



Newton City Council Agenda

October 20, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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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. October 6, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. September 29, 2025 City Council Goal Setting Workshop Minutes
5. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Licenses for the following: Brew #96, 1325 1st Ave W and Brew #101, 1806 S 12th Ave W, pending staff review
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: 2nd Ave Social, LLC - (Gray Moon Public Market) 118 N 2nd Ave E, new Class C Retail Alcohol License pending staff approval; Sombrero - LC0038865, 1130 1st Ave E, Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal; World to Go - LE0004496, 403 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-14)
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-15)
9. Resolution approving change order #2 for 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
10. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Van Maanen Electric, Inc Property Located at 500 Iowa Speedway Drive Within the East Mart Urban Renewal Area
11. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Leavenwealth Capital, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area

12. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Jasper Point Plaza, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
13. Resolution awarding a contract for the 2025 Sidewalk Nuisance Project.
14. Resolution Approving Amendment #001 to Agreement for Professional Services Between City of Newton, Iowa, and Bolton and Menk for 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
15. Resolution authorizing the City of Newton dba Newton Fire Department to enter into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement, IGT Funding Certification, and GEMT Provider Agreement for the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) supplemental reimbursement program with the Iowa Department of Human Services.
16. Resolution approving Change Order 04 to the contract for the City of Newton Fire Department Engine Bay Floor Reinforcing Project
17. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

18. Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the Children's Forest Bank Stabilization Project
 - Severe bank erosion was created from flash flooding on May 21, 2024.
 - Bolton & Menk designed plans and specifications for repairs and mitigation
 - The Engineer's Estimate for this project was \$144,460.00.
 - The low bidder was Crossroads Pipe & Grading of Monroe, IA, in the amount of \$54,617.81.
19. Resolution awarding contract for the Children's Forest Bank Stabilization project

Ordinance

20. First consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, IA, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 71, "Traffic Regulations" to add Section 70.13 "Engine Braking"
 - The City has received noise complaints relating to engine braking on the east side of town.
 - Engine brakes are sometimes used by commercial vehicles to slow down, producing excessively loud noise.
 - City staff proposes an ordinance prohibiting the use of an engine brake except in emergency situations.
21. First Consideration of an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Nos. 2000, 2020, 2026, 2043, 2050, 2056, and 2166 Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Southwest Newton Economic Development Urban Renewal Area
 - In 2001, the City Council of Newton, Iowa enacted ordinance No. 2000 that created the Southwest Newton Economic Development Urban Renewal area. In later years, City Council enacted ordinances 2020, 2026, 2043, 2050, 2056, 2166 to amend this Urban Renewal Area's taxing districts.

- All debt has been paid in this Urban Renewal Area and there has been no activity for several years. This termination of these ordinances officially terminates the Urban Renewal Area and plan.

Resolution

22. Resolution approving Amendment #1 for Task Order 23-01 with Fox/Strand Engineering for professional services for the construction of a new Jordan Well
 - In May 2023, the City of Newton entered into a professional services agreement with Strand Engineering to provide design services, bidding assistance, construction-related services, and SRF funding support for the construction of a new Jordan Well.
 - Since that time, the Newton Waterworks' largest wholesale customer have executed a new 20-year water purchase agreement establishing revised minimum and maximum monthly quantities. As a result, the construction of a new Jordan Well has become a significantly lower priority. The design was nearly completed for the new Jordan Well and will still be relevant in the future, if the need were to arise.
 - Amendment #1 to task order 23-01 deletes several scopes of services to the existing contract with Strand Engineering for the New Jordan Well project and only compensates Strand Engineering for completed work on the project, eliminating future scopes of work on the project.

23. Resolution approving Task Order 25-01 with Strand Associates for professional services for the construction of Four new Alluvial Wells
 - The City of Newton Utilities Department's Water Treatment Division operates eighteen alluvial wells, many of which have reached or exceeded their useful service life, with ages ranging from 20 to 70 years
 - The 2023 Water Supply and Treatment System Facility Plan Report identified the need to replace several of the water source wells. The Utilities/Water Treatment Division requested a scope of services fee proposal from Strand Associates for replacing four alluvial wells
 - Task Order 25-01 with Strand Associates includes Design services; Bidding-Related services, Construction-Related Services and SRF Funding Assistance Services.

24. Resolution approving Task Order 25-02 with Strand Associates for professional services for incorporating baffles in the water treatment plant Clearwell
 - The City of Newton Utilities/Water Treatment Division has a need to Incorporate baffles in the existing water treatment plant

Clearwell to increase the baffling factor used by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Iowa DNR) in calculating the required detention time needed to meet 4-Log virus inactivation.

- The Utilities/Water Treatment Division requested a scope of services fee proposal from Strand Associates for incorporating baffles in the water treatment plant Clearwell.
- Task Order 25-02 with Strand Associates includes Design services, preparing and submitting construction permit application to Iowa DNR, Bidding-Related services and Construction-Related Services .

25. Resolution approving a low-moderate income set-aside grant for 712 West 6th Street South, Newton

- The owners of 712 West 6th Street South have made an application in the Roofing 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 712 West 6th Street South.

Staff Report

26. Parks & Recreation End of Season Review - Erin Chambers, Community Development Director

Mayor/Council Comments

27. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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