



Newton City Council Agenda

May 19, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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City Hall - Council Chambers
101 W 4th St S, Newton, IA 50208

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Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Proclamation

2. National Public Works Week May 18–24, 2025

Presentation

3. Newton Municipal Airport Update, Ethan Nasalroad, President, Johnson Aviation

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. May 1, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
6. May 5, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Fore Seasons Sports Bar & Grill, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event June 5-9, 2025, pending dramshop review
8. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: Brewco Marketing Group, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr; Casey's #1911, 1018 1st Ave E; Casey's #2341, 3104 1st Ave E; Casey's #2417, 1200 W 18th St S; Casey's #3954, 4343 S 15th Ave E; Git-N-Go Convenience Store #14, 801 1st Ave W; Git-N-Go Convenience Store #45, 1708 S 8th Ave E; Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh, 1421 1st Ave E; Hy-Vee Food Store, 1501 1st Ave E
9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-05)
10. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Leavenwealth Capital, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area

11. Resolution approving CO1 and accepting completion of the 2025-01 Subdrain Collector Line Project
12. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2024-01 Project
13. Resolution accepting completion of the Westwood Sidewalk/ Cart Path PCC Project
14. Resolution accepting completion of the Downtown Spray Park & Gathering Space Project
15. Resolution approving a non-standard Improvement in the City Right of Way with Newton Main Street
16. Accept Completion Of Westwood 2025 Grading Project
17. Resolution approving the donation of one Maytag Pool season pass to "May is Mental Health Month" fundraiser for Capstone Behavioral Healthcare
18. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment
19. Resolution approving the Venue and Public House Special Events Application
20. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of 306 East 8th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
21. Resolution fixing a date for a public hearing and ordering clerk to publish notice for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the 2025 Aurora Park Tennis Courts.
22. Resolution fixing a date for a public hearing and ordering clerk to publish notice for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the 2025 Aurora Park Tennis Court Lighting.
23. Approve Bills

Ordinance

24. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: Mayor and Council
 - In order to keep in line with comparable communities and for the good of the organization, it is recommended by staff to increase the Mayor's and Council's pay for the next elected council, which begins January 1, 2026.
25. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Partial Tax Exemption for Industrial Property
 - This is an ordinance establishing industrial abatement in accordance with Code of Iowa Chapter 427B.
 - The tax exemption schedule, authorized by Iowa Code Chapter 427B is for five years as follows: Year 1: 75%, Year 2: 60%, Year 3: 45%, Year 4: 30%, Year 5: 15%.
26. First Reading Ordinance repealing Ordinance #2443 and amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title V, Chapter 54 Waterworks, Section 54.19 Fee Schedule by Adding or Deleting

- In September 2022, the citizens of Newton voted to place the governance of the municipal waterworks under the authority of the Newton City Council. Since that time, city staff and council have worked diligently to increase operational efficiency, improve transparency, and implement a proactive approach to managing the city's water infrastructure.
- As part of this ongoing effort, the city has begun investing in critical infrastructure upgrades necessary to maintain a safe and reliable water system. Many components of the system have reached or exceeded their intended lifespan, and timely improvements are essential to avoid service disruptions and higher emergency repair costs.
- In addition to the cost of infrastructure improvements, inflation has significantly impacted the cost of chemicals, materials, equipment, and labor required to operate and maintain the system. These economic pressures have increased the financial demands on the water utility.
- Furthermore, it is important to note that water rates in Newton have not been adjusted in over six years. During this period, operational costs have dramatically risen, while revenues have remained static. To continue providing high-quality service and to maintain financial sustainability, a rate adjustment is now both prudent and necessary.

Staff Report

27. Review of May 21, 2024, Flood and Stormwater Utility Information - Joe Grife, Public Works Director

Discussion

28. Proposed 2025 Newton City Council Rules of Procedure

Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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