NEWTON GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, 6:45 PM
NEWTON ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS, 3030 N 4TH AVE E, NEWTON, IA 50208

Call to Order

1. Roll Call
   The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 6:45 P.M. on the above date at the Newton Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, 3030 N 4th Ave E. Mayor Ervin presided. Present Council Members: Mills, Roth, Dalton, Hallam, Simbro, Holschuh. Absent: None.

Discussion

2. Review of Goal Setting Process - Katrina Davis, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk
3. Comprehensive Plan Review - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director
4. Review of Current FY27-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Rodrigo Leon, Financial Analyst
5. Review of Constitiutional Debt Limit, Current Outstanding Debt and Debt Service Levy Rate - Jarrod Wellik, Fire Chief
6. Review 2023-2025, 2024-2026, and 2025-2027 City Council Goals - Rob Burdess, Police Chief
7. The Goals of the Newton Park Board - Adopted June 17, 2026 - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director
8. Presentation of Potential 2026-2028 City Council Goals - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director; Joe Grife, Public Works Director; and Jody Rhone, Utilities Director
9. Executive Team and City Administrator Recommendations for 2026-2028 Goals - Jarrod Wellik, Fire Chief
10. Draft FY28-FY32 CIP - Rodrigo Leon, Financial Analyst
11. Instructions to Mayor and Council on 2026-2028 Goal Selection - Nicole Terry, Newton Public Library Director
12. City Council Discussion & Goal Selection
13. Preliminary Tabulation and Presentation of City Council Goal Preferences - Matt Muckler, City Administrator
    After tabulation, the top City Council Goals were:
    1. Sidewalk on E 12th St S from S 5th Ave E to S 13th Ave E ($210,000) – 13 votes
    2. Maytag Street Light Replacement ($35,000) – 11 votes
    3. Police Handheld Emergency Radios ($165,500) – 10 votes
    4. Citywide PCC Patching Project ($500,000) – 9 votes
    4. E 7th St S from S 8th Ave to top of hill; concrete, curb and gutter ($250,000) – 9 votes
    6. Paint Maytag Bowl ($50,000) – 8 votes
    7. Library Fire Monitoring Install (including ceiling tile replacement and repair) ($135,000) – 7 votes
    7. E 5th St S from S 13th Ave E to city limits by WPC plant; HMA overlay ($250,000) – 7 votes
    9. Shelter/Shade Structure at Aurora Park ($50,000) – 6 votes
    9. Playground Improvements at a Neighborhood Park ($100,000) – 6 votes
    11. Agnes Patterson Memorial Park Softball Field and Baseball Fence Upgrades ($110,000) – 4 votes
    The goals will be approved at an upcoming meeting and each project will need to be approved on it's own prior to moving forward.

Adjourn
Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Katrina Davis, City Clerk

Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

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