

NEWTON BUDGET WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2025, 6:53 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 6:53 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.

Presentation

2. Executive Team Presentations - Finance / Community Development / Utilities
Director of Community Development, Erin Chambers and the Utilities Director, Jody Rhone presented on changes to their FY27 budget numbers.
3. Presentation of FY27 Employee Compensation Costs - Jerri Clay, Financial Analyst
Currently, the City has 132 employees that are either on the pay plan or are members of one of the 4 Unions. In Police, base wages decreased by \$17,131 due to 2 long-term employees retiring. Base wages in Fire increase by 9.87% if council considers adding another firefighter. Base wages increase marginally for Teamsters and Utilities based on contract increases. The Pay Plan wages would increase by a 3% COLA in accordance with the Teamster raises as in previous years. Overall, the General Fund wage increase equals \$127,172.
4. Debt Service Fund - Candace Streeter, Sr Financial Analyst
Total of all Debt Service payments in FY27 will be \$3,481,097.
5. FY27 Budget Information - Candace Streeter, Sr Financial Analyst
The rollback numbers for FY27 are as follows:
Ag-59.4401%
Commercial-90%
Industrial-90%
Railroad-90%
Residential-44.5345%
MFPRSI numbers will be slightly lower, and franchise fees were introduced.

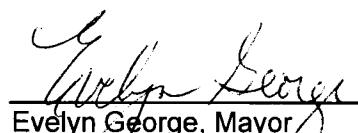
Mayor/Council Comments

6. Council Member Input - Questions and Comments for Staff

Adjourn

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


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

