

Town of Newton Grove

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

March 10, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Newton Grove was held on March 10, 2025.

Present: Mayor Craig Warren, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Raynor, Commissioner, Commissioner Bartley Warren, Commissioner George Schwartz, Commissioner Alan Herring, and Commissioner Cody Smith

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Dana Ellington, Police Chief Greg Warren, Legal Lew Starling

Staff Absent: Town Clerk Amanda Baggett

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.**
3. **Financial Review.** Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley Warren, seconded by Commissioner George Schwartz, and passed by unanimous vote, the financial review was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion by Commissioner Cody Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bartley Warren, and passed by unanimous vote, the minutes for February 10, 2025 were approved.
5. **Public Hearing RZ 25-01.** Upon motion by Commissioner Alan Herring, seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed unanimously, the public hearing was opened. Paul Embler presented RZ 25-01. Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley Warren, seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed unanimously, the public hearing was adjourned. Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley Warren, seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed unanimously, RZ 25-01 was approved. The motion was based on the seven items listed in the staff comments.
6. **Public Comment.** Denise Norris stated that our new officer, Alan Blanchard was doing a great job. Fire Chief Daniel Warwick spoke to the board about the fire tax and redoing the contract between the fire department and the town. Dewayne West spoke about his support for the fire department.
7. **Departmental Reports.**

A. Street Department – Commissioner Chris Raynor. Commissioner Raynor reported no issues with trash. He wants to remind residents to not place trash cans beside mailboxes and make sure all trash is inside the can. DOT will be doing some cleaning around town. Speed limit signs will be here soon. Still waiting on developer and engineers to decide about West Grove St.

B. Police Department – Commissioner Alan Herring. Commissioner Herring reported no issues. Officer Blanchard is doing a great job.

C. Buildings & Grounds – George Schwartz. Commissioner Schwartz reported all the lighting issues have been repaired.

D. Public Works Department and Zoning – Commissioner Cody Smith. Commissioner Smith reported that Pearson Pump will inspect the rotating aerator this week. Many repairs still need to be made at WWTP. The SCADA system was approved to be purchased with grant money. The CCR has been completed and will be posted on our website and on water bills in April.

E. Parks & Special Projects – Commissioner Bartley Warren. Commissioner Warren reported the walking trail is complete at the park. There will be a dedication ceremony later.

8. Adjournment.

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Craig Warren, Mayor ATTEST:

Amanda Baggett, Town Clerk