



Newton City Council Agenda

July 15, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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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

Presentation

2. National League of Cities - Homeserve service line protection program - Jody Rhone, Utilities Director & Ashley Shiwarski, Sr. Director, Business Development HomeServe

Citizen Participation

3. 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

4. July 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Newton Lodge #1270, B.P.O. Elks- LF0000274, 111 East 2nd Street, S
6. Certify Firefighter List
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-07)
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-08)
9. Resolution approving Task Order 24-03 with Strand Associates Engineering for application assistance in completing the 2024 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit
10. Resolution approving Westwood Creek pump repairs
11. Resolution approving Second amendment to contract with IEDA on \$600,000 Downtown Housing Grant
12. Resolution authorizing the Iowa State University Child Passenger Safety Survey in the City of Newton Parks System

13. Resolution approving payment to Axon, LLC for Police Department in-car and body camera system
14. Resolution approving payment to MyGov, LLC. for nuisance reporting software
15. Resolution approving a conflict waiver with Ahler's and Cooney P.C. and the City of Pella for law enforcement services at Iowa Speedway events
16. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 315, 319, and 321 East 8th Street South in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
17. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

18. Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the 2024-01 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project
 - N 2nd Ave E between 1st St N and E 4th St N, along with E 2nd St N and E 3rd St N between 1st Ave E and N 2nd Ave E, has had several asphalt resurfacing projects over the last 65 years, with the previous resurfacing project occurring between 36 and 38 years ago.
 - The asphalt surface needs rehabilitation. Four of the five blocks have been widened to approximately 55 feet, eliminating the streetscape and causing poor street drainage.
 - The street will be reconstructed 40 feet wide (measured face of curb to face of curb) with parallel parking and new sidewalks. Returning the street to near its original width will improve street drainage and provide a grass area between the curb and the sidewalk for aesthetic improvement, pedestrian streetscape lighting, and snow storage.
19. Resolution awarding contract for the 2024-01 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project
20. Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the 2024 HMA Resurfacing Project
 - S 8th Ave has had several asphalt resurfacing projects over the last 65 years, with the most recent occurring in 1993.
 - With the expansion of the Newton Sanitary Landfill (NSL) convenience center, HMA is needed to finish the project. In addition, the landfill has seen extra traffic over the last ten years, requiring resurfacing of the entrance drive and other paved areas.
 - The project will include milling and overlaying sections of S 8th Ave East and West and HMA improvements to the Newton Sanitary Landfill.
 - City staff recommends awarding the project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Manatt's Inc. of Newton, Iowa, with a bid of \$279,175.85.
21. Resolution awarding contract for the 2024 HMA Resurfacing Project

Ordinance

22. Second 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 and to decrease the practice of diverting street funds away from streets and towards stormwater improvements.
 - 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 was implemented on July 1, 2024.
 - City Council considered nine different alternatives at Council Meetings on June 17, 2024 and July 1, 2024 and approved the first reading of an ordinance on July 1, 2024 that would increase stormwater rates by 6% in fiscal year (FY) 26, by 4% in FY27 & FY28, and by 3% in FY29 & FY30.

Resolution

23. Resolution approving change order #3 for the WPC Plant Improvements Project
- Council previously approved a contract for \$5,897,300.00 on October 24, 2022, to Woodruff Construction LLC. for the WPC Plant Improvements Project. This project included multiple upgrades to the Water Pollution Control Treatment Plant, as well as the Southwest Pump Station.
 - Change order #3 includes multiple items that have been combined into a single change order.
 - The total amount of change order #3 is a deduct of (\$97,365.04)
24. Resolution Authorizing Temporary Positions in the Utility Billing Division of the Administration Department
- The Utility Billing division in the Administration Department currently has 4 employees. Two long-term employees with 55 years of experience will be retiring by February 1, 2026. In order to properly train and prepare the office for these retirements, the proposed succession plan for hiring temporary employees is recommended.
 - By February 1, 2026, after all retirements, staffing in this office will be back to normal with 4 employees.
25. Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the City of Newton Employee Handbook Regarding Clothing Allowances

- The recommended changes amend the Fire Supervisor's clothing allowance to match the Firefighters union contract by paying out the clothing allowance annually versus accruing funds, which eliminates the additional administrative tracking.
- Additionally, due to the reorganization of Community Services into Community Development, Sec. 3 would be amended, eliminating any Community Services reference and adding Parks & Recreation language.

26. Resolution adopting the nuisance abatement contractor rate

- The City continues to work towards better curb appeal and improved aesthetics within the community.
- The City abates violations that remain non-compliant through the use of private contractors after the initial warning period.
- Staff is purposing the contractor abatement rate be increased from \$60 per hour to \$100 per hour with a 1-hour minimum to help offset the rising operational costs.

Mayor/Council Comments

27. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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