



CITY OF NEWTON

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AGENDA

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Newton City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of July 21, 2026
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM.
 - Electric Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 immediately following the Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee Meeting.
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 immediately following the Electric Committee Meeting.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Open sealed bids for the 805 Foster St. Demolition Project.
 - B. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the 805 Foster St. Demolition Project.
 - C. Discuss storm water improvements at the Kibler Condos and Hickory Dr.
 - D. Discuss flooding concerns on Russel Drive.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 207 S. Van Buren St. by the Masonic Newton Lodge #216 in the amount of \$5,000, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
 - B. Consider and act on authorizing the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of \$300,000 for the city's matching portion of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant.
 - C. Consider and act on authorizing the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of \$125,000 for the Storm Sewer Relining Project from East Reynolds to Wilson.
 - D. Consider and act on authorizing the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of \$105,000 for the Sanitary Sewer Relining Project from Edwards to Owens.
 - E. Consider and act on authorizing the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of \$40,000 for Hooker Lift Station Improvement Project.
 - F. Consider and act on authorizing the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of \$50,000 towards the TIF Extension Project.
 - G. Consider and act on authorizing the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of \$80,000 for the Washington St. Sidewalk Replacement Project.
 - H. Consider and act on authorizing the termination of the Mowing Agreement dated April 9, 2026, between the City of Newton and Noblit Mowing and Digging pursuant to Section 8 of



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the agreement, authorizing the city to issue the required thirty (30) day written notice of termination.

- I. Consider and act on authorizing the city to solicit bids for the mowing project at Peterson Park, Earl Dufrain Park and Riverside Cemetery.
 - J. Consider and act on authorizing the hire of Edward Gonzalez Jr. as an officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on passing of the POWER Test and all other evaluations, with a hire date of August 4, 2026.
 - K. Consider and act on authorizing the purchase of additional software for the Electric Department's Fast Forward Switching Program with an installation cost of \$20,000 and an annual fee of \$1,000, as recommended by the Electric Committee.
 - L. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Newton American Legion for a BBQ Smoke Off Competition at the Jasper County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 21, 2026 from 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM and Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 6:00 AM to 12:00 AM.
10. STATEMENTS BY: Council Members, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk (1 PO Electric Dept.), Mayor
11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM
SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Electric Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
13. ADJOURNMENT: