

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 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 Mullan, seconded by Dalton to approve consent agenda items 3-17. Moved by Mills, seconded by Ervin to pull item 16 (Resolution approving Change Order 04 to the contract for the City of Newton Fire Department Engine Bay Floor Reinforcing Project) from the consent agenda and discuss. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion to pull and discuss item 16 was approved. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda items 3–15 and 17 were adopted.

3. October 6, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. September 29, 2025 City Council Goal Setting Workshop Minutes
5. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Licenses for the following: Brew #96, 1325 1st Ave W and Brew #101, 1806 S 12th Ave W, pending staff review
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: 2nd Ave Social, LLC - (Gray Moon Public Market) 118 N 2nd Ave E, new Class C Retail Alcohol License pending staff approval; Sombrero - LC0038865, 1130 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal; World to Go - LE0004496, 403 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-14)
Resolution 2025-388 adopted.
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-15)
Resolution 2025-389 adopted.
9. Resolution approving change order #2 for 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Resolution 2025-390 adopted.
10. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Van Maanen Electric, Inc Property Located at 500 Iowa Speedway Drive Within the East Mart Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-391 adopted.
11. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Leavenwealth Capital, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-392 adopted.
12. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Jasper Point Plaza, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2025-393 adopted.
13. Resolution awarding a contract for the 2025 Sidewalk Nuisance Project
Resolution 2025-394 adopted.
14. Resolution Approving Amendment #001 to Agreement for Professional Services Between City of Newton, Iowa, and Bolton and Menk for 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
Resolution 2025-395 adopted.
15. Resolution authorizing the City of Newton dba Newton Fire Department to enter into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement, IGT Funding Certification, and GEMT Provider Agreement for the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) supplemental reimbursement program with the Iowa Department of Human Services
Resolution 2025-396 adopted.
16. Resolution approving Change Order 04 to the contract for the City of Newton Fire Department Engine Bay Floor Reinforcing Project
Chief Wellik provided additional information on the change orders. Moved by Dalton,

seconded by Ervin to approve the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-397 adopted.

17. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

18. Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the Children's Forest Bank Stabilization Project

Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Chief Wellik confirmed that this is a FEMA project from the May 2024 flooding. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ervin to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

19. Resolution awarding contract for the Children's Forest Bank Stabilization project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-398 adopted.

Ordinance

20. First consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, IA, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 71, "Traffic Regulations" to add Section 70.13 "Engine Braking"

Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

21. First Consideration of an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Nos. 2000, 2020, 2026, 2043, 2050, 2056, and 2166 Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Southwest Newton Economic Development Urban Renewal Area

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

22. Resolution approving Amendment #1 for Task Order 23-01 with Fox/Strand Engineering for professional services for the construction of a new Jordan Well

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-399 adopted.

23. Resolution approving Task Order 25-01 with Strand Associates for professional services for the construction of Four new Alluvial Wells

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-400 adopted.

24. Resolution approving Task Order 25-02 with Strand Associates for professional services for incorporating baffles in the water treatment plant Clearwell

Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-401 adopted.

25. Resolution approving a low-moderate income set-aside grant for 712 West 6th Street South, Newton

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-402 adopted.

Staff Report

26. Parks & Recreation End of Season Review - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director

Chambers presented all the fantastic projects and programs completed in the parks and recreation division. Westwood Golf Course clubhouse is now open. Total revenue through September 30, 2025, was \$726,498, an increase from the previous year. Simulator league will begin the week of January 5th. Park shelter rentals were down slightly with a revenue of \$9,050. Maytag Pool revenue for 2025 was \$108,354.46 with two significant incident closures. Special projects included the clubhouse and patio, Agnes bike trail sections being replaced, signage, tennis courts and lighting, Red Pride Service Day, Splash Pad landscaping, restroom near the soccer field, and continued downtown and pool care. Recreation programming included the 4th of July events, the summer concert series, kid's art camps, scavenger hunts, dog swim, zumba in the park, senior walks, dinosaur stomp and story walk, floral arrangement class, and preparing for Halloween and Christmas events.

Mayor/Council Comments

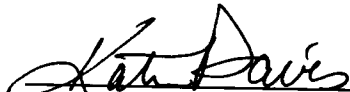
27. Mayor and Council Comments

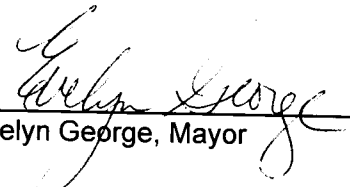
Mullan spoke about the waste recycling tour that several council members attended. It was amazing to see how recycling makes a difference. Hallam spoke about the open

house at Alta House and the new offices of the Chamber and Main Street. Mayor George reminds citizens that Beggars night is October 30th and the Newton Cardinals will be hosting at home on Friday the 31st. Ervin applauded all the support at the last Cardinal football game. It was impressive and brought back a lot of emotions about Red Pride.

Adjourn

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

