

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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 (via telephone), Mullan, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: None.

Citizen Participation

2. Mark Vickroy, 404 E 12th St PI N, spoke regarding the electrical unit near the splash pad.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 3-24. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. March 3, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. March 10, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Murph and Mary's - LC0049455, 403 W 4th St N, Bldg 17, Ste 104, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service renewal; West End - LB0000439, 1325 1st Ave W, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal
6. Approve August 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/ Vapor License for Brewco Marketing Group, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr
7. Designate April 7, 2025 as a public hearing date for the 1st Budget Amendment for Fiscal year 2024-2025
8. Resolution Reappointing Carson Claypool to the Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for a Term Ending June 30, 2027
Resolution 2025-073 adopted.
9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-03)
Resolution 2025-074 adopted.
10. Resolution repealing the 2024 City of Newton Supplemental Specifications and SUDAS Standard Specifications and the Design Manual and adopting the 2025 editions of both the SUDAS Standard Specifications and Design Manual along with the 2025 City of Newton Supplemental Specifications to said 2025 editions of the SUDAS Standard Specifications and Design Manual
Resolution 2025-075 adopted.
11. Resolution approving change order #1 for 2024-01 Streetscape Improvement Project
Resolution 2025-076 adopted.
12. Resolution approving change order #3 for the Union Drive Reconstruction Project
Resolution 2025-077 adopted.
13. Resolution approving the donation of two Maytag Pool season passes to the Downtown Dreams Newton Main Street fundraiser
Resolution 2025-078 adopted.
14. Resolution approving the donation of one Westwood Golf Course eighteen-hole, ten-punch pass to the Downtown Dreams Newton Main Street fundraiser
Resolution 2025-079 adopted.
15. Resolution accepting completion of the Westwood Golf Course Clubhouse Shell
Resolution 2025-080 adopted.
16. Resolution amending Ball Team, Inc.'s Westwood Clubhouse Bar Construction Change Order to include Time Extension Fee and Approving Countertop Purchase from L&L Custom Tops of Newton, Iowa
Resolution 2025-081 adopted.
17. Resolution Approving The 2025 Independence Day Fireworks Proposal
Resolution 2025-082 adopted.

18. Resolution Amending the Cemetery Administrative Rules
Resolution 2025-083 adopted.
19. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Water Treatment Plant Controls and Telemetry Replacement Project
Resolution 2025-084 adopted.
20. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 9553
Resolution 2025-085 adopted.
21. Resolution setting a Public Hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 721 East 7th Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2025-086 adopted.
22. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Newton Airport Apron Expansion Project
Resolution 2025-087 adopted.
23. 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 2025-01 PCC Patching Project
Resolution 2025-088 adopted.
24. Approve Bills

Ordinance

25. Third Consideration of an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title V, Chapter 54, Waterworks Section 54.02 – 54.19 by adding or deleting language
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2462 was adopted.
26. Second consideration of Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title V, Chapter 52: Sewers
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Dalton to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
27. Second consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 800 block of East Fourteenth Street North
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
28. Second consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 1400-1500 Block of North Ninth Avenue Place East
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
29. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title IX: General Regulations, Chapter 95: Cemeteries
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Simbro to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

30. Resolution approving Professional Services Agreement with Bolton/Menk for Westwood Golf Course Water Main loop design
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-089 adopted.
31. Resolution Approving the Variance Request for Westwood Golf Course Clubhouse and Adherence to Variance Requirements

- Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-090 adopted.
32. Resolution approving the purchase of Kitchen Equipment for the Westwood Clubhouse
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-091 adopted.
33. Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition Project 2025-01
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-092 adopted.
34. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 203 East 8th Street South, Newton
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-093 adopted.
35. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 323 East 10th Street North, Newton
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-094 adopted.
36. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 605 East 27th Street South, Newton
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-095 adopted.
37. Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Newton, Iowa, Miller Property Solutions, LLC, Best Midwest Properties, LLC and Hundling Construction, Inc. regarding property located at 410 East 4 1/2 Street South, Newton, Iowa
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-096 adopted.
38. Resolution awarding contract for 2025 fire hydrant painting project
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-097 adopted.
39. Resolution approving change order #4 for the WPC Plant Improvements Project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-098 adopted.
40. Resolution awarding a Professional Services Agreement for Engineering and Design of 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr. Sidewalk Project
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-099 adopted.
41. Resolution Combining Loan Agreements and Authorizing the use of a Preliminary Official Statement in Connection Therewith
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-100 adopted.
42. Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement for the Design of the E 12th St and 1st Ave E Stormwater Improvements Project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-101 adopted.
43. Resolution approving the South Central Pump Station as the location of the Newton Animal Control Facility
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Four. NAYS: Mills, Ervin. Resolution 2025-102 adopted.
44. Resolution approving the location of the Fire/Police Storage Facility
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-103 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

45. Mayor and Council Comments
Mullan, Simbro, and Ervin attended a Legislative Session. It was a full house. Hallam mentioned the new KC Willies So-bar, which is a sober bar. It gives people an opportunity to go to an alcohol-free venue.

Closed Session

46. Closed Session under Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public

examination when the transaction discussed is completed

At 6:37 P.M., it was moved by Ervin, 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.

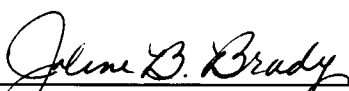
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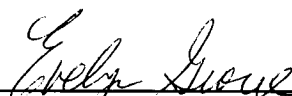
47. Return to Open Session

Council returned to open session at 8:03 P.M. with all members present.

Adjourn

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk
Jolene B. Brady, Deputy City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

