

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 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.

Citizen Participation

2. Larcen Carkhuff, 213 N 15th Ave W, spoke about pedestrian safety and a lack of sidewalks on his street. Mark Anderson, 1012 E 19th St S, spoke regarding nuisance and parking issues.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 3-16. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. August 18, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Alta House Event Center - LC0047705, 1600 E 36th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service renewal; Fore Seasons - N 2nd Ave W, Beer Garden at Red & Black Block Party Sept 18, 2025, Outdoor Service Special Event Liquor License; and 600 N 2nd Ave W, Special Events on Oct 1-5, 2025, and Oct 8-12, 2025, Class C Retail Special Event Liquor Licenses; Kwik Star #1001 - LG0000900, 1901 1st Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Lucky Wife Wine Slushies - 100 Block of W 2nd St N, Red & Black Block Party, Sept 18, 2025, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service; Raceway 80 LLC - LE0003804, 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal; Shop N Save - LE0003589, 404 S 11th Ave W, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal, pending dramshop review; The Venue & Public House, LLC - LC0051846, 211 N 2nd Ave W, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service, Living Quarters, and Catering License renewal, pending dramshop review; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1655 - LC0026734, 315 1st Ave W, Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal; World To Go - LG0001070, 403 1st Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal
5. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-11)
Resolution 2025-337 adopted.
6. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-12)
Resolution 2025-338 adopted.
7. Resolution amending Reso 2025-246, accepting completion of Roof Repair Project 2025-01 – Water Treatment
Resolution 2025-339 adopted.
8. Resolution approving change order #3 for Aurora Tennis Court Project
Resolution 2025-340 adopted.
9. Resolution approving change order #1 for 2025 Agnes Trail Improvement Project
Resolution 2025-341 adopted.
10. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Aurora Parking Lot Removal Project
Resolution 2025-342 adopted.
11. Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2025-01 PCC patching project
Resolution 2025-343 adopted.
12. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the CRH Properties LLC Property Located at 117 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-344 adopted.
13. Resolution accepting the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant and approving the grant agreement
Resolution 2025-345 adopted.
14. Resolution rejecting all bids for the 2025 Newton Public Safety Storage Building
Resolution 2025-346 adopted.

15. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering city 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 2025 Newton Public Safety Storage Building Project
Resolution 2025-347 adopted.

16. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

17. Public Hearing on Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
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 Dalton, seconded by Mullan to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
18. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-348 adopted.

Ordinance

19. 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 parking in the 200 Block of North Third Avenue West and the 200 Block of West Third Street North
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Simbro to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. It was moved by Dalton, seconded by Ervin to amend the Ordinance to only remove the spot on West Third Street. AYES: Three. NAYS: Mills, Mullan, Simbro. Motion to amend fails. It was moved by Ervin to table the vote to get the traffic safety recommendation. Chief Burdess confirmed that this request is non-conforming and the committee would not have any recommendation. Ervin pulled the motion to table. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
20. 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 add stops signs on West Third Street North at North Third Avenue West
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
21. 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 add stop signs on East Twelfth Street South at South Thirteenth Avenue East
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mullan to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Staff Report

22. Water Pollution Control Update - Jody Rhone, Utilities Director
Rhone explained the collection and treatment of sanitary sewage. He described the flow through the city and how the pump stations move everything to the Water Pollution Control Plant. He described the process of what happens to the waste water once it gets to the plant.

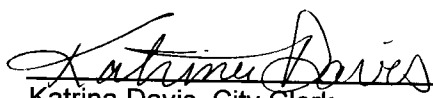
Mayor/Council Comments

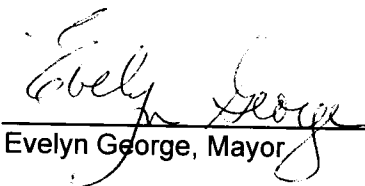
23. Mayor and Council Comments
Hallam announced that the Optimist Club is back in town and is organizing a club meeting this month. Mullan spoke about all the improvements that have been made at Agnes Patterson Park. Dalton announced that she will be running for Ward 2 council seat again during the upcoming election. Ervin spoke about the council petition requesting that the court order Jeremy Chedester to tear his dangerous and dilapidated building down. The court system should hold him accountable. He encourages citizens to sign if they would like to. Mayor George reminds everyone that school is back in session and to pay attention. There are still a lot of activities going on, such as the Farmers Market every Tuesday through September. The Parks and Library have a lot of events happening. There are senior walks and zumba classes in the park. This Saturday is the recycling event in the city parking lot by Legacy Plaza.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M. Motion unanimously

carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

