



City Council

September 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM

In Person

Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 3030 N 4th Ave E, Newton, IA 50208

Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Citizen Participation

2. 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

3. August 19, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. August 20, 2024 Special City Council Workshop Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Alta House Event Center - LC0047705, 1600 E 36th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Kwik Star #1001 - LG0000900, 1901 1st Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License; Shop N Save - LE0003589, 404 S 11th Ave W, Class E Retail Alcohol License; World to Go - LG0001070, 405 1st Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License
6. Resolution appointing Rachel Braafhart to the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2030
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-10)
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-11)
9. Resolution approving Task Order 24-04 with Strand Associates Engineering for professional services, for N.E. Pump Station modifications
10. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a pickup for the Water Treatment Plant
11. Resolution approving change order #3 for the Union Drive Reconstruction Project

12. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Ex Nihilo Property Located at 107 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
13. Approve Bills

Ordinance

14. Third consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 500-700 block of W 3rd St S
 - The City received safety concerns regarding street parking in the 500-700 blk. of W 3rd St S.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed the situation and, based on established standards and policy, recommends restricting parking on both sides of the street.
 - 28 Surveys of the neighborhood were conducted with 7 residents approving of the proposed changes and 2 opposing.
15. Third consideration of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V Public Works, By adding 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; 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.

Resolution

16. Resolution approving the purchase of 306 E 8th Street South, Newton, using the City's Low-Moderate Income Set-aside Funds
 - The City has the opportunity to purchase this dilapidated home on East 8th Street South for \$49,900.00.
 - The City has done significant D&D work in this neighborhood, which has resulted in 3 new "Homes for Iowa" houses already constructed and 1 additional planned for 2025 within walking distance of this property.
 - This property is the last remaining low-condition home in this neighborhood and would complete the significant revitalization work and create a building lot for another affordable new single family home.

Mayor/Council Comments

17. Mayor & Council Comments

Adjourn

The City of Newton is pleased to provide reasonable accommodations, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, for those individuals or groups who require assistance to be able to participate in the public meeting. Should special accommodations be required, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, at 641-792-2787 to arrange for accommodations to be provided.

Find us online: www.newtongov.org