



Newton City Council Agenda

August 4, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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101 W 4th St S, Newton, IA 50208

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Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Citizen Participation

2. 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

3. July 21, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-10)
5. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-09)
6. Resolution accepting the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant for Cardinal Pond Fishing Pier Improvements
7. Resolution authorizing City Staff to apply for the Iowa Tourism Grant Program to support a digital marketing campaign promoting the City of Newton
8. Resolution approving the purchase of equipment for the City fitness facility
9. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2025-01 Project
10. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2025-02 Project
11. Resolution approving change order #2 for Aurora Tennis Court Project
12. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

13. Public Hearing on Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Westwood Patio Project

- On September 13, 2022, residents approved a park bond referendum, which included the construction of a new clubhouse at the Westwood Golf Course.
- Previous projects have been completed, including asbestos abatement, demolition, site grading, utilities, footing, shell and interior improvements. This project will complete exterior patio and cart improvements.
- The apparent low quote of \$49,895.56 is from Jerry Keenan Concrete. The cost estimate was \$69,621.81.

14. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Westwood Patio Project

Ordinance

15. Third 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.

16. Second 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.

17. Second Consideration of 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.

Resolution

18. 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.
19. 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 have 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 \$9,225.00 grant for 309 East 20th Street North.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Resolution amending the Cemetery Rules and Regulations relating to decorations at the columbarium in Union Cemetery

- Private citizens have requested consideration of amendments to the Cemetery Rules relating to decorations on niches within the columbarium at Union Cemetery.
- The current rules in place do not allow for decorations at the columbarum, providing a streamlined appearance.
- The attached resolution contemplates the allowance of a small wreath or other decoration or a bud vase installed upon individual niches, provided the decorations do not infringe on surrounding spaces by crossing the niche boundary.

23. Resolution approving an amendment to the adopted Low-Moderate Income Set Aside Policy

- The City has established a LMI Housing Set-Aside Policy to guide how the required set-aside funds from Residential TIF Districts are utilized.
- Some amendments to the policy, resulting in grant caps for certain program areas, removing interior work as a program area, and a household lifetime cap are suggested.

Mayor/Council Comments

24. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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