

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 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 (via telephone). Absent: None.

Proclamation

2. The Mayor proclaimed National Public Works Week May 18–24, 2025.

Presentation

3. Newton Municipal Airport Update, Ethan Nasalroad, President, Johnson Aviation
Nasalroad provided updates on the happenings at the Newton Municipal Airport including the 2024 Spray Clinic, the Nascar event, the Indy car event, and information about the increase in pilots and student pilots.

Citizen Participation

4. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-23. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. May 1, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

6. May 5, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Fore Seasons Sports Bar & Grill, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event June 5-9, 2025, pending dramshop review

8. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: Brewco Marketing Group, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr; Casey's #1911, 1018 1st Ave E; Casey's #2341, 3104 1st Ave E; Casey's #2417, 1200 W 18th St S; Casey's #3954, 4343 S 15th Ave E; Git-N-Go Convenience Store #14, 801 1st Ave W; Git-N-Go Convenience Store #45, 1708 S 8th Ave E; Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh, 1421 1st Ave E; Hy-Vee Food Store, 1501 1st Ave E

9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-05)
Resolution 2025-194 adopted.

10. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Leavenwealth Capital, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-195 adopted.

11. Resolution approving CO1 and accepting completion of the 2025-01 Subdrain Collector Line Project
Resolution 2025-196 adopted.

12. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2024-01 Project
Resolution 2025-197 adopted.

13. Resolution accepting completion of the Westwood Sidewalk/ Cart Path PCC Project
Resolution 2025-198 adopted.

14. Resolution accepting completion of the Downtown Spray Park & Gathering Space Project
Resolution 2025-199 adopted.

15. Resolution approving a non-standard Improvement in the City Right of Way with Newton Main Street
Resolution 2025-200 adopted.

16. Accept Completion Of Westwood 2025 Grading Project
Resolution 2025-201 adopted.

17. Resolution approving the donation of one Maytag Pool season pass to "May is Mental Health Month" fundraiser for Capstone Behavioral Healthcare
Resolution 2025-202 adopted.

18. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment
Resolution 2025-203 adopted.

19. Resolution approving the Venue and Public House Special Events Application
Resolution 2025-204 adopted.

20. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of 306 East 8th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2025-205 adopted.
21. Resolution fixing a date for a public hearing and ordering clerk to publish notice for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the 2025 Aurora Park Tennis Courts.
Resolution 2025-206 adopted.
22. Resolution fixing a date for a public hearing and ordering clerk to publish notice for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the 2025 Aurora Park Tennis Court Lighting.
Resolution 2025-207 adopted.

23. Approve Bills

Ordinance

24. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: Mayor and Council
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.
25. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Partial Tax Exemption for Industrial Property
Moved by Mills, seconded by Mullan to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
26. First Reading Ordinance repealing Ordinance #2443 and amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title V, Chapter 54 Waterworks, Section 54.19 Fee Schedule by Adding or Deleting
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Staff Report

27. Review of May 21, 2024, Flood and Stormwater Utility Information - Joe Grife, Public Works Director
Grife provided a recap of the May 21st flood and spoke regarding the storm water initiatives that will be implemented, including the 3/4 acre dry basin.

Discussion

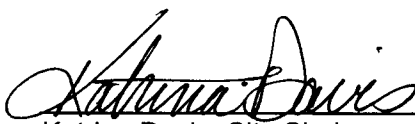
28. Proposed 2025 Newton City Council Rules of Procedure
A council discussion ensued over proposed changes.

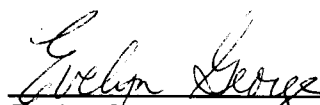
Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments
Mayor George thanked staff and the Animal Review Committee for their work due to the increase in animal control issues of late. Mayor George listed several activities that are coming soon, such as the Maytag Bowl Concert Series, the Maytag pool opening May 31st, the Library Summer Reading event, the Main Street Farmers Markets, Newton Fest, and the WHO Tractor Ride hosted at the Iowa Speedway. Simbro wished everyone a safe Memorial Weekend.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

