



Newton City Council Agenda

February 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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City Hall - Council Chambers
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Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Proclamation

2. Government Communicators Day

Presentation

3. Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report 2024 - Larry Hurto, HPC Chair

Citizen Participation

4. This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Council. After being recognized by the presiding officer, each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak. Elected officials will take comments into consideration; however, this time is not intended for a discussion or entering into a dialogue. Elected officials and City staff will not answer questions or debate a citizen during the *Citizen Participation* portion of the meeting

Consent Agenda

5. February 3, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. February 3, 2025 Budget Workshop Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: American Legion Newton Post 111, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event April 3-7, 2025, pending dramshop review; Americinn - BW0097446, 4401 S 22nd Ave E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License pending dramshop review; Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh - LE0003889, 1421 1st Ave E; Hy-Vee Food Store #1 - LE0000090, 1501 First Ave E; and Hy-Vee Market Cafe - LC0041009, 1501 1st Ave E, Market Cafe Area, ownership updates; Levy @ Iowa Speedway, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service renewal
8. Approve January 1 - June 30, 2025 Device Permit for Newton Market, 321 1st Ave W; Newton Tobacco & Vape, LLC, 309 Iowa Speedway Dr; and Tobacco, Vape, E-Cig, 1126 1st Ave E
9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-02)

10. Resolution approving the 2024 Certified Local Government Annual Report for the Historic Preservation Commission
11. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Jasper Point Plaza, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
12. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Highway and Symbol Painting Project
13. Resolution approving a contract from Midwest Inflatables, LLC for Newton Fest activities.
14. Resolution approving a quote to replace the undercarriage of the Landfill 850L dozer
15. Resolution approving the Clinical Engineering Agreement with Unity Point Health
16. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) Traffic Signal Upgrades Project
17. Approve Bills

Ordinance

18. Third Consideration of an Ordinance to adopt the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, AKA "City Code"
 - On August 1st, 2016 the City Council adopted the 2016 City Code of Newton, Iowa; and adds new ordinances and amendments upon passage by supplementation to the City Code as required by Iowa Code 380.8.
 - It is now appropriate to adopt the 2025 code of compiled and existing ordinances under the statute, without any substantive changes proposed.
19. Third Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning
 - As the Newton City Council has endeavored to find a location for the animal control facility, it became apparent that the zoning code does not clearly address the when and where such facilities are allowed, leaving too much up to administrative interpretation.
 - At their meeting on January 7, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed zoning code amendments which provide stronger clarity on the matter of kennel, pet boarding, and pounds.
 - The code amendments provide specific locational criteria as it relates to nearby uses and establish a conditional use permit requirement, which requires a public hearing and neighborhood notification prior to a decision, for certain household pet housing facilities within the agriculture, commercial, and industrial districts.
20. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V, Chapter 54, Waterworks Section 54.02 – 54.19 by adding or deleting language
 - In November of 2022 Council approved a reorganization, creating the Utilities Department, placing waterworks under the Utilities

Department. Numerous language changes throughout this ordinance are to reflect Utilities, versus Public Works.

- Other changes include clarification to numerous code sections, updates to operational procedures and adjustment to service fee schedule.

Resolution

21. Resolution approving the City-wide Signage Replacement Project
 - In order to maintain a positive and professional image for residents and visitors alike, it is necessary to repair and replace City signs.
 - There are not significant design changes proposed for the new sign faces. The logo will be reduced in size with the text increased in size, as compared to the current design.
22. Resolution approving Change Order #3 for the Westwood Clubhouse Phase #2 Interior Improvements Project
 - On October 21, 2024, council approved the Westwood Clubhouse Interior Build-out contract with Ball Team, LLC. At that time the add-alternate for the bar construction was not included.
 - It is now an appropriate time to move forward with the construction of the bar in the amount not to exceed \$75,000, using donated funds secured by the Westwood Clubhouse Fundraising Committee.

Staff Report

23. Solid Waste and Recycling Hauling Contract - Joe Grife, Public Works Director

Mayor/Council Comments

24. Mayor and Council Comments

Closed Session

25. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2025

Return to Open Session

26. Return to Open Session

Adjourn

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