NEWTON BUDGET WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2026, 8:50 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 8:50 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. Review of Comp Plan – Erin Chambers, Community Development Director

There are 4 strategic objectives: Establish Newton as a compelling destination; Focus economic development efforts on population and business growth; Elevate Newton's curb appeal; and Maintain Newton's existing infrastructure while enhancing or expanding to support a high quality of life and community growth.

3. City Council Goals – Katrina Davis, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk

The top 6 goals will be incorporated into the spring bonding while the final 5 goals will have future conversations around funding.

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

4. Review of Proposed Budget Schedule – Candace Streeter, Finance Officer

Budget Workshops will be held immediately following the regular city council meetings through February. March 1st will set a public hearing on Max Levy. March 5th is the deadline to provide taxpayer statement information to the County Auditor. On March 22 there will be a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing on Max Levy. An additional special meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd to adopt the final proposed budget and set a public hearing on a final budget. April 5th is the budget hearing and adoption of final budget.

5. Review of Ending Fund Balance FY26/27 Year Projections – Candace Streeter, Finance Officer

The General Fund ending balance on 6-30-26 was $3,984,908 with $594,038 in designated funds for an undesignated fund balance of $3,390,870 or 32.89% of expenditures.

6. Landfill, Road Use Tax and Stormwater Budgets – Joe Grife, Public Works Director

Mayor/Council Comments

7. Council Member Input – Questions and Comments for Staff

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Katrina Davis, City Clerk

Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

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