

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 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. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to approve consent agenda items 3-14. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. September 2, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

4. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: ALDI Inc #146 - LG0001323, 375 Iowa Speedway Dr, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Capitol II Theatre - WCN000343, 116 1st St N, Special Class C Retail Native Wine License renewal; Git-N-Go Convenience Store #45 - LG0001044, 1708 S 8th Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Pit Stop Liquors (ownership updates), 1324 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License

5. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-12)
Resolution 2025-349 adopted.

6. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-13)
Resolution 2025-350 adopted.

7. Resolution Approving a Fund Transfer from the Southwest TIF Fund to the D&D Fund
Resolution 2025-351 adopted.

8. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Mediacom-2025-01
Resolution 2025-352 adopted.

9. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Ex Nihilo Property Located at 107 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-353 adopted.

10. Resolution Approving the purchase of an open-air shelter for the Westwood Clubhouse Patio
Resolution 2025-354 adopted.

11. Resolution rescinding a contract, and awarding a contract for the Scale House Electrical Generator Installation Project
Resolution 2025-355 adopted.

12. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment and accessories and rope rescue equipment
Resolution 2025-356 adopted.

13. 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 Children's Forest Creek Bank Stabilization Project.
Resolution 2025-357 adopted.

14. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

15. Public Hearing on a resolution awarding contract for the 2025 HMA Alley Overlay 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 Hallam, seconded by Mullan to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

16. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 HMA Alley Overlay Project
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-358 adopted.

Ordinance

17. Third 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 Simbro, seconded by Ervin to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. Dalton moved to amend the ordinance removing the space on North Third Ave W from the ordinance. The motion failed for lack of a second. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Mills, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Ordinance 2474 was adopted.
18. Third 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 Hallam, seconded by Simbro to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. 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 2475 was adopted.
19. Third 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 Hallam to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2476 was adopted.

Resolution

20. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2,500 for the Washer City Card Convention from United Way of Jasper County and The IOWA Foundation
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. United Way Director, Jessica Lowe-Volks, announced details regarding the card vendor fair on October 24th and 25th at the Iowa Speedway Newton Club. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-359 adopted.
21. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 525 North 2nd Avenue East
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. Dalton indicated that there were policy changes she would like to address. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Resolution 2025-360 adopted.
22. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 625 East 4th Street South
Moved by Mills, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Resolution 2025-361 adopted.
23. Resolution approving a Five-year power interrupt agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company for Water Pollution Control Plant
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-362 adopted.

Staff Report

24. Library Annual Report - Nicole Terry Library Director
Terry presented on Library activities over the past year. 718 new library cards were issued between July 24 and June 25. Total circulation was 129,253. She announced that your library card has access to 229,171 free items. There were 372 children's programs with 18,810 attendees. There were 162 adult programs with 7,892 attendees.

Mayor/Council Comments

25. Mayor and Council Comments
Mayor George presented the details of the situation with the Chedester demolition. Ervin announced the Homecoming parade and the Red & Black block party. There will be a band playing afterward and the Iowa Wild is coming down. It needs to be a whole city celebration. George announced the bus tour group that came into town. There are plans to have them come 2 more times. The 9/11 Memorial tribute was well attended. The

extended Farmers Market is Tuesday. There is Zumba and Senior Walk in the park. Simbro paid tribute to the Library and all they do for the community.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


~~Evelyn George~~, Mayor Pro Tem
Steven G. Mullan

