

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 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.

Presentation

Fire Chief Jarrod Wellik, Utilities Director Jody Rhone, and Public Works Director Joe Grife provided an update on the July 2nd and July 3rd rainstorms.

2. Westwood Golf Course Update — Brad Sponseller, Westwood Operations Manager and Emma Noel, Assistant Clubhouse Manager

Brad and Emma provided information on recent projects and events at Westwood including the High School State Golf and Iowa Junior PGA Tournaments, which brought many people to Newton. Will have the Father/Daughter Tournament coming up. The bridge improvement project is completed. Revenue continues to grow at \$615,229 this year.

Citizen Participation

3. Citizen participation consisted of 2 hours of various citizens speaking about the rain event, which included flooding and sewer issues, FOCUSS, franchise fees, pool rules, and road maintenance.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to approve consent agenda items 4-26. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to pull item 24, Resolution establishing Full City Council as Local Review Selection Committee and establishing the selection criteria for the Procurement of Consultant for Application and Administration of CDBG Grant Funds from the consent to allow for discussion. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Item 24 was pulled. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda 4-23 and 25-26 was adopted. Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to approve item 24, Bryan Friedman of Goldfinch Growth spoke regarding the 15 unit apartment project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent agenda item 24 was approved.

4. June 15, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

5. June 19, 2026 Special City Council Minutes

6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: NEWTONIA - BW0101197, 4222 S 22nd Ave E, Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service renewal; Newton KOA (Timberline RV Camp, LLC) - 1601 E 36th St S, Class B Retail Alcohol License

7. Approve 2026-2027 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License Renewal for the following: Newton Tobacco & Vape, LLC, 309 Iowa Speedway Dr - Device Permit Renewal

8. Resolution designating the location for posting public meeting notices and agendas pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21
Resolution 2026-248 adopted.

9. Resolution appointing Lori Miller as Deputy City Clerk
Resolution 2026-249 adopted.

10. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-10)
Resolution 2026-250 adopted.

11. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-11)
Resolution 2026-251 adopted.

12. Resolution accepting completion of the Children's Forest Bank Stabilization Project
Resolution 2026-252 adopted.

13. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr. Sidewalk Project
Resolution 2026-253 adopted.

14. Resolution approving a non-standard use agreement with the business owner of 104 1st St N
Resolution 2026-254 adopted.
15. Resolution to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Iowa DOT for the 1st Ave and E 12th Street Drainage Improvements - Phase II Project
Resolution 2026-255 adopted.
16. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Harmony Park restroom footing and utility install project
Resolution 2026-256 adopted.
17. Resolution approving change order #1 for Demolition Project 2026-01
Resolution 2026-257 adopted.
18. Resolution approving sand purchase for Cell D1/D2 Project at the Newton Sanitary Landfill
Resolution 2026-258 adopted.
19. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Farm Services of Grinnell, IA, to provide DEF tote services for Newton Public Works
Resolution 2026-259 adopted.
20. Resolution approving the Newton Sanitary Landfill Pump Station #1 Leachate Line Repair
Resolution 2026-260 adopted.
21. Resolution amending the submission of a pre-application for Federal Airport Improvement Program funding and certifying eligibility requirements that was previously approved by Resolution 2025-458 and amended by resolution 2026-014
Resolution 2026-261 adopted.
22. Resolution Authorizing Additional Fund Transfers in FY 25/26
Resolution 2026-262 adopted.
23. Resolution Approving a refund to the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) for the Reconstruct Parallel Taxiway at the Newton Municipal Airport
Resolution 2026-263 adopted.
24. Resolution establishing Full City Council as Local Review Selection Committee and establishing the selection criteria for the Procurement of Consultant for Application and Administration of CDBG Grant Funds
Resolution 2026-265 adopted.
25. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the 1st Ave and 12th Street Drainage Improvements - Phase II Project
Resolution 2026-264 adopted.
26. Approve Bills

Ordinance

27. Third Consideration of an Ordinance amending the City of Newton official zoning map for property located at 1017 West 4th St. S. Parcel number 0833479017, from R-2: One-and-Two Family Residential District to C-N: Neighborhood Commercial
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 2488 was adopted.
28. First Consideration of an Ordinance Granting to Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy) a 25-Year Non-Exclusive Electric Franchise
Moved by Mills, seconded by Roth to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Holschuh to amend the ordinance by adding a 3 year vote to continue or not. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Amendment passed. AYES: Five. NAYS: Hallam. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
29. First Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing a Franchise Fee on Energy Providers Operating in the City of Newton, Iowa
Moved by Mills, seconded by Simbro to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Roth to amend the ordinance by adding a 3 year vote to continue or not. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Amendment passed. AYES: Five. NAYS: Hallam. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.
30. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title III, Chapter 30, Section 30.036, "Powers & Duties"; Title III, Chapter 35,

Section 35.11, "Change Orders & Contracts"; and Title III, Chapter 35, Section 35.12, "Emergency Purchases"

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to approve the first consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

31. Resolution Amending the City of Newton Financial Policies, Section 8, Local Purchase Policy and Purchasing Limit Authority and Section 13, Public Purpose Policy
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-266 adopted.
32. Resolution approving the purchase of 3 Bungalow Court, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
Moved by Holschuh, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-267 adopted.
33. Resolution Approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant funds for 108 1st Avenue East, Newton, Iowa in the signage program area
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-268 adopted.
34. Resolution Approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant funds for 110 West 3rd Street South, Newton, Iowa in the signage program area
Moved by Holschuh, seconded by Roth to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-269 adopted.
35. Resolution expressing support for the AU Solutions Manufacturing facility project and economic development investment
Resolution was pulled for a future discussion.

Staff Report

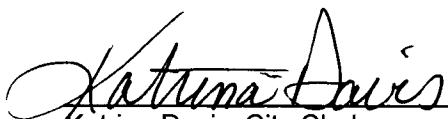
36. Hydraulic Model Overview — Jody Rhone, Utilities Director
Due to the time, this presentation was moved to the following meeting.

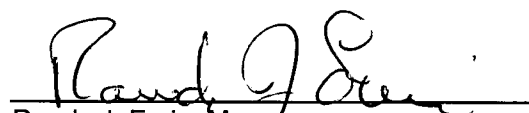
Mayor/Council Comments

37. Mayor and Council Comments
Council appreciated hearing from citizens. Mills invites any citizens to contact him if they would like to talk or ask questions. Roth indicated that the council pay taxes as well and are trying to do what is best for the city as a whole. Citizens are encouraged to attend council meetings, ask questions, and educate themselves. Simbro spoke about many projects that have been completed. Holschuh attended the Newton Cares Classic. It was a great event and Jessica Lowe-Volks did a lot of work to make it great. Mayor Ervin reiterated that council and staff are leaders, and we have to make decisions. He also commented on how wonderful the 4th of July parade was and how Craig Armstrong did a fabulous job being the Grand Marshall.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

