



Newton City Council Agenda

December 1, 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. November 17, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. November 17, 2025 Workshop Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: HyVee Food Store #1 - LE0000090, 1501 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal
6. Resolution appointing the Public Works Director and the Senior City Planner to serve on the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance Committee in 2026
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-17)
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-18)
9. Resolution approving an addendum to the Legacy Plaza lease agreement with DMACC
10. Resolution accepting completion of the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project
11. Resolution accepting completion of the 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) Traffic signal upgrade Project
12. Resolution Approving C0-1 for the Children's Forest Bank Stabilization Project
13. Resolution approving change order #1 for N.E. Pump Station Improvements

14. Resolution accepting completion of the S 4th Ave PI E Clearing and Grubbing Project
15. Resolution Approving the 2026 Summer Concert Series Performance Contracts
16. Resolution Approving Performance Contract with Christian Connett Music to Provide DJ Services for the Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2026
17. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

18. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement
 - The City proposes to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement and borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$6,600,000 for the purpose of: (a) constructing street, storm water drainage, sanitary sewer system, water system, and sidewalk improvements; (b) acquiring and installing street lighting, signage and signalization improvements; (c) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the police department; (d) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the fire department; (e) improving and equipping existing parks, including trails; (f) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the public works department; (g) undertaking hanger improvements at the airport; (h) acquiring, demolishing and/or restoring dangerous, dilapidated and/or abandoned properties; and (i) providing funding for the Newton Housing Initiative Program.
19. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement
 - The City proposes to enter into a general purpose loan agreement and borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$600,000 for (a) undertaking improvements to the fire station; (b) constructing training facilities for the police and fire departments; (c) acquiring and installing server upgrades and security cameras for public facilities, including City Hall and parks; (d) developing amenities for new park and recreation facilities; and (e) planning and undertaking emergency response improvements at the library.
20. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement
 - The City proposes to enter into a general obligation urban renewal loan agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$75,000 for undertaking the Downtown Micro-Grant and Downtown Housing Grant Programs; authorized urban renewal projects in the North Central Urban Renewal Area, most recently updated by action of the City Council on July 21, 2025.

Ordinance

21. Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposals to Enter into Loan Agreements and Combining Loan Agreements
22. 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 street parking in the 100-300 Block of North Second Avenue East
 - Prior to the 2024 streetscape project in the 100-300 block of N 2nd Ave E, compact parking was necessary at the ends of each block for line of sight, due to diagonal parking.
 - With the conversion to parallel parking, the compact parking designations are unnecessary.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee recommends removing the compact parking designation in the ordinance.

Resolution

23. Resolution authorizing the submission of a pre-application for federal Airport Improvement Program funding and certifying eligibility requirements
 - The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires airports to submit an Airport Improvement Program pre-application for top-priority airport capital improvement projects, which enables the FAA to plan for future project funding.
 - This includes anticipated projects during the next five Federal Fiscal Years, but it does not commit the City to fund or complete any listed projects.
 - This resolution will authorize staff and the City's engineering consultant, Kirkham Michael, to submit the AIP pre-application as required by the FAA.
24. Resolution approving change order #1 for Aurora Tennis Lighting Project
 - During construction, it was discovered that the recently installed center west light pole base encroached onto the neighboring property by 18 inches, a result of the expanded tennis court footprint approved after the project's final design.
 - To correct this, it was proposed to reinstall the base and pole slightly north and east of the current location, entirely within city property.
 - Kline Electric submitted a proposed change order in the amount of \$22,850.00. The change order constitutes an increase of 6.6% to the project cost, which will be paid from general funds.
25. Resolution updating the Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program
 - The City established the Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant program to support entities working to draw visitors to the community.

- Amendments to the program rules are proposed to make the grant more accessible to community organizations to take advantage of the program, including allowing in-kind volunteer hours to count towards the grant match requirement and expanding the list of eligible projects.

26. Resolution approving purchase of six new golf cars for Westwood Golf Course

- To maintain a quality fleet of golf cars at Westwood Clubhouse and avoid having them all age at the same pace, it is important to purchase new cars on a regular schedule. Staff obtained quotes on 6 Yamaha golf cars from three area vendors.
- Harris Golf Cars provided a quote of \$38,400.00 for 6 golf cars less a trade in value of \$14,100.00 for a total cost of \$24,300.00 if we are able to catch the pre-tariff rate or \$48,600 if pre-tariff cars are not available.

27. Resolution awarding 2025 Water Treatment Clarifier Painting Project

- Clarifiers are essential to the water treatment process, requiring periodic maintenance and full restoration every 12–15 years to prevent corrosion and maintain efficiency.
- Utilities received six bids for the clarifier painting project, ranging from \$129,759 to \$324,500.
- H2 Services submitted the lowest responsible bid at \$129,759 for full restoration, including coating removal, surface preparation, and application of high-performance protective coatings.

28. Resolution Amending the Parks Shelter Rental Fee Schedule

- November 19, 2025, the Park Board recommended moving to one shelter rental per day at a rate of \$75. This change addresses ongoing issues caused by multiple rentals in a single day.
- The new fee and schedule will improve staff efficiency and increase revenue.

Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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