

Town of Newton Grove

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

July 14, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Newton Grove was held on July 14, 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 and Legal Lew Starling

Staff Absent: Town Clerk Amanda Baggett and Police Chief Greg Warren

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 Alan Herring, seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed by unanimous vote, the minutes for June 9, 2025 were approved.
5. **Newton Grove Fire Department Contract.** Mayor Warren updated the board on the status of the fire contract. It has not been signed by the fire department yet. They do not agree to \$46,000 and want the entire exhibit page removed. Commissioner Raynor suggested another sit down with their board. Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley Warren, seconded by Commissioner Chris Raynor, and passed unanimously, the mayor will reach out to fire chief and set up another meeting with their board.
6. **Public Comment.** Richie Warren stated that he is the only Fire Department board member in town. He is concerned about the status of the contract as a citizen. He thinks the fire department would agree to a money figure halfway between \$46,000 and \$65,000. Anthony Goodman thanked the town for putting on the 4th of July celebration.
7. **Departmental Reports.**

A. Street Department – Commissioner Chris Raynor. Commissioner Raynor reported no issues with trash. Streets are being maintained, and we are looking for someone to help us with paving the town streets. Need to get streets mowed, but weather has kept us from doing so.

B. Police Department – Commissioner Alan Herring. Commissioner Herring reported no issues. Alan thanked the police department for their job at the 4th of July celebration.

C. Buildings & Grounds – George Schwartz. Commissioner Schwartz reported no issues. Still need to fix flagpoles at the circle.

D. Public Works Department and Zoning – Commissioner Cody Smith. Commissioner Smith reported we are still working on SCADA. We have replaced the chlorine pump. We are having a state inspection in the next few weeks. We also need to have the water tank inspection. Commissioner Smith also mentioned the mobile units on Fayetteville St. need to be investigated. He also stated he has contacted Senator Brent Jackson about the ditch on West Grove St.

E. Parks & Special Projects – Commissioner Bartley Warren. Commissioner Warren reported the 4th of July celebration was a success. Commissioner Warren commented that we need to inquire about the Monk House and see what we can do to get it and then find grants to fix it.

8. Adjournment.

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Craig Warren, Mayor ATTEST:

Amanda Baggett, Town Clerk