



## Newton City Council Agenda

May 18, 2026 - 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

### Proclamation

2. May 17–23 - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week
3. May 17–23 - National Public Works Week Proclamation

### Citizen Participation

4. 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

5. May 4, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Corner Hub, 1718 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License, pending state and local approval; Love's Travel Stop - BW0100520, 4400 S 22nd Ave E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal
7. Approve 2026-2027 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Licenses for the following: Corner Hub, 1718 1st Ave E; Git-N-Go #45, 1708 S 8th Ave E; Git-N-Go #14, 801 1st Ave W; Mega Saver, 4300 S 22nd Ave E; Walgreen's, 1204 1st Ave E; World To Go, 403 1st Ave E
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-08)
9. Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Newton Airport Apron Expansion Project
10. Resolution amending resolution 2026-103 approving the purchase and up-fit services for two police patrol vehicles
11. Resolution approving the purchase of a skid loader brush mower
12. Resolution authorizing Alliant Energy to install one street light to the 1400 block of Monroe Dr. for the Public Works Department

13. Resolution authorizing the purchase of pre-season salt for snow and ice control
14. Resolution awarding a contract for the Landfill Lower Shop Heater Installation Project
15. Resolution approving the purchase of a pickup for Public Works Operations
16. Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
17. Resolution accepting completion of the Cardinal Pond parking improvement project
18. Resolution Authorizing the filing of a petition for abandoned property for 316 West 13th Street South
19. Resolution approving Change Order #2 and accepting completion of the 2025-01 PCC patching Project
20. Resolution approving the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department
21. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment
22. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a wheel loader for Water Pollution Control
23. Resolution authorizing the purchase of an enclosed job trailer for Water Distribution
24. Approve Bills

## **Public Hearing**

25. Public Hearing on Resolution Approving the Second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
  - May 4, 2026, Council designated May 18, 2026, for the public hearing to consider the second 2025-26 budget amendment. Notice of the hearing was published in compliance with State requirements on May 8, 2026. The Iowa Code requires that expenditures for each of the nine general City programs not exceed the budget for the respective programs and allows budgets to be amended prior to May 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
  - The budget amendment adjusts the current year 2025–26 budgeted revenues and expenditures to reflect the changes that have occurred and are expected through June 30, 2026. Amended line items include additional revenues and expenses related to Federal and State Grants, Private Donations, Fire Operating Expenses, Garbage Services, PCC Patching Project, donation expenditures by Library, Maytag Pool Repairs, Legal Services, 2025 bonding expenses, Westwood Golf Bridge, Airport Projects and Water Pollution Control Projects. The amendments do not impact the current property tax levy.
26. Resolution Approving the Second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## **Ordinance**

27. Second consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Various Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title IX, Chapter 90, "Animals"
- The community has seen an increased number of cat issues in recent years and proposes an ordinance to help control the cat population.
  - The proposed ordinance limits the number of cats a resident may own or harbor and establishes guidelines for a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program.
28. First consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Various Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 74, "Recreational And Toy Vehicles"
- Electric scooters, low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles have created safety issues within the community.
  - There is currently no ordinance governing the use of these units. The proposed ordinance establishes guidelines for safer operations.

## Resolution

29. Resolution approving an agreement with Lucy's Pet Pantry for Trap-Neuter-Return services
- The cat population has been growing in Newton since JCARL closed in 2020. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a program that is commonly used by communities to control the cat population. Staff recommends approval of an agreement with Lucy's Pet Pantry to provide TNR services in Newton.
30. Resolution awarding the 2026 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project
- The 100 blocks of W 3rd St N and W 4th St N have undergone several asphalt resurfacing projects over the last 65 years and have surpassed their useful life.
  - The street will be reconstructed 40 feet wide (measured face of curb to face of curb) with parallel parking, new sidewalks, trees, lighting, and improved drainage.
  - Staff recommends awarding the project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, TK Concrete Inc. of Pella, IA, with a bid of \$495,815.00.
31. Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition Project 2026-01
- Curb appeal continues to be a focus of the City per the comprehensive plan, Newton's Future.

- The City acquired Bungalow #2, 827 E 8th St S, 209 S 15th Ave W, with the intent to demolish the structure through the Dangerous and Dilapidated Program. The bid price of \$82,200 was \$10,916.92 under the engineer's estimate.
32. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 1017 West 4th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
- On May 4, 2026, a public hearing was held on the sale of 1017 West 4th Street South.
  - The City acquired the property through the D&D program in 2022, cleared the property, and has maintained the grassy lot.
  - The adjacent property owner, Elite Mart LLC, has submitted an offer in the amount \$ 3,000 with the intention of maintaining the grassy lot and a future expansion of the existing building by approx 10 ft to accommodate new freezer/refrigerator space.
33. Resolution authorizing the Public Works Civil Engineer Technician (CET) I at Range 4, Step 2 on the City of Newton salary schedule matrix
- The Civil Engineer Technician Trainee has recently earned an associate's degree in Civil Engineering Technology.
  - The employee has now met all requirements needed for the CET I position. To reflect this, the resolution would authorize the CET I position at Pay Range 4, Step 2.
34. Resolution approving salary increase for City Administrator
- Council met on May 4, 2026, to discuss the City Administrator's annual review. This resolution would recommend a salary increase retroactive to the City Administrator's anniversary date, March 27, 2026.

**Staff Report**

35. 1st Avenue East Curb Appeal Grant Program — Craig Armstrong, Development Specialist

**Mayor/Council Comments**

36. Mayor and Council Comments

**Closed Session**

37. To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2026

**Return to Open Session**

38. Return to Open Session

**Adjourn**

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