



Newton City Council Agenda

September 15, 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. September 2, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: ALDI Inc #146 - LG0001323, 375 Iowa Speedway Dr, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Capitol II Theatre - WCN000343, 116 1st St N, Special Class C Retail Native Wine License renewal; Git-N-Go Convenience Store #45 - LG0001044, 1708 S 8th Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Pit Stop Liquors (ownership updates), 1324 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License
5. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-12)
6. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-13)
7. Resolution Approving a Fund Transfer from the Southwest TIF Fund to the D&D Fund
8. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Mediacom-2025-01
9. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Ex Nihilo Property Located at 107 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
10. Resolution Approving the purchase of an open-air shelter for the Westwood Clubhouse Patio
11. Resolution rescinding a contract, and awarding a contract for the Scale House Electrical Generator Installation Project

12. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment and accessories and rope rescue equipment
13. 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 Children's Forest Creek Bank Stabilization Project.
14. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

15. Public Hearing on a resolution awarding contract for the 2025 HMA Alley Overlay Project
 - As part of the Alliant Energy H Structure project, the City of Newton committed to restoring the alleys impacted by construction activities once Alliant's work was complete.
 - Three bids were received and opened on September 4, 2025; the total construction costs ranged from \$365,045.00 to \$773,261.00.
 - The lowest responsive, responsible bidder is TK Concrete Inc of Pella, IA, with a bid of \$360,045.00

16. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025 HMA Alley Overlay Project

Ordinance

17. Third 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
 - City staff 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
18. Third 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

19. Third 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 stop 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

20. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2,500 for the Washer City Card Convention from United Way of Jasper County and The IOWA Foundation
- The City Council established the Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant to provide an avenue to support endeavors which align with the comprehensive plan objective of establishing Newton as a compelling destination.
 - The resolution provides for a \$2,500 grant to United Way of Jasper County & The Iowa Foundation for the Washer City Card Convention.
 - The next application round deadline is October 1, 2025.
21. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 525 North 2nd Avenue East
- The owners of 525 North 2nd Avenue East have made an application in the HVAC category 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 \$6,000.00 grant for 525 North 2nd Avenue East.
22. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 625 East 4th Street South
- The owners of 625 East 4th Street South have made an application in the Plumbing category 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 \$2,740.65 grant for 625 East 4th Street South.

23. Resolution approving a Five-year power interrupt agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company for Water Pollution Control Plant

- The recent Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) project included installation of a backup generator, enabling participation in Interstate Power and Light's Interruptible Power Program, with estimated annual savings of \$30,000–\$40,000.
- The program provides bill credits to large customers who agree to reduce electric usage during system stress, emergencies, or high energy cost periods.
- Participation requires a five-year service agreement, with interruptions called for reliability, peak demand reduction, energy efficiency, or program compliance testing.

Staff Report

24. Library Annual Report - Nicole Terry Library Director

Mayor/Council Comments

25. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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