



Newton City Council Agenda

July 7, 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. Honoring Dr. Orville Bunker for 32 Years as Medical Director for the Newton Fire Department

Citizen Participation

3. 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

4. June 16, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. June 23, 2025 Workshop Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Newtonia (formerly Cobblestone Inn & Suites), 4222 S. 22nd Ave. E., Special Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service; PB Pub - LC0045655, 113 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service renewal pending dramshop review
7. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: Avail Vapor Texas LLC, 3333 Rusty Wallacy Dr.
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-08)
9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-07)
10. Resolution Authorizing Additional Fund Transfers in FY24/25
11. Resolution approving change order #2 for the 1st Ave (Highway 6) Signal Improvement Project
12. Resolution accepting completion of the Southwest Public Works Building Roof Rehabilitation Project

13. Resolution approving a one (1) year supplemental agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City maintenance of U.S. Highway 6
14. Resolution accepting a permanent Utility easement located at 345 W 28th St S
15. Resolution authorizing the purchase of materials for new water main to Westwood Golf Course Clubhouse
16. Resolution Approving Amendment #001 to Agreement for Professional Services Between City of Newton, Iowa and Bolton and Menk for Aurora Park Tennis Courts Project
17. Resolution Awarding the Purchase of SCBA Equipment for the Fire Department
18. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025 Fire Hydrant Painting Project
19. Resolution Accepting Completion of the Newton Public Library Furnace Replacement and Installation Project
20. Resolution amending resolution 2025-109 approving the purchase and up-fit services for three police patrol vehicles
21. 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 2025 Westwood Patio Project
22. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

23. Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 152: Swimming Pools
 - The City of Newton utilizes the International Code Council family of codes for Building Code, Minimum Housing Code, Fire Code, and Property Maintenance Code.
 - The Building Trade Board reviewed the City's current swimming pool code, and recommends adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2015 Edition, to provide consistency across the City's adopted codes.
24. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 152: Swimming Pools

Motion

25. Motion to Reconsider the Motion Postponing Action to August 4, 2025 on the Resolution Approving the Purchase of 209 South 15th Avenue West for the Dangerous and Dilapidated Program

Resolution

26. Resolution approving the purchase of 209 South 15th Avenue West for the Dangerous and Dilapidated Program
 - The subject property is an ideal candidate for the City's D&D Program as it is in very poor condition and is located directly

adjacent to property that the City of Newton already owns and improves the redevelopment footprint.

- David Curtis, owner of 209 South 15th Avenue West has agreed to sell the property to the City for \$19,900.00. This acquisition price is 41.2% of the net assessed value.

27. Resolution Amending Fee Schedule for Commercial Building Trades Permit Fees

- By Resolution 2025-316, the City Council adopted a simplified fee schedule for Building Trades Permits (Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, and Solar).
- Commercial Trades Permits are based on valuation of the work. In practice, this results in very large permit fees for large projects that are significantly higher than permit fees in the region as well as significantly higher than the cost to provide the inspection services related to the work.
- This resolution proposes a cap or a not to exceed number on commercial trades permits of \$1,500.00.

28. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the City of Newton Employee Handbook as Amended

- Increasing the non-bargaining sick leave bonus from \$100 to \$180 in alignment with the four union's sick leave bonus helps close the gap in perceived fairness and makes stepping up into leadership more appealing.

29. Resolution authorizing a Range adjustment for the IT Support Specialist position

- The IT Support Specialist plays a vital role in supporting the City's technology infrastructure, including user support, systems troubleshooting, hardware/software maintenance, and security-related functions.
- Despite multiple applications, no candidate possessed the full range of required skills and experience without requiring extensive training. This delays our ability to restore full IT support capacity.
- Staff recommend moving the position from Range 4 to Range 5 within the adopted pay matrix to motivate qualified candidates to apply.

30. Resolution Approving Support from the City of Newton to Des Moines Area Community College for the Community Attraction & Tourism Grant Application for the Legacy Plaza Green Space

- DMACC has requested City support and assistance for the CAT Grant application to support the development of the greenspace at Legacy Plaza.

- This resolution articulates the City's support for the CAT Grant application and would provide funding from the North Central Urban Renewal Area.

31. Resolution Approving Support from the City of Newton to the MercyOne Newton Emergency Department Renovation Project

- MercyOne-Newton is starting a major renovation to the Emergency Department in 2025.
- The City of Newton supports the renovation project as a vital community investment and would provide funding from the North Central Urban Renewal Area.

32. Resolution Approving the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the East 10 feet of the Property located at 2009 1st Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa for the Aurora Tennis Courts Project

- The City and Newton Community Schools have collaborated to improve the tennis courts at Aurora Park. The project is currently underway.
- Design improvements that can enhance the usage of the courts, in particular for high-school meets, are possible with the acquisition of ten feet from the neighbor to the west.
- The property owners have agreed to sell the East 10 feet of 2009 1st Avenue East to the City for \$35,000. Additionally, they have signed a temporary construction easement over the same 10 feet, so that work can continue while everyone works towards a property closing.

Staff Report

33. Police Department Mid-Year Report - Police Chief, Rob Burdess

Discussion

34. Westwood Golf Course Staffing - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director

Mayor/Council Comments

35. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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