

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 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.

Presentation

2. Get to Know Newton Community Marketing Update - Mark Neyens and Brandon Bingham, Bing Bang

It's been awesome to get to tell your story. He reviewed the year 1 partnership, reviewing the shoots, reels, storytelling videos, pre-roll videos and the Get to Know Newton Website launch. These initiatives foster engagement and let pride shine through. Newton is a great place for families and is a community that is "just right".

Citizen Participation

3. Andrew Arrendell, 210 E 28th St S, presented on the Masonic Lodge's July 25th event "Corn on the Curb" from 4:30–7:00 p.m. to raise money for their Books for Bikes campaign that provides bicycles to kids. Matt Earl, 611 E 28th St S, spoke in favor of backyard chickens. Mayor George stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission will do some research and have some public meetings regarding urban chickens.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 4-32. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. June 2, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

5. Certify Fire Captain Promotional List

6. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: GMR Marketing, LLC, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr; Love's Travel Stop #361, 4400 S 22nd Ave E; Murphy USA #6513, 200 Iowa Speedway Dr; Newton Market, 321 1st Ave W; Newton Tobacco & Vape, 309 Iowa Speedway Dr; Raceway 80, 4300 S 22nd Ave E; Shop N Save, 404 S 11th Ave W. Approve 2025-2026 Device Permit for the following: Newton Tobacco & Vape, 309 Iowa Speedway Dr

7. Resolution Reappointing Jeffrey Maki to the Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for a Term Ending June 30, 2028
Resolution 2025-232 adopted.

8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-07)
Resolution 2025-233 adopted.

9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-06)
Resolution 2025-234 adopted.

10. Resolution approving the Fixed Base Operator salary for the Newton Municipal Airport in accordance with the previously approved Airport Management Contract
Resolution 2025-235 adopted.

11. Resolution Approving Allocation of Local Option Sales and Service Taxes for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Resolution 2025-236 adopted.

12. Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers in FY 25/26
Resolution 2025-237 adopted.

13. Resolution supporting the CIRTPA application to the Safe Streets For All Grant Program
Resolution 2025-238 adopted.

14. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Jasper County for Fiscal Year 2026
Resolution 2025-239 adopted.

15. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with the United Way of Jasper County for Fiscal Year 2026
Resolution 2025-240 adopted.
16. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency for Fiscal Year 2026
Resolution 2025-241 adopted.
17. Resolution approving an agreement with the Newton YMCA for Fiscal Year 2026
Resolution 2025-242 adopted.
18. Resolution approving purchase of Parks Zero Turn Mower
Resolution 2025-243 adopted.
19. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Agnes Trail Improvement Project.
Resolution 2025-244 adopted.
20. Resolution approving the Service Provider Agreement between Certified Payments and City of Newton for credit card and echeck processing
Resolution 2025-245 adopted.
21. Resolution accepting completion of Roof Repair Project 2025-01 – Water Treatment
Resolution 2025-246 adopted.
22. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a snowplow truck with wing and underbody scraper for the Public Works Department
Resolution 2025-247 adopted.
23. Resolution accepting completion of the Landfill Lower Shop and City Garage Building Roof Rehabilitation Project
Resolution 2025-248 adopted.
24. Resolution approving the rental of traffic control equipment from Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. for the 2025 July 4th Parade
Resolution 2025-249 adopted.
25. Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition Project 2025-02
Resolution 2025-250 adopted.
26. Resolution renewing the insurance package with Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP)
Resolution 2025-251 adopted.
27. Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Jasper County for a Waiver of Liability on the Westwood Clubhouse Project
Resolution 2025-252 adopted.
28. Resolution Setting a Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-253 adopted.
29. Resolution Setting a Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-254 adopted.
30. Resolution Setting a Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the East-Mart Economic Development Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-255 adopted.
31. Resolution setting a public hearing on an ordinance establishing Industrial Property Tax Abatement for Parcel Identification Number 0826176015 (1601 North 15th Avenue East)
Resolution 2025-256 adopted.

32. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

33. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving a Purchase and Redevelopment Agreement for 306 East 8th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Mills to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
34. Resolution approving a Purchase and Redevelopment Agreement for 306 East 8th Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-257 adopted.
35. Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding N.E. Pump Station Improvements Contract to WRH Inc.
Mayor George 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 Mullan to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
36. Resolution awarding N.E. Pump Station Improvements contract to WRH Inc.
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-258 adopted.

Ordinance

37. Third Consideration of an 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 Simbro, seconded by Mills to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2469 was adopted.
38. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Title 13, Chapter 135 of the Newton Code of Ordinances, "Fireworks"
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. Ervin stated that this change is mandated by the state and is effective 07/01/2025. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to suspend the rules and waive the second and third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion passed. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2470 was adopted.

Resolution

39. Resolution renewing Bing Bang as the agency of record for Marketing & Advertising Agency Services
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-259 adopted.
40. Resolution approving the purchase of 209 South 15th Avenue West for the Dangerous and Dilapidated Program
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to postpone the item until the August 4th council meeting. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution was postponed.
41. Resolution Approving Support from the City of Newton to Des Moines Area Community College for the Community Attraction & Tourism Grant Application for the Legacy Plaza Green Space
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. Kim Deidia, Executive Director for DMACC Business Resources, has been project managing the redevelopment of Legacy Plaza for the past 8 years. She is requesting that the council consider their original request of \$50,000. Chris Vernon, CEO of Vernon Company, supports the green space efforts and will be providing a marquis sculpture. The total cost of the green space project is \$2.9M. They have raised almost \$2M in private donations, and he feels that the \$50,000 contribution from the city would go a long way towards the Cat Grant. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to increase the amount to \$50,000. Simbro asked where the money would come from. Fraiser stated that the NC TIF would be in the negative for FY26. Dalton asked if we could postpone determining the money situation. AYES: None. NAYS: Hallam, Mills, Simbro, Ervin, Mullan, Dalton. Motion to amend failed. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to postpone. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution is postponed.
42. Resolution awarding the 2025 Digester Coating Project to JC Toland Painting
Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-260 adopted.
43. Resolution approving the Fifth Modification of the 1979 Water Purchase Contract with IRUA
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-261 adopted.
44. Resolution approving release and settlement agreement with IRUA
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-262 adopted.
45. Resolution creating a Public Works Street Laborer Position
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-263 adopted.
46. Resolution approving an amendment to the Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to amend the contract to read that all residential solid waste should begin at midnight with recycling pick-ups beginning at 7:00 p.m. the night prior to collection day. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The amendment passed. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-264 adopted.

47. Resolution adopting the 2025 Newton City Council Rules of Procedure
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Ervin to postpone the Resolution until the City Administrator is in attendance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution was postponed.
48. Resolution expanding the Downtown Square area food truck premise permit location exemption
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. Council discussion ensued. AYES: Four. NAYS: Mills, Simbro. Resolution 2025-265 adopted.

Staff Report

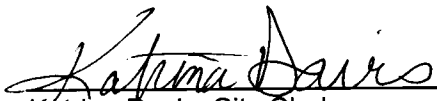
49. New State Legislation: Accessory Dwelling Units - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director
Chambers introduced legislative changes that would be allowed in all residential zoning areas. An ordinance amending the zoning code will be presented in the future.

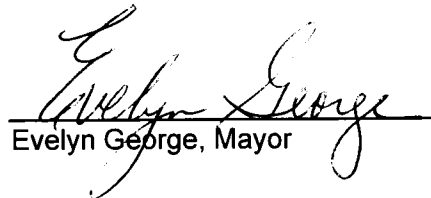
Mayor/Council Comments

50. Mayor and Council Comments
Mullan asked about the dry conditions and if there would be a watering restriction. Staff will review. George spoke about the busy weekend with the concert, car show, and tractors that brought people from all over the country.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

