



Newton City Council Agenda

July 1, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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City Hall - Council Chambers
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Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Proclamation

2. Parks and Recreation Month
3. Newton Fest Recognition

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

Resolution

5. Resolution approving appointment to vacant Ward 4 Council Seat

Consent Agenda

6. June 17, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-07)
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-06)
9. Resolution approving a 28e agreement with the City of Knoxville for law enforcement services at the Iowa Speedway
10. Resolution approving payment to Lexipol, LLC for police policy management and training
11. Resolution accepting completion of the Maytag Park Mini-Pitch PCC Pad Project
12. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a utility vehicle for the Water Treatment Plant
13. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Water Meters and Radio Read End Points

14. Resolution Authorizing Additional Fund Transfers in FY 23/24
15. Resolution approving an extension to the completion date for the downtown improvement grant at 105 West 2nd Street North
16. Resolution approving an extension to the completion date for the Downtown Improvement Grant at 120 North 2nd Avenue West
17. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Westwood Clubhouse Site Grading Project
18. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

19. Public Hearing on a resolution adopting the FY25 through FY29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Using City Council's recently approved goals, the City's most-recent revision of the Comprehensive Plan, and department director input on project and equipment needs, the FY25 through FY29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been prepared for City Council's approval. The CIP is a 5-year plan detailing funding sources and expenditures for proposed project construction and equipment purchases throughout all City departments.
 - The proposed project and equipment purchases included in the first year (FY25) of the CIP align with the proposed FY25 budget. Years two through five of the CIP will be modified as-needed in subsequent budget years. All projects and equipment in this 5-year plan are always subject to revision at any time based on City Council's direction.

20. Resolution adopting the FY25 through FY29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Ordinance

21. Third Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title XV Land Usage by adding Chapter 159 Commercial Business Property Code
 - The City has experienced some difficulty in keeping up to date contact information for commercial/business properties.
 - The Chapter 159: Commercial/Business Property Code ordinance contained language requiring annual registration of commercial business/property.
 - City Council discussed the item at the 5/20/2024 meeting and requested the ordinance be placed on a future agenda.
22. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V, Chapter 53: Stormwater Utility
 - At the October 19, 2020, City Council Meeting, the Newton City Council approved the creation of a Stormwater Utility Ordinance, which was the result of the City of Newton's need for funds to be dedicated to the sole purpose related to stormwater activities.
 - The ordinance established the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) of Four Thousand (4,000) square feet of impervious area as the

official unit of measurement and an initial ERU rate of \$4.00. The ERU rate increased to \$4.25 on July 1, 2022 and to \$4.50 on July 1, 2023.

- The initial ordinance did not include additional rate increases after July 1, 2023, and no increase is planned for July 1, 2024.
- Staff recommends increasing the ERU rate by twenty-five cents on July 1st of each year for the next five years starting on July 1, 2025. One alternative proposal has been provided in the Council Packet for City Council's consideration.

Resolution

23. Resolution approving a hiring incentive for certified police officer candidates
 - The Police Department established a hiring incentive program for certified Police Officer candidates in 2018
 - The program has been successful in recruiting and retaining quality law enforcement candidates
 - The program would pay a \$5000 hiring incentive to qualified lateral Police Officer candidates
24. Resolution approving change orders #1 and #2 for the Downtown Spray Park & Gathering Space Project
 - On December 18, 2023, City Council awarded Brothers Concrete a contract for \$550,812.00 to construct the splash pad and additional amenities.
 - During construction, several issues and possible conflicts were found, requiring two change orders to the project.
 - City staff and Bolton & Menk recommend approval of change orders #1 and #2 for a total amount of \$20,190.00 and recommend updating the specified completion date of June 30, 2024, to July 7, 2024, to account for the additional work.
25. Resolution to accept proposal and authorize the purchase of two Type III module ambulances.
 - The City of Newton has four ambulances for emergency medical response including three front line and one reserve unit
 - Due to a fire in one ambulance in early 2024 and the age and mileage in the current fleet the need for an ambulance replacement is due
 - The Fire Department put together specifications that were published and received bids for the ambulance replacement project
26. Resolution Approving the Addition of 6 Disc Golf Holes to the Woodland Park Disc Golf Course

- Installation of six new baskets, which the city has on hand, in locations set in the proposed plan. This will require concrete footings to be set for the baskets and will be determined if this is attainable by staff or contractor.
- Tee signs will be placed to indicate the “tee box area”. Large concrete tee areas will be delayed until a future date to ensure the new hole placement on the course is suitable for disc golfers. Delaying the tee areas will also allow staff to complete the Parks Master plan and determine the future of Eversman Field.

Staff Report

27. Succession Planning in Utility Billing - Katrina Davis, Administrative Services Manager
28. Police Department Mid-Year Update - Chris Wing, Police Captain

Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments

Closed Session

30. 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 2024

Return to Open Session

31. Return to Open Session

Adjourn

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