

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 4, 2026, 6:00 PM

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ervin 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Ervin presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Roth, Dalton, Hallam (arrived at 6:01pm), Simbro, Holschuh. Absent: None.

Proclamation

2. National Police Week Proclamation

Mayor Ervin proclaimed May 10th - 16th as National Police Week and May 15th as National Peace Officer Memorial Day.

3. 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation

Mayor Ervin proclaimed May 3rd - May 9th as Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

Presentation

4. Newton Municipal Airport Update - Ethan Nasalroad, President, Johnson Aviation  
Nasalroad presented projects that have recently been completed, including crack repair, runway overlay, and activities such as group tours, the library reading challenge, and flight instruction. The airport's yearly economic impact on Newton is \$6 million.

5. Trap-Neuter-Release Program - Lucy's Pet Pantry

Terri McKinney, Board Treasurer/Secretary & Neuter is Cuter Coordinator, presented on how the program would benefit the community.

Citizen Participation

6. Eugene Lammers, 202 N 15th Ave W, spoke regarding a grub issue in the cometary and Woodland Park. David Hoffman, on the east side, spoke regarding a mow notice that he received. Mark Metz from Des Moines spoke about the Hike and Seek event which is an annual event that takes place in a different county each year.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 7-23. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

7. April 20, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

8. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: 2nd Ave Social - LC0058034, 118 N 2nd Ave E, amendment adding temporary outdoor service for patio (May-Sept 30, 2026) pending state and local approval; Mega Saver (DBA TFL, Inc), 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Change (same owners, name change), Class E Retail Alcohol License (approved under previous owners [Raceway80/KC Store, Mega Saver - TFGA, LLC], on January 19, 2026), pending state and local approval; Walgreen's - LE0002171, 1204 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal

9. Approve 2026-2027 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Licenses for the following: Mega Saver (TFL, Inc), 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Update (same owners, name change); Murphy USA, 200 Iowa Speedway Dr; Pit Stop Liquors, 1324 1st Ave E

10. Designate May 18, 2026 as a public hearing date for the 2nd Budget Amendment for Fiscal year 2025-2026

11. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-08)  
Resolution 2026-157 adopted.

12. Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a Parks Crew Cab Truck  
Resolution 2026-158 adopted.

13. Resolution amending resolution 2026-327 approving the purchase and up-fit services for two police patrol vehicles  
Resolution 2026-159 adopted.

14. Resolution approving amendment #001 to a Professional Services Agreement for the 2026 Downtown Streetscape Project  
Resolution 2026-160 adopted.

15. Resolution awarding contract for the W 22<sup>nd</sup> St S Storm Water Repair Project  
Resolution 2026-161 adopted.
16. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the McCann Housing Associates, LP  
Property Located at 1105 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street South Within the McCann Urban Renewal  
Area  
Resolution 2026-162 adopted.
17. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Theisen's Property Located at 3021  
1<sup>st</sup> Ave E Within the East Mart Urban Renewal Area  
Resolution 2026-163 adopted.
18. Resolution accepting completion of N.E. Pump Station Improvements  
Resolution 2026-164 adopted.
19. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a zero turn mower for Water Pollution Control  
Resolution 2026-165 adopted.
20. Resolution accepting final completion of the Water Treatment Plant Controls and  
Telemetry Replacement Project  
Resolution 2026-166 adopted.
21. Resolution approving Amendment #002 to the Engineering Services Agreement for  
Professional Services between City of Newton, Iowa and Bolton & Menk, Inc. for  
Westwood Golf Course Bridge Replacement and Repair Project  
Resolution 2026-167 adopted.
22. Resolution approving the name change of the buyers for the previously approved sale of  
properties at 920-1100 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South and 2000-2112 South 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
West, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa  
Resolution 2026-168 adopted.

23. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

24. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at  
1017 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa  
Mayor Ervin 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 Hallam to  
close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
25. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 1017 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa  
Moved by Roth, seconded by Holschuh to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Dalton,  
seconded by Simbro to postpone until the next meeting. AYES: Six. NAYS:  
None. Resolution was postponed.

Ordinance

26. Third Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton,  
Iowa, Title XIII: General Offenses, Chapter 130: General Provisions, by Adding a New  
Section Regarding Public Intoxication  
Moved by Mills, seconded by Roth to approve the third consideration of the  
Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was  
approved. Moved by Mills, seconded by Holschuh, to adopt the Ordinance.  
AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2485 was adopted.
27. First consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Various Sections of the Code of  
Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title IX, Chapter 90, "Animals"  
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Holschuh to approve the first consideration of the  
Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was  
approved.
28. First consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Various Sections of the Code of  
Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 74, "Recreational And Toy  
Vehicles"  
Mayor Ervin requested a motion to postpone the first consideration based on information  
that has come to light. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Roth to postpone the first  
consideration of the Ordinance to the next meeting. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First  
Consideration of the Ordinance was postponed.

Resolution

29. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for  
\$2,500 for Hike-n-Seek 2026  
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. Ericka Haramio with the

Hike and Seek event spoke about how they will showcase the community and bring many people to Newton from all over the Central United States. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-169 adopted.

30. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2,500 for the Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Plant BINGO and Plant Sale Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. Lana Wohlers, Co-President, of the Newton Arboretum spoke regarding the event. The plant sale brings people from all over Iowa. They have many unique plants. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-170 adopted.
31. Resolution approving a 28E agreement with the Central Iowa Regional Tactical Team Moved by Mills, seconded by Holschuh to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-171 adopted.
32. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a mini excavator for the Public Works Department Moved by Roth, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: Dalton. Resolution 2026-172 adopted.
33. Resolution approving repair on spare Jordan Well Motor Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-173 adopted.

#### Mayor/Council Comments

34. Mayor and Council Comments  
Roth asked to bring back the cemetery fee schedule for the next meeting. Mills spoke about the many events coming up this summer. Simbro reiterated that we have done a lot of things we talked about tonight that were safety-related. He also announced that the legislature had passed a bill on property taxes. Ervin spoke about visiting Ames' inclusive park with Jamie, Nick, Erika, Joel, and Mark. They had a whole new understanding of what inclusive is. He also attended an effective boards workshop with City Clerk, Katrina Davis. Mayor Ervin indicated that with the changes in the legislature we will have to be very cognizant of what we are spending and think about how to best use the tools we have.

#### Closed Session

35. To Evaluate The Professional Competency Of Individuals Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance Or Discharge Is Being Considered When Necessary To Prevent Needless And Irreparable Injury To That Individual's Reputation And That Individual Request A Closed Session. Pursuant To The Provisions Of Section 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa 2026 At 7:18 P.M., it was moved by Mills, seconded by Dalton to go into closed session. The city attorney advised the council that they had legal authority to do so. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The motion passed.

#### Return to Open Session

36. Return to Open Session  
Council returned to open session at 8:42 P.M. with all members present.

#### Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

  
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Katrina Davis, City Clerk

  
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Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

