

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2026, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Dalton 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 Pro Tem Dalton presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Roth, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Holschuh. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. Central Iowa Shelter and Services - Sam Carrell, Vice President Strategy and Rural Development
Sam informed the council about services they provide, such as Emergency Shelter, Housing, Health and Support with food, clothing, job training, community, and the bind app. They have found limited resources and limited access in the rural communities. Their goal is to keep people in their own community and support networks. They are implementing Empowerment Command Centers to help people. They are working with Jasper County Cares Group, which has been tremendous help to identify needs.

Citizen Participation

3. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Holschuh seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 4-19. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. January 5, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. January 5, 2026 Workshop Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Apres Bar Co LLC, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Chamber Dinner January 24, 2026, Class C Retail Alcohol Special Event License, pending dramshop review and staff approval; Dollar General - LG0000159, 1803 1st Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; La Cabana Mexican Restaurant - LC0052048, 2617 1st Ave E, Ste 5 & 6, Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service renewal; and Mega Saver, 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Change, Class E Retail Alcohol License, pending state and local approval
7. Approve 2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: Mega Saver, 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Change, pending state and local approval
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-01)
Resolution 2026-020 adopted.
9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-02)
Resolution 2026-021 adopted.
10. Resolution approving change order #3 and accepting completion of the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
Resolution 2026-022 adopted.
11. Resolution accepting final completion of the WPC Treatment Plant and SW Pump Station Improvements Project and release of retainage
Resolution 2026-023 adopted.
12. Resolution authorizing a 3-year agreement with HLW Engineering Group to provide professional services for the Newton Sanitary Landfill
Resolution 2026-024 adopted.
13. Resolution approving the Clinical Engineering Agreement with Unity Point Health
Resolution 2026-025 adopted.
14. Resolution approving lime sludge removal contract 1-year extension with Jon Taylor
Resolution 2026-026 adopted.
15. Resolution approving amendment #002 to the agreement for Professional Services Between the City of Newton, Iowa, and Bolton and Menk for 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
Resolution 2026-027 adopted.
16. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 920-1100 West 22nd Street South and 2000-2112 South 11th Avenue West in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2026-028 adopted.
17. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 509 West 2nd Street South, 625 East 5th Street South, 514 South 2nd Avenue West in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Resolution 2026-029 adopted.

18. Resolution approving the Zoll Preventative Maintenance Agreement
Resolution 2026-030 adopted.

19. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

20. Public Hearing on Resolution Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Mayor Pro Tem Dalton stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

21. Resolution Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-031 adopted.

Ordinance

22. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title XIII, Chapter 136, "Public Camping"
Moved by Mills, seconded by Roth to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

23. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V Public Works, by amending Chapter 53 Stormwater Utility
Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

24. Resolution Adjusting the Fee Schedule for the Newton Fire Department Ambulance Service
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Holschuh to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-032 adopted.

25. Resolution approving the purchase of 2 Bungalow Court, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Roth, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. Council discussion ensued. AYES: Five. NAYS: Mills. Resolution 2026-033 adopted.

Staff Report

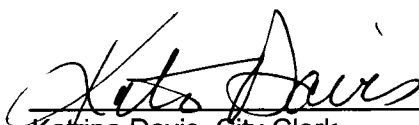
26. W 4th St N & N 2nd Ave W Traffic Signals — Joe Grife, Public Works Director
Bolton and Mink is putting finishing touches on the street design for 100 bilks for W 3rd St N and most of W 4th St N. Grife questions whether the traffic signals at W 4th St N and N 2nd Ave W are needed. The current base is right in the middle of the sidewalk, which will cost a lot more money to work around that. These signals were installed in 1993, have no detection or coordination, no pedestrian equipment or ADA-accessible components. Replacement cost is estimated at \$250-\$300 thousand. Current traffic volume is only about 63 cars per hour; not reaching the volume to warrant a signal. Estimated remove is \$25,000.

Mayor/Council Comments

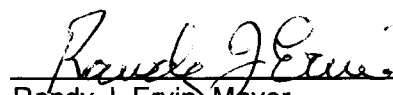
27. Mayor and Council Comments
Hallam informed council that he and Ervin participated in the Des Moines Airport Terminal Tour. It was a very nice facility. Hallam indicated that the Gray Moon opening was well attended. Holschuh agreed that it was very cool; a beautiful space. Simbro recognized Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Holschuh to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.



Katrina Davis, City Clerk



Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

