

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2025, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Mullan 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 Pro Tem Mullan presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Mullan, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Ervin. Absent: None.

Proclamation

2. National Community Planning Month October 2025

Citizen Participation

3. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to approve consent agenda items 3-18. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. September 15, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Fore Seasons - 600 N 2nd Ave W, Special Event Oct 29 - Nov 2, 2025, Class C Retail Special Event Liquor License

6. Resolution Appointing Rodrigo Leon as Deputy City Clerk (No Council Report)
Resolution 2025-363 adopted.

7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-13)
Resolution 2025-364 adopted.

8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-14)
Resolution 2025-365 adopted.

9. Resolution approving change order #1 for 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Resolution 2025-366 adopted.

10. Resolution approving a non-standard use agreement with the property owner of 118 N 2nd Ave E
Resolution 2025-367 adopted.

11. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025 Aurora Park Parking Lot Removal Project
Resolution 2025-368 adopted.

12. Resolution approving CO #1 and accepting completion of the 2025 Highway and symbol painting Project
Resolution 2025-369 adopted.

13. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025 Westwood Patio Project
Resolution 2025-370 adopted.

14. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025 Agnes Trail Improvement Project
Resolution 2025-371 adopted.

15. Resolution adding "Niche Bud Vase" to the comprehensive schedule of fees
Resolution 2025-372 adopted.

16. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the GG 115 LLC Property Located at 208 S 2nd Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-373 adopted.

17. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the McCann Housing Associates, LP Property Located at 1105 East 12th Street South Within the McCann Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-374 adopted.

18. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Clearing and Grubbing Contract
Resolution 2025-375 adopted.

19. Resolution approving Transparency annual software licensing and maintenance agreement with General Traffic Controls Inc.
Resolution 2025-376 adopted.
20. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 214 East 4th Street North, 411 North 3rd Avenue East, 421 North 3rd Avenue East, 427 North 3rd Avenue East, and 215 East 5th Street North in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2025-377 adopted.
21. 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 2025 City of Newton Camera Project
Resolution 2025-378 adopted.
22. 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 Westwood Golf Course Streambank Improvements Project
Resolution 2025-379 adopted.

23. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

24. Public Hearing on A Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Public Safety Storage Building Project
Mayor Pro Tem Mullan 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 Ervin to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
25. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Public Safety Storage Building Project
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-380 adopted.

Resolution

26. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2,500 for the Jasper County Historical Museum's Tree-Mendous Christmas Experience
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-381 adopted.
27. Resolution approving a low-moderate income set-aside grant for 905 North 7th Avenue West, Newton
Moved by Mills, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Resolution 2025-382 adopted.
28. Resolution approving an amendment to the adopted Low-Moderate Income Set Aside Policy
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. Councilperson Dalton has made some recommended suggestions to the resolution. The changes include: Limiting the interior work category to certain activities. Lowering the maximum grant amounts for electrical and exterior treatments categories. Adding a cap of \$20,000 per property for the lifetime of the program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-383 adopted.
29. Resolution reclassifying the IT Support Specialist position to IT Support Manager at Range 7
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-384 adopted.
30. Resolution approving organizational restructuring within the Utilities Department
Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-385 adopted.
31. Resolution adopting the 2025-2027 Elected Official's Goals for the City of Newton
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-386 adopted.
32. Resolution approving change order #4 for Aurora Tennis Court Project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-387 adopted.

Staff Report

33. Mid-Year Finance Update - Lisa Frasier, Finance Officer
Utility Billing sent out 7,104 bills in August. 6,068 were postcards and 1,036 were e-bills.

Encouraging customers to sign up for e-billing. There are currently 1,467 radio read meters and 5,581 manual reads. The Utilities Department is working to upgrade all meters to radio read. Finance is working on succession planning and cross-training. The FY27 Budget process has started with goal setting. Budget workshops will start after the 1st City Council meeting in November and last until February. For FY25, \$46,485,888 were received in revenues across all funds. \$45,023,017 was paid in expenses.

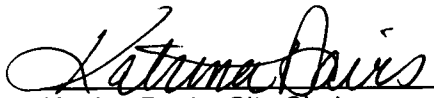
Mayor/Council Comments

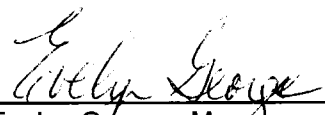
34. Mayor and Council Comments

Mills appreciates the Finance staff's work and wishes Lisa Frasier the best in retirement. Ervin stated that it is nice to see a blank space on the North West corner of the square. Mullan asked if everyone could vote for the Newton Cardinals on the T-Mobile app. He reminds citizens that the Fall Festival and Scarecrow Contest is going on this weekend at the Arboretum.

Adjourn

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

