

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 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 4th Street South. Mayor Ervin presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Roth, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Holschuh. Absent: None. Mayor Ervin announced that item 23 and 30 would be postponed.

Proclamation

2. May 17–23 - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

3. May 17–23 - National Public Works Week Proclamation

Citizen Participation

4. There was no citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 5-24. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. May 4, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Corner Hub, 1718 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License, pending state and local approval; Love's Travel Stop - BW0100520, 4400 S 22nd Ave E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal

7. Approve 2026-2027 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Licenses for the following: Corner Hub, 1718 1st Ave E; Git-N-Go #45, 1708 S 8th Ave E; Git-N-Go #14, 801 1st Ave W; Mega Saver, 4300 S 22nd Ave E; Walgreen's, 1204 1st Ave E; World To Go, 403 1st Ave E

8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-08)
Resolution 2026-174 adopted.

9. Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Newton Airport Apron Expansion Project
Resolution 2026-175 adopted.

10. Resolution amending resolution 2026-103 approving the purchase and up-fit services for two police patrol vehicles
Resolution 2026-176 adopted.

11. Resolution approving the purchase of a skid loader brush mower
Resolution 2026-177 adopted.

12. Resolution authorizing Alliant Energy to install one street light to the 1400 block of Monroe Dr. for the Public Works Department
Resolution 2026-178 adopted.

13. Resolution authorizing the purchase of pre-season salt for snow and ice control
Resolution 2026-179 adopted.

14. Resolution awarding a contract for the Landfill Lower Shop Heater Installation Project
Resolution 2026-180 adopted.

15. Resolution approving the purchase of a pickup for Public Works Operations
Resolution 2026-181 adopted.

16. Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
Resolution 2026-182 adopted.

17. Resolution accepting completion of the Cardinal Pond parking improvement project
Resolution 2026-183 adopted.

18. Resolution Authorizing the filing of a petition for abandoned property for 316 West 13th Street South
Resolution 2026-184 adopted.

19. Resolution approving Change Order #2 and accepting completion of the 2025-01 PCC patching Project
Resolution 2026-185 adopted.
20. Resolution approving the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department
Resolution 2026-186 adopted.
21. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment
Resolution 2026-187 adopted.
22. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a wheel loader for Water Pollution Control
Resolution 2026-188 adopted.
23. Resolution authorizing the purchase of an enclosed job trailer for Water Distribution
Resolution postponed.
24. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

25. Public Hearing on Resolution Approving the Second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
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 Dalton, seconded by Holschuh to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.
26. Resolution Approving the Second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Moved by Holschuh, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-189 adopted.

Ordinance

27. Second 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 Roth to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second 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"
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Hallam to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

29. Resolution approving an agreement with Lucy's Pet Pantry for Trap-Neuter-Return services
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Holschuh to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-190 adopted.
30. Resolution awarding the 2026 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project
Resolution postponed.
31. Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition Project 2026-01
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Roth to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-191 adopted.
32. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 1017 West 4th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-192 adopted.
33. Resolution authorizing the Public Works Civil Engineer Technician (CET) I at Range 4, Step 2 on the City of Newton salary schedule matrix
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-193 adopted.
34. Resolution approving salary increase for City Administrator
Moved by Roth, seconded by Holschuh to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-194 adopted.

Staff Report

35. 1st Avenue East Curb Appeal Grant Program — Craig Armstrong, Development Specialist
This proposed plan is to assist property and business owners with building improvements that will enhance the curb appeal and vitality of the 1st Ave East TIF District.

Mayor/Council Comments

36. Mayor and Council Comments

Roth recognized Christopher Braunschweig for becoming the editor of the Newton Daily News. Holschuh spoke about the Main Street awards event in which Craig Armstrong was honored for his service. Mills thanks EMS and Public Works for their service. Mayor Ervin spoke about Memorial Day, which used to be Remembrance Day. He thanked staff for how good the cemeteries look.

Closed Session

37. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2026

At 7:03 P.M., it was moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam 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.

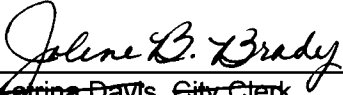
Return to Open Session


38. Return to Open Session

Council returned to open session at 7:38 P.M. with all members present.

Adjourn

Moved by Roth, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk
Jolene B. Brady, Deputy City Clerk


Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

