium for residents' review.

Mayor/Council Comments

24. Mayor and Council Comments
Hallam announced the event at the Community Theatre. Joel Mills provided the information about the show on Friday, featuring Joel Mills and Melissa Dalton, as well as one on Saturday and Sunday. Ervin thanked our city crews for handling the snow event so well. Simbro spoke about openings at the Christensen Apartments at Legacy Plaza.

Closed Session

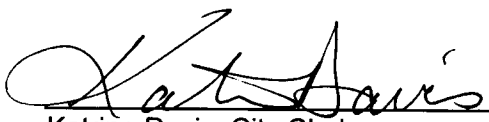
25. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2025
At 6:49 P.M., it was moved by Mullan, seconded by Mills to go into closed session. The city attorney advised the council that they had legal authority to do so. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The motion passed.

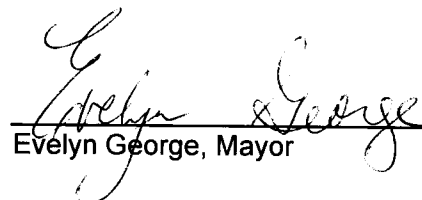
Return to Open Session

26. Return to Open Session
Council returned to open session at 7:56 P.M. with all members present.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

