



NEWTON FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA**  
 Monday, January 05, 2026  
 To Commence Immediately Following the Annual  
 Organizational Meeting  
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 612 WEST BROAD STREET

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Ward 1	Brian Kropp
Ward 2	Brian Axiotis
Ward 3	VACANT
Ward 4	Kevin Rufener
At- Large	Julie Stimpert
Mayor	David Hanson

CITY ADMINISTRATION	
City Manager	Jamie Vernaccini
Law Director	VACANT
Finance Director	Pamela Hileman
City Clerk	Michael Acomb
Police Chief	John Barco

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / Silent Prayer**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)**
- V. New Business**
  - Appointment of a member of Council to the position of Vice President of Council
  - Appointments of members of Council to the open seats on Commissions, Boards, Council Standing Committees, and Community Boards, Committees, and or Commissions.
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Motion to Recess into Executive Session (If Necessary)**
- VIII. Adjournment**

<b>Exhibit A</b>			
<b>01/06/25 for Calendar Year 2025</b>			
As Amended by Council at the 2025 Organizational Meeting			
<b>Council Representatives to Commissions and Boards</b>			
	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Alt</i>	
<u>Planning and Zoning:</u>	<i>Axiotis</i>	<i>Rufener</i>	
Meetings: 6:00 pm every 1st Tuesday as needed			
<u>Civil Service:</u>	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Rufener</i>	
Meetings: As Needed			
<u>Parks and Recreation:</u>	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Benetis</i>	
Meetings: 6:00 pm every 4th Tuesday			
<u>Treasury Investment Board:</u>	<i>Axiotis</i>	<i>x</i>	Finance Director
	S Kropp	Resident	City Manager
Meetings: Quarterly			
<u>Fire District Board:</u>	<i>Stimpert</i>	<i>Burke</i>	
<b>Council Standing Committees</b>			
<b>Two (2) Council Representatives per Committee</b>			
<u>Finance/Administration/Audit:</u>	<i>Axiotis</i>	<i>Rufener</i>	
(Chair must be on TIB per Charter Article VI, Section 4)			
<u>Utilities/Public Works:</u>	<i>Rufener</i>	<i>Stimpert</i>	
<u>Public Safety:</u>	<i>Rufener</i>	<i>Axiotis</i>	
<u>Police Services Committee:</u>	<i>Benetis</i>	<i>Stimpert</i>	
	Lyden	Wentworth	Talanca
2 members of Council and 3 residents			
<b>Council Representatives to Community Commissions and Boards</b>			
<u>EASTGATE, Regional Council of Governments:</u>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Stimpert</i>	
(Per Eastgate - The Mayor is the designated representative)			
<u>Tax Review Board and Enterprise Zone:</u>	<i>Axiotis</i>	<i>Benetis</i>	
<u>Utility Appeals Board:</u>	<i>Benetis</i>	<i>Rufener</i>	<i>Wentworth</i>
The 3rd seat is always a community member The 4th seat is the Finance Director.			
<u>Local Board of Tax Review:</u>	<i>Stimpert</i>	<i>Benetis</i>	
<u>Economic Development:</u>	<i>Rufener</i>	<i>Axiotis</i>	
City Manager, Mayor, and Finance Director also serve.			
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Fire District Board: **Council Council**

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Public Safety: **Council Council**

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