



Newton City Council Agenda

August 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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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. August 8, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh - LE0003889, 1421 1st Ave E, and Hy-Vee Food Store #1 - LE0000090, 1501 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License, ownership changes
5. Resolution Adopting 2025 S20 Supplement to the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Newton, Iowa, 2025," and Approving Distribution of the Same to Code Subscribers
6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-10)
7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-11)
8. Resolution approving Change Order #1 for the 2025 Westwood Patio project
9. Resolution approving Change Order #2 and accepting completion of the 2024 Streetscape Improvement Project
10. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 Aurora Park Parking Lot removal
11. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 City of Newton Tree Removal Project No. 1
12. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 City of Newton Tree Removal Project No. 2

13. Resolution approving the purchase of patio furniture for Westwood Clubhouse
14. Resolution Authorizing the Newton Fire Department to accept the 2025 Local Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Grant award and agreement in the amount of \$5,250.00 and purchase the inflatable fire safety house
15. 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 HMA Alley Overlay Project
16. Approve Bills

Ordinance

17. Third 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.
18. Third 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.
19. First consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15 "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference" to make changes to parking in the 200 Block of North Third Avenue West and the 200 Block of West Third Street North
 - The new splash pad park opened in the summer of 2025 near the intersection of N 3rd Ave and W 3rd St N
 - The additional pedestrian activity coupled with the desire to park food trucks in the area has created a need for a greater sight line at the intersection
 - The Traffic Safety Committee recommends removing one parking stall on W 3rd St N and one on N 3rd Ave W for the safety of pedestrians and vehicle traffic

20. First consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference" to add stops signs on West Third Street North at North Third Avenue West
- The new splash pad park opened in the summer of 2025 near the intersection of N 3rd Ave and W 3rd St
 - The additional pedestrian activity coupled with the desire to park food trucks in the area has created a potential traffic safety issue
 - A request was made to consider adding stops signs on W 3rd St at N 3rd Ave to stop northbound and southbound traffic for safety reasons
21. First consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference" to add stop signs on East Twelfth Street South at South Thirteenth Avenue East
- Residents in the area of S 13th Ave and E 12th St have requested the installation of stops signs at this intersection for safety
 - The MUTCD recommends installing a 4-way stop at intersections where 6 or more crashes have occurred in the last 3 years and would have been prevented by stop signs
 - There have been 8 reported accidents at this intersection in the last 3 years that may have been prevented, or the impact significantly reduced had a 4-way stop been in place
 - Staff recommends installing stop signs on E 12th St S at S 13th Ave E to stop northbound and southbound traffic.

Resolution

22. Resolution approving the site plan for 1601 North 15th Avenue East
- Under the site plan rules, the permission to allow alternate designs for site plans from what is specified by City Code lies with the City Council.
 - This resolution allows for the property at 1601 North 15th Avenue East, located within the I-L, to provide a gravel parking area in lieu of the required hard-surface parking area.
23. Resolution Approving the purchase of 827 East 8th Street South for the Dangerous and Dilapidated Program
- The property at 827 East 8th Street South is dilapidated. The owner has offered the property to the City of Newton for the D&D program.
 - The purchase price of \$2,500.00 is significantly less than the property's total assessed value of \$48,890.

Staff Report

24. Fire Department Update - Chief Jarrod Wellik

Mayor/Council Comments

25. Mayor and Council Comments

Closed Session

26. 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

27. Return to Open Session

Adjourn

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