

NEWTON SPECIAL WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 5, 2023, 6:00 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 6:54 P.M. on the above date in the Council Chambers at 101 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Dalton, George, Ervin, Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

Presentation

2. Utility Billing - Jody Rhone, Utilities Director

Rhone presented the current water utility rates and the cost to produce water. He discussed the partner agreement with Iowa Rural Utilities Association (IRUA), which uses 2/3 of the water produced. Rhone proposed a 5 year plan to increase the rates charged to IRUA. Council discussion ensued and it was proposed to increase the rates over a 2 year period instead. There was also consensus to increase the sewer rates by 5% for the following 5 years.

3. House File 718 - Matt Muckler, City Administrator, Lisa Frasier, Finance Officer, and Candace Streeter, Financial Analyst

House Files 718 was discussed and the effect on the city budget. Muckler spoke regarding core services and how the city could look at reductions to ongoing costs in year one.

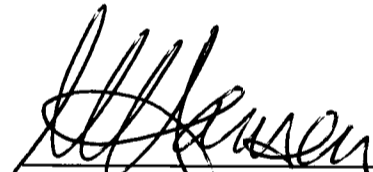
Mayor/Council Comments

4. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

  
Katrina Davis, City Clerk

  
Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

