

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 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

2. Nascar Update — Eric Peterson, Iowa Speedway President

Announced the 3rd consecutive sellout. There will be a fun full week of activities with a great race this weekend. 2027 the cup race will be back. Because of a great partnership with the state, there will be some major improvements to the track and fan-faced amenities. Dirks Bentley will be performing Sunday.

Citizen Participation

3. Various citizens spoke during citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Roth, seconded by Mills to approve consent agenda items 3-18. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. July 20, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

5. July 20, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. July 20, 2026 City Council Workshop Minutes

7. July 24, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

8. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: PB Pub - LC0045655, 113 1st Ave E, Outdoor service renewal; 2nd Ave Social LLC Special Event, 600 N 2nd Ave W, September 5, 2026

9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-12)
Resolution 2026-288 adopted.

10. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-13)
Resolution 2026-289 adopted.

11. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Best Midwest Properties LLC Property Located at 109 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
Resolution 2026-290 adopted.

12. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition Project 2026-01
Resolution 2026-291 adopted.

13. Resolution approving quote for the purchase of Gridsmart Traffic Signal Control Boards located at W 2nd St, E 3rd St & E 4th St
Resolution 2026-292 adopted.

14. Resolution approving the purchase and up-fit services for one police patrol vehicle
Resolution 2026-293 adopted.

15. Resolution approving rescinding the application for an 80-20 voluntary annexation into the City of Newton of property located in Section 23, Township 80 North, Range 19 West of the 5th P.M., Jasper County, Iowa.
Resolution 2026-294 adopted.

16. Resolution approving the purchase of bleachers for the Aurora Park Tennis Courts
Resolution 2026-295 adopted.

17. Resolution Approving the Annual Support Fees for the Fire Department Record Management Software
Resolution 2026-296 adopted.

18. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

19. Public Hearing on Resolution approving grant application and funding commitment of a Community Development Block Grant

Mayor Ervin stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on the above Resolution. There were no written comments. Alissa Schafer with Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance provided details on the grant. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

20. Resolution approving grant application and funding commitment of a Community Development Block Grant
Moved by Mills, seconded by Holschuh to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-297 adopted.

Ordinance

21. Third Consideration of an Ordinance Granting to Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy) a 25-Year Non-Exclusive Electric Franchise
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Four. NAYS: Dalton, Hallam. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Holschuh, seconded by Mills, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Four. NAYS: Dalton, Hallam. Ordinance 2489 was adopted.
22. Third Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing a Franchise Fee on Energy Providers Operating in the City of Newton, Iowa
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Roth to approve the third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Four. NAYS: Dalton, Hallam. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Mills, seconded by Holschuh, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Four. NAYS: Dalton, Hallam. Ordinance 2490 was adopted.
23. Third 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 third consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration of the Ordinance was approved. Moved by Mills, seconded by Roth, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2491 was adopted.

Resolution

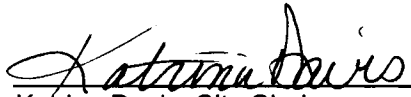
24. Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant funds for 108 1st Avenue East, Newton, Iowa in the Restaurant Improvements Program Area
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Roth to amend the resolution by adding a time limit on what they would have to pay back if they resolved their business or sold any items purchased with the grant. Simbro would like to have additional time to review. The motion to amend was pulled to allow this grant to go through, but they would like to review the program for the future. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-298 adopted.
25. Resolution Amending Eligible Activities of Downtown Improvement Grant funds in the restaurant improvements program area
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Roth to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to postpone the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution was postponed.
26. Resolution Approving and Authorizing Submittal of Documents for the City's Community Development Block Grant submission to the Iowa Economic Development Authority
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2029-299 adopted.

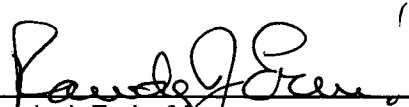
Mayor/Council Comments

27. Mayor and Council Comments
Mills asked for an estimated cost for the special election. Ervin indicated it would be approximately \$10,000. Mills is excited about NASCAR. Roth indicated there will be a Speediatrics Fun Day Festival at the track on Friday, which is a racing-themed youth wellness program organized by The NASCAR Foundation in partnership with local groups like the Newton YMCA. It features fitness activities, education, and a high-energy field day with track visits. Ervin thankful for NASCAR's investment.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Davis, City Clerk


Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

