NEWTON BUDGET WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2026, 8:35 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call
   The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 8:35 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. Absent: Holschuh.

Presentation

2. FY26 Expenditures by Function & Revenue by Source – Candace Streeter, Finance Officer
   Staff presented FY26 actual expenditures by function. Major spending areas included Capital Projects (15.4%), Police (10.2%), Water (9.7%), Debt Service (9.3%), and Public Works/Streets (9.3%). Total FY26 expenditures were $46.7 million. FY26 revenues totaled $46.9 million, led by Property Taxes (20.5%), Bond Proceeds (11.8%), Miscellaneous (9.1%), and Local Grants/Reimbursements (8.2%).
3. FY26 My Tax Dollars at Work & FY26 Newton Property Tax Distribution – Rodrigo Leon
   A breakdown of FY26 property tax distribution was reviewed: City of Newton (42.82%), Newton School District (39.77%), Jasper County (14.35%), and all other taxing entities (3.06%).
4. Presentation of FY28 Employee Compensation Costs – Candace Streeter, Finance Officer
   Staff reviewed projected FY28 wage impacts across all employee groups (Police, Fire, Teamsters, Utilities, and Pay Plan employees). The City has 133 employees covered by union contracts or the pay plan (excluding Library staff). FY28 wage increases are driven by an extra pay period, staffing adjustments, and previously approved position changes.
5. Water, Wastewater, and Utility Billing Budgets – Jody Rhone, Utilities Director
   Water Pollution Control Funds
   FY28 revenues: $3.99M
   FY28 expenditures: $3.75M
   Capital improvements include $400K in sewer lining and $100K for boiler replacements.
   Projected FY28 ending fund balance: $1.83M.

   Water Funds
   FY28 revenues: $6.81M (includes proposed rate adjustment).
   FY28 expenditures: $7.31M, resulting in a $439,839 deficit.
   Capital improvements include $500K for water main replacement and $300K for meter replacement.

Mayor/Council Comments

6. Council Member Input – Questions and Comments for Staff
   Staff noted that all workshop presentations will be posted on the City's Transparency webpage following the meeting.

Adjourn

Moved by Mills, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Katrina Davis, City Clerk

Randy J. Ervin, Mayor

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