



Newton City Council Agenda

July 21, 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 of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Presentation

2. Open Arms Foundation of Jasper County - Nick Pietrack

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. July 7, 2025 Special City Council Workshop Minutes
5. July 7, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License & Class E Retail Alcohol License for Pit Stop Liquors (under new ownership), 1324 1st Ave E pending staff review
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-08)
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-09)
9. Resolution Approving Payment to Axon, LLC for Police Video Equipment and Service
10. Resolution Approving the FY24 Audit for the City of Newton
11. Resolution Approving Disposal of Records in the Finance Area of the Administration Department According to the Iowa League of Cities Recommended Retention Schedule
12. Resolution approving a quote for the completion of the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project through a performance bond
13. Resolution Amending the Total Downtown Grant Amount for Silverado Boutique at 105 West 2nd Street North, Newton

14. Resolution approving change order #1 for Aurora Tennis Court Project
15. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – UPN 9973
16. Resolution approving change order #1 for Landfill Concrete Crushing Project
17. Resolution awarding contract for the Scale House Electrical Generator Installation Project
18. Resolution Approving the letter of support for Newton Main Street's Challenge Grant Application
19. Resolution approving the private sale and assignment of development agreement for 900 and 1106 South 5th Avenue East
20. Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for Iowa Traffic Safety Improvement Program funding
21. Resolution Renewing the Aviation Ground Operations Liability Insurance Package For the Newton Airport with Global Aerospace Inc.
22. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering city clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
23. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

24. Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the North Central Urban Renewal Area
 - Iowa Code Chapter 403 requires that a city amend any existing urban renewal plan to describe all new projects.
 - An amendment to the North Central URA plan has been prepared which consists of a forgivable loan, reconstruction of several downtown streets and various other urban renewal area projects and programs.
25. Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the North Central Urban Renewal Area
26. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
 - Iowa Code Chapter 403 requires that a city amend any existing urban renewal plan to describe all new projects.
 - An amendment to the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal plan has been prepared which consists of Stormwater improvements and various other urban renewal area projects and programs.
27. Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
28. Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the East-Mart Economic Development Urban Renewal Area

- Iowa Code Chapter 403 requires that a city amend any existing urban renewal plan to describe all new projects.
- An amendment to the East-Mart URA plan has been prepared which consists of Sidewalk improvements and various other urban renewal area projects and programs.

29. Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the East-Mart Economic Development Urban Renewal Area

30. Public Hearing on an Ordinance adding 1601 North 15th Avenue East to the listing of Industrial Property Tax Abatements

- Council recently adopted the Industrial Tax Exemption ordinance as authorized by the Iowa Code.
- In order to provide tax exemption to qualifying industrial properties, Council must adopt, by ordinance, each individual exemption.
- This ordinance provides a five-year, sliding scale property tax exemption for 1601 North 15th Avenue East.

31. First Consideration of an Ordinance adding 1601 North 15th Avenue East to the listing of Industrial Property Tax Abatements

Ordinance

32. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 152: Swimming Pools

- The City 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 current swimming pool code, and recommends adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2015 Edition, to provide consistency with the City's adopted codes.

33. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending The Code of Ordinances, City Of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title XI, Chapter 111 Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, And Mobile Food Units, Section 111.07 Mobile Food Unit Standards

- City Council desires to allow parking of mobile food units along the south side of N 3rd Ave W adjacent to the new splash pad in Harmony Park.
- The existing ordinance does not allow parking on public property or in the public right of way except for designated locations.
- This change will codify the changes allowing the parking of mobile food units in the requested location.

Resolution

34. Resolution approving Contract for Professional Community and Economic Development Services by and between the City of Newton, Iowa and Newton Housing Development Corporation
- Newton Housing Development Corporation works to improve the quantity and quality of housing in the community.
 - It is desirable for the City to engage NHDC for professional consultant services to perform community and housing economic development activities.
 - The 5-year contract provides an annual consultant fee to NHDC in the amount of \$40,000.00.
35. Resolution approving Contract for Commercial and Industrial Economic Development Services with Newton Development Corporation
- The City has a need to contract for professional economic development services with Newton Development Corporation.
 - The contract provides a listing of work the City is asking NDC to complete and provides for a fee of \$77,000, paid in quarterly installments.
 - The contract expires on June 30, 2026.
36. Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant funds for 109-111 W 3rd Street North, Newton, Iowa in the Facade and Paint Program Area
- July 9, 2025, the Downtown Grant Review Board recommended approval of funds to Marilyn and Randy Terlouw, to support apartment and commercial space for 109-111 W 3rd St N.
 - The maximum allowed grant amount for facade is \$1,500, provided a 1:1 match is met. The maximum allowed grant amount for paint is \$1,500, provided a 1:1 match is met.
 - The total recommended grant is **\$5,131.96** (\$4,315.98 for the facade and \$815.98 for the painting).
37. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 525 North 2nd Avenue East, Newton
- The owner of 525 N 2nd Ave E has made an application in the Permanent Interior Work and Windows & Doors categories and has submitted quotes. The owner and the property meet the requirements of the LMI Existing Housing Improvement Grant program.
 - The resolution approves a \$6,902.73 grant for 525 N 2nd Ave E.
38. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 1010 North 5th Avenue East, Newton
- The owner of 1010 North 5th Avenue East has made an application in the Plumbing category and has submitted a quote

for the work. The owner and the property meet the requirements of the City's LMI Existing Housing Improvement Grant program.

- The resolution approves a \$5,118.75 grant for 1010 North 5th Avenue East.

39. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 309 East 20th Street North, Newton

- The owners of 309 East 20th Street North have made an application in the HVAC and Permanent Interior Work categories and has submitted a quote for the work. The owners and the property meet the requirements of the City's LMI Existing Housing Improvement Grant program.
- The resolution approves a \$9,583.50 grant for 309 East 20th Street North.

40. Resolution approving part-time cook positions at Westwood Golf Course

- The new Westwood Clubhouse provides enhanced food offerings, and it has become very apparent in the weeks since opening that additional help is needed in the kitchen.
- This resolution authorizes two part-time cook positions for Westwood Golfcourse, to be paid for by the Golf Fund.

41. Resolution awarding the purchase of a Zoll ZVent Ventilator from Zoll Medical Corporation

- The Fire department utilizes very specialized equipment when providing ambulance services to the citizens and visitors.
- This purchase will equip two of three front line ambulances with ventilation equipment to provide advanced ventilation for patients.

Staff Report

42. Water Source & Treatment Projects - Jody Rhone, Utilities Director

Mayor/Council Comments

43. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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