

NEWTON BUDGET WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2025, 8:27 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 8:27 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 (via telephone), Hallam, Simbro (via telephone), Ervin. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. Review of Comp Plan - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director

The Comprehensive Plan is the basis for the long-term vision for the community and guides budget decisions.

3. City Council Goals - Katrina Davis, Administrative Services Manager

The 2025 – 2027 Elected Official Goals include:

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

In addition, council approved 26 other committed expenses by consent. This included street projects, equipment, and vehicle needs.

4. Review of Proposed Budget Schedule - Candace Streeter, Senior Financial Analyst

Due to the timeline, a special meeting will be necessary in March.

5. Review of Ending Fund Balance FY25/26 Year Projections - Candace Streeter, Senior Financial Analyst

The General Fund ending balance on 6-30-25 was \$3,646,992 with \$139,469 in designated funds for an undesignated fund balance of \$3,507,523. The snapshot of the City's General Fund on June 30, 2025, is encouraging, but likely constraints on property taxes will require the city to find new sources of revenue in order to provide service at today's levels.

6. Partner Funding for FY27 / 28E Agreements - Candace Streeter, Senior Financial Analyst

Council requested letters from partners regarding their needs for the coming year.

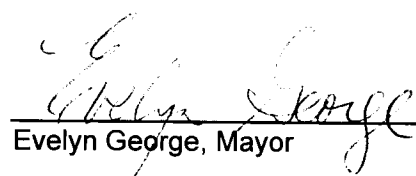
Mayor/Council Comments

7. Council Member Input - Questions and Comments for Staff

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

