

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 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. Robbie Robinson, Founder and Executive Director of Discover Hope 517 Ministry, 733 1st Ave E, announced an Open House on December 2nd 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm celebrating 10 years of service to the community. He thanked the community for all the support, donations and volunteer time.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Mills, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 3-17. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

3. November 17, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. November 17, 2025 Workshop Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: HyVee Food Store #1 - LE0000090, 1501 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal
6. Resolution appointing the Public Works Director and the Senior City Planner to serve on the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance Committee in 2026
Resolution 2025-446 adopted.
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-17)
Resolution 2025-447 adopted.
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-18)
Resolution 2025-448 adopted.
9. Resolution approving an addendum to the Legacy Plaza lease agreement with DMACC
Resolution 2025-449 adopted.
10. Resolution accepting completion of the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Resolution 2025-450 adopted.
11. Resolution accepting completion of the 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) Traffic signal upgrade Project
Resolution 2025-451 adopted.
12. Resolution Approving C0-1 for the Children's Forest Bank Stabilization Project
Resolution 2025-452 adopted.
13. Resolution approving change order #1 for N.E. Pump Station Improvements
Resolution 2025-453 adopted.
14. Resolution accepting completion of the S 4th Ave PI E Clearing and Grubbing Project
Resolution 2025-454 adopted.
15. Resolution Approving the 2026 Summer Concert Series Performace Contracts
Resolution 2025-455 adopted.
16. Resolution Approving Performance Contract with Christian Connett Music to Provide DJ Services for the Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2026
Resolution 2025-456 adopted.
17. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

18. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement
Mayor George 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 Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
19. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement
Mayor George 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 Mullan to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

20. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement
Mayor George stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Mills, seconded by Simbro to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
21. Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposals to Enter into Loan Agreements and Combining Loan Agreements
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-457 adopted.

Ordinance

22. Third consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 100-300 Block of North Second Avenue East
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Ervin to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mullan, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2479 was adopted.

Resolution

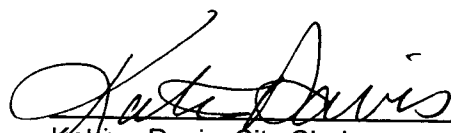
23. Resolution authorizing the submission of a pre-application for federal Airport Improvement Program funding and certifying eligibility requirements
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-458 adopted.
24. Resolution approving change order #1 for Aurora Tennis Lighting Project
Moved by Ervin, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-459 adopted.
25. Resolution updating the Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-460 adopted.
26. Resolution approving purchase of six new golf cars for Westwood Golf Course
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-461 adopted.
27. Resolution awarding 2025 Water Treatment Clarifier Painting Project
Moved by Mullan, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2025-462 adopted.
28. Resolution Amending the Parks Shelter Rental Fee Schedule
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. Council discussion ensued regarding how this would limit the availability. Staff indicated issues with having 2 rentals per day, such as the first not cleaning up or not leaving on time. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Dalton to postpone the resolution for the next meeting. Ervin and Dalton rescinded the motion to postpone in favor of voting the resolution down and taking more time to consider options. AYES: None. NAYS: Simbro, Mills, Ervin, Mullan, Dalton, Hallam. Resolution failed.

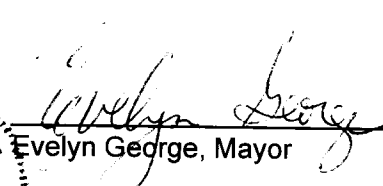
Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments
Mayor George indicated that over 48,000 individuals watched the lighting of the courthouse online. She reminds everyone to support local businesses. Dalton and Simbro recognized the Chamber and Main Street for a great event with the lighted parade and all the events and vendors downtown. Simbro and Ervin recognized the Public Works staff for a great job clearing streets.

Adjourn

Moved by Simbro, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Evelyn George, Mayor

