

NEWTON BUDGET WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2026, 6:55 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in Special session at 6:55 P.M. on the above date in the Council Chambers at 101 West 4th Street South. Mayor Ervin presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Roth, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Holschuh. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. Partner Organization Presentations

United Way, RSVP, YMCA, and Main Street were each given 5 minutes to present their requests for funding.

3. Executive Team Presentations - Police

Chief Burdess presented the Police budgeting changes, including an increase in assessment revenues and decreases in vehicle repair and contractual services. There was an increase in overtime, minor equipment and computer equipment. Additional funds were budgeted in Animal Control to cover the Trap, Neuter, Release Program for cats.

4. Initial General Fund Revenue Estimate - Rodrigo Leon, Financial Analyst

The FY27 \$8.12621 Projected General Fund Property Tax Budget total: \$4,921,328. General Fund CGFL Property Taxes received in FY27 are projected to increase by \$375,597. The City released the Speedway/Prairie Fire TIF and FY27 is also a reassessment year.

5. FY27 Budget Information - Candace Streeter, Financial Analyst and Lisa Frasier, Finance Officer

The City received valuations from the County on Friday, January 2nd. Total Taxable valuations are up 11.28%. This includes releasing all the Speedway/ Prairie Fire TIF (100%), new values and reassessments. The City will need to decrease its CGFL by \$.24379, which will bring the total CGFL down to \$8.12621.

Mayor/Council Comments

6. Council Member Input - Questions and Comments for Staff

Council requested additional information in regard to Franchise Fees.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Simbro to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Randy J. Ervin, Mayor Pro Tem
Melissa Dalton

