NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 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.

Proclamation

2. Proclamation Honoring the Life and Work of Myrtilla "Myrt" F. Levin
Myrt Levin faithfully served the citizens of Newton as Mayor from 1974-1975. Her daughter, Ann, thanked the Mayor and Council for the wonderful proclamation.

Citizen Participation

3. Frank Liebl, Executive Director at Newton Development Corporation, presented council with their annual report. Holly Smith, Newton Main Street President, has her own Main Street email to share with the council to create dialogue between city staff and Main Street. She will also start distributing reports and asked for input on the information council would like to include.

Consent Agenda
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Holschuh to approve consent agenda items 4-13. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent Agenda was adopted.

4. January 19, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

5. January 19, 2026, Budget Workshop Minutes

6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: 2nd Ave Social, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Newton Main Street Downtown Dreams Dinner March 6, 2026, Class C Retail Alcohol Special Event License, pending staff approval; Cardinal Lanes - LC00446802, 1300 S 5th Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal; and LEVY @ Iowa Speedway, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr, Class C Retail Alcohol License

7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-02)
Resolution 2026-034 adopted.

8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule 26-03)
Resolution 2026-035 adopted.

9. Resolution authorizing execution of the Iowa water/wastewater agency response network (IAWARN) mutual aid and assistance agreement
Resolution 2026-036 adopted.

10. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025 tree removal project No.1
Resolution 2026-037 adopted.

11. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025 tree removal project No.2
Resolution 2026-038 adopted.

12. Resolution approving the donation of two Maytag Pool season passes to Newton After-Prom
Resolution 2026-039 adopted.

13. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

14. Public Hearing on a resolution approving the purchase agreement of City-owned property at 509 West 2nd Street South, 625 East 5th Street South, 514 South 2nd Avenue West in 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 Dalton to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

15. Resolution approving the purchase agreement of City-owned property at 509 West 2nd Street South, 625 East 5th Street South, 514 South 2nd Avenue West in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-040 adopted.

16. Public Hearing Approving a Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
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 Hallam to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed.

17. Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Mills to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-041 adopted.

Ordinance

18. Third Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title XIII, Chapter 136, "Public Camping"
Moved by Roth, 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 Holschuh, to adopt the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2480 was adopted.

19. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V Public Works, by amending Chapter 53 Stormwater Utility
Moved by Mills, seconded by Simbro to approve the second consideration of the Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution

20. Resolution endorsing Veteran's Section 3 Memorial Monument Concept at Newton Union Cemetery and authorizing local fundraising efforts
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-042 adopted.

21. Resolution approving removal of the W 4th St N & N 2nd Ave W Traffic Signals
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Roth to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-043 adopted.

22. Resolution approving FY27 funding for community partner organizations
Moved by Simbro, seconded by Holschuh to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Four. NAYS: Mills, Dalton. Resolution 2026-044 adopted.

Discussion

23. Harmony Park Restroom
Various restroom examples and add ons were reviewed.

Mayor/Council Comments

24. Mayor and Council Comments
Roth talked about Night to Shine at Community Heights Church on February 13th. They need a lot of volunteer buddies. Contact Londa. The Mayor added thanks to everyone in his absence.

Adjourn

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Katrina Davis, City Clerk

Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

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