

NEWTON GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2025, 6:00 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 6:00 P.M. on the above date at the Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 3030 N 4th Ave E., Newton, IA 50208. Mayor George presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Mullan, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: None.

Discussion

2. Review of Goal Setting Process - Rob Burdess, Police Chief

The City of Newton Goal Setting Process takes place every year. It is an opportunity for elected officials to communicate to the city administrator a work plan for the coming year. It also allows elected officials to communicate to staff which projects they consider to be the highest priority projects and serve Department Directors in the course of their daily work and the setting of priorities.

3. Comprehensive Plan Review - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director

4. Review of Current FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Rodrigo Leon, Financial Analyst

5. Review of Constitutional Debt Limit, Current Outstanding Debt and Debt Service Levy Rate - Candace Streeter, Sr. Fin. Analyst

6. Review 2024-2026 City Council Goals - Katrina Davis, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk

7. The Goals of the Newton Park Board - July 2025 - Nick Cummins, Parks Operations Superintendent

8. Presentation of Potential 2025-2027 City Council Goals - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director; Joe Grife, Public Works Director; and Jody Rhone, Utilities Director

9. Executive Team and City Administrator Recommendations for 2025-2027 Goals - Rex Heisdorffer, Assistant Fire Chief and Matt Muckler, City Administrator

10. Draft FY27-FY31 CIP - Jerri Clay, Financial Analyst

11. Instructions to Mayor and Council on 2025-2027 Goal Selection - Nicole Terry, Newton Public Library Director

Each elected official received 10 stickers to place on their top priority projects.

12. City Council Discussion & Goal Selection

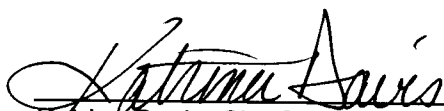
13. Preliminary Tabulation and Presentation of City Council Goal Preferences - Matt Muckler, City Administrator

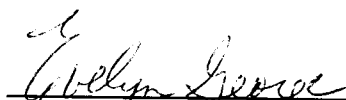
The goals that received votes from at least four elected officials (listed from most votes received to least):

- Sidewalk on N. 15th Ave. W. from Union Drive to 1st St. N. (\$150,000) - 10 votes•
- Union Cemetery Street Repair Project (\$180,000) - 7 votes
- Cardinal Pond Improvements, Phase 2 (\$50,000) - 7 votes
- Joint Fire/Police Training & Storage Facility, Phase 2 (\$100,000) - 6 votes
- Inclusive Playground Equipment (\$300,000) - 6 votes
- New Skate Park at Aurora (\$1,000,000 Grants and GF) - 6 votes

Adjourn

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

