NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 at the Newton arboretum and Botanical Gardens, at 3030 N 4th Ave E. Mayor Ervin presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Roth, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Holschuh. Absent: None.

Citizen Participation

2. Jeff Farver, 909 E 7th St S, spoke regarding paving E 7th St S, which is currently graveled.

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

3. September 8, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: 2nd Ave Social, LLC - 105 N 2nd Ave W, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for wedding at Historic Hotel Maytag Ballroom - Oct 17, 2026; ALDI INC - LG0001323, 375 Iowa Speedway Dr, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Brew #96 - LG0001603, 1325 1st Ave W, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Brew #101 - LG0001604, 1806 S 12th Ave W, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Git-N-Go Convenience Stores, Inc - LG0001044, 1708 S 8th Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, 3030 N 4th Ave E, Class C Special Liquor License and Outdoor Service for Special Event - October 10, 2026, Newton Arboretum and Botanical Gardens Fall Festival
5. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-15)
   Resolution 2026-334 adopted.
6. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule 26-16)
   Resolution 2026-335 adopted.
7. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the GG 115 LLC Property Located at 208 S 2nd Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
   Resolution 2026-336 adopted.
8. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC – 713462140
   Resolution 2026-337 adopted.
9. Resolution accepting completion of the Harmony Park restroom footing and utility install project
   Resolution 2026-338 adopted.
10. Resolution approving contract with Cindy Franzen for cleaning at Westwood Clubhouse
    Resolution 2026-339 adopted.
11. Resolution accepting completion of the 1st Ave E and E 12th St Drainage Improvements Project
    Resolution 2026-340 adopted.
12. Resolution Approving the Use of the Courts at Aurora Park for the Newton Area Pickleball and Tennis Association's Great Pumpkin Smash Court Clash
    Resolution 2026-341 adopted.
13. Resolution approving expenditures from the Library Emergency Response Planning & Upgrades CIP
    Resolution 2026-342 adopted.
14. Resolution approving change order 1 and accepting completion of the 1St St N 8 Inch watermain project
    Resolution 2026-343 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the seasonal part-time appointment of a Finance Advisor
    Resolution 2026-344 adopted.

16. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2023-01 Project
Resolution 2026-345 adopted.

17. Resolution awarding the contract for the 2026 City of Newton Tree Removal Project No. 1
Resolution 2026-346 adopted.

18. Resolution amending the funding sources for the Arbor Estates 3rd Addition Construction Project
Resolution 2026-347 adopted.

19. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of city-owned property at 507 North 2nd Avenue West, Newton, Jasper county, Iowa
Resolution 2026-348 adopted.

20. Approve Bills

Resolution

21. Resolution calling a special election, setting March 2, 2027, as the Special Election Date and adopting ballot language on the proposition of a new electric utility franchise agreement between the City of Newton and Interstate Power and Light Company
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Simbro to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Holschuh, seconded by Simbro to amend the summary language by adding: "to be spent on repair and improvement of public facilities, public safety operations and equipment, transportation and public grounds infrastructure" AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Amendment passed. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-349 adopted.

22. Resolution calling a special election, setting March 2, 2027, as the special election date and adopting ballot language on the proposition of a franchise fee on energy providers operating in the City of Newton, Iowa
Moved by Hallam, seconded by Roth to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Holschuh, seconded by Roth to amend the summary language by adding: "to be spent on repair and improvement of public facilities, public safety operations and equipment, transportation and public grounds infrastructure" AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Amendment passed. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-350 adopted.

23. Resolution directing City Staff to Seek Quotations in accordance with the City Financial Policy for Refurbishing Pool Pavilion Floors at Maytag Park
Moved by Roth, seconded by MIlls to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-351 adopted.

24. Resolution approving the Second Amendment to and consent to assignment of agreement for private development for the Legacy Plaza Urban Renewal Area
Moved by Holschuh, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2026-352 adopted.

25. Resolution dedicating $25,000.00 of ending fund balance to Downtown Grant Programs for Facade and/or Housing
Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Roth to amend the resolution to $50,000. AYES: Five. NAYS: Mills. Motion to amend passed. AYES: Five. NAYS: Mills. Resolution 2026-353 adopted.

Mayor/Council Comments

26. Mayor and Council Comments
Mayor and Council spoke about several events, such as the Hide & Seek Geo Caching event, the Landmark Art Festival and the 9/11 ceremony, a Grey Moon fall event coming up, and a couple events happening at the Newton Arboretum.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Katrina Davis, City Clerk

Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

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