



Newton City Council Agenda

December 15, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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In Person

City Hall - Council Chambers
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. December 1, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. December 1, 2025 Workshop Minutes
5. Approve Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following:
Tobacco Vape & Ecig Newton, LLC - 1126 1st Ave E, 2025-2026 Device Permit
6. Resolution appointing City Clerk and Deputy City Clerks
7. Resolution Reappointing David Zellinger to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a term ending December 31, 2029
8. Resolution Re-appointing Antonia Sicilia to serve on the Building Trades Board for a term ending December 31, 2028
9. Resolution appointing Donald Fitzgerald to serve on the Newton Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2030
10. Resolution Re-appointing Melanie Humphrey to the Newton Park Board for a term ending December 31, 2027
11. Resolution Re-appointing Kelly Bennett to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2028
12. Resolution Re-appointing Rita Reinheimer to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2028
13. Resolution Appointing Representatives to the Animal Review Committee
14. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-18)

15. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule 25-19)
16. Resolution approving the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with MercyOne Newton Medical Center
17. Resolution Approving a 2 Year Contract with Gilbert Lawn and Snow Removal LLC for the 2026 & 2027 Lawn Care at the City Hall Facility
18. Resolution approving quote for the purchase of equipment, and awarding a Contract for the 2025 W 3rd & 4th St Traffic Signal Install Project
19. 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 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
20. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

21. Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the 1st Ave E and E 12th St Drainage Improvements Project
 - On May 21, 2024, the City of Newton experienced heavy rainfall, resulting in severe flash flooding at 1st Ave E and E 12th St.
 - HR Green completed the design of plans and specifications for a project, and city staff issued a bid request to construct a regional detention basin in a city-owned lot east of E 12th St N and north of 1st Ave E.
 - Additional work included in the project is the removal of a sanitary sewer siphon north of the project on N 6th Ave E.
 - Eight bids were received and opened on December 4, 2025; the total construction costs ranged from \$256,168.40 to \$463,901.3,0 with the lowest responsible bidder being Central Iowa Excavation of Kellogg, IA.

22. Resolution awarding contract for the 1st Ave E and E 12th St Drainage Improvements Project

Resolution

23. Resolution Awarding a contract for the construction of an open-air shelter for the Westwood Clubhouse Patio
 - A donation from Gregg Young of Newton has been received to support the construction of an open-air shelter adjacent to the clubhouse. The shelter will be located just south of the east doors, next to the concrete patio installed earlier this year.
 - The construction for the concrete and kit is \$27,531.04. Project costs will be covered through the received donation and 2025 bond proceeds.
24. Resolution approving emergency repair expenditure on Jordan Well
 - The Jordan Well failed on Thanksgiving Day, prompting 24/7 operator coverage and an emergency investigation that

determined the pump and motor must be pulled to diagnose an electrical issue.

- Due to declining aquifer levels, a 300 HP motor is now required; purchasing a new motor will avoid more than \$20,000 in additional labor costs and provide a properly sized spare while the existing motor is rebuilt.
- The City Administrator authorized emergency repairs and the purchase of a new 300 HP motor, with a recommended total emergency expenditure not to exceed \$150,000 to complete the necessary work.

25. Resolution consenting to Assignment of Development Agreement

- Council approved a development agreement in 2021 with Hopkins Properties LLC for property located at 1810 1st Avenue East, located within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area.
- Hopkins Properties, LLC has agreed to sell the property to CLN Investments, LLC and requested the rights and responsibilities of the agreement be assigned to the new owner.

26. Resolution approving a 28E Agreement between the City of Newton and Jasper County related to development services in the Newton Rail Park

- On April 22, 2025, Council approved a Joint Agreement with Jasper County which provided the City's consent for inclusion of certain property within the Newton Rail Park Urban Renewal Area.
- During discussion of that action, the City Council and Jasper County Board of Supervisors acknowledged the need for a subsequent 28E agreement.
- The proposed 28E Agreement has now been prepared and reviewed, detailing the cooperative framework for joint development services, infrastructure coordination, and other obligations necessary for the successful development of the Newton Rail Park.

Oath Of Office Ceremony

27. Oath of Office Ceremony

Mayor/Council Comments

28. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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