



Newton City Council Agenda

September 16, 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

Proclamation

2. September 2024 Library Card Sign-Up Month

Presentation

3. Newton Municipal Airport Update, Ethan Nasalroad, President, Johnson Aviation

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. September 9, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. September 9, 2024 Goal Setting Workshop Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: ALDI Inc #146, 375 Iowa Speedway Drive, Class B Retail Alcohol License, pending staff approval; Thunderdome, 1611 1st Ave W, Special Class C Retail License for Special Event on October 4, 2024, pending dramshop approval
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-11)
9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-12)
10. Resolution approving the Newton Community School District 2024 Homecoming Parade Special Events Application
11. Resolution approving the Diamond Vogel Paint Pro Show Special Events Application
12. Resolution approving the purchase of a Utility Cart

13. Resolution awarding contract for the City of Newton Parks Fence Repairs Project
14. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Nehring Auto Property Located at 1800 1st Ave East Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
15. Resolution accepting completion of the W 6th St S (800-1000 Block) Widening and Overlay Project
16. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of city-owned property at 319 East 12th Street North in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
17. Resolution approving the city-wide City Signage Project
18. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Westwood Golf Course Clubhouse Phase 2 Interior Project
19. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

20. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Arbor Estates, Second Addition in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
 - Arbor Estates, Second Addition is a 28-lot residential subdivision in northeast Newton.
 - At their meeting on August 6, 2024, the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this final plat.
 - Lots 'A' & 'B' and Outlots 'A', 'B', & 'C' are to be dedicated to the City for street or trail rights-of-way and green space.
21. Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Arbor Estates, Second Addition in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
22. Public Hearing on a Proposal to Enter Into a Water Revenue Loan Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$2,900,000
 - It has been proposed to use Water Revenue Bond proceeds to pay for projects and equipment that are directly related to the operation of the Water Department.
 - These projects and equipment include, but not limited to, water meters, pump station equipment, wells, water treatment plant improvements and water lines.
23. Resolution Approving a Proposal to Enter into a Water Revenue Loan Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$2,900,000
24. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending and Updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Ch. 158: Zoning

- The proposed code amendments include general edits and updates to clarify existing regulations found within the Zoning Code.
- Staff regularly reviews the Zoning Code to ensure it is updated and aligns with the comprehensive plan and all applicable state and federal laws.

Ordinance

25. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending and Updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Ch. 158: Zoning
26. First 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 300-700 block of East Tenth Street South.
 - The City received safety concerns regarding street parking in the 300-700 blk of E 10th St S.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed the situation and, based on established standards and policy, recommended restricting parking on the west side of the street.
 - 31 surveys of the neighborhood were conducted with 9 residences approving the proposed changes and 5 opposing.
27. First consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Offenses Adopted by Code Reference" by adding a stop sign on West Fourth Street North at the intersection of North Fourth Avenue West for north and southbound traffic.
 - The Traffic Safety committee received a request to consider placing stop signs on W 4th St N at the intersection of N 4th Ave W for both north and south-bound traffic.
 - The committee does not oppose this request.
 - The alternative would be to make no changes to the existing code.
28. First 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 4300 block of South Fifteenth Avenue East.
 - The City received safety concerns regarding street parking in the 4300 blk of S 15th Ave E.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed the situation and, based on established standards and policy, recommended restricting parking on both sides of the street 300 feet west of the west curbline of Iowa Speedway Drive.

- Casey's management was consulted regarding the proposed changes and were in favor of our recommendation.

Resolution

29. Resolution approving the purchase of 509 East 9th Street North, Newton, using the City's Low-Moderate Income Set-Aside Funds
 - The City has the opportunity to acquire the 509 East 9th Street North property for \$12,000.00.
 - The subject property has long been a source for neighborhood nuisance complaints. Additionally, the property has been plagued with trespassing issues.
30. Resolution adopting fee schedule for Building Trades Permit Fees
 - The current fee schedule for all of the Building Trades is complicated, resulting in additional paperwork processing for refunds or additional billing when customers, understandably, make errors in completing the permit forms and paying the fee.
 - The proposed new fee schedule simplifies the categories and will provide for the necessary revenue to cover the cost of plan review and inspections for the various trades.
31. Resolution adopting fee schedule for Westwood Golf Course for 2025
 - In January 2024, the Newton Park Board discussed the desire to increase fees for Westwood Golf Course.
 - In February and March 2024, Newton City Council also discussed the desire to increase fees for Westwood Golf Course, and ultimately, it was determined to delay the increase until it was time to establish fees for 2025.
 - The attached proposal provides for a moderate increase that will result in additional revenue for the golf course and align with area golf fees, maintains the 5% discount on punch passes and season passes for City of Newton residents, and defines "weekend" and "weekday."
32. Resolution for Awarding the Bid and Contracting for the Purchase of Stryker Powered Stair Chairs
 - The Fire Department applied for and received a grant from the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant for the purchase of powered stair chairs.
 - These chairs provide powered, seated movement of patients including navigating stairways, up and down.
 - The use of powered equipment is expected to reduce the risk of injury for emergency responders.

33. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's personal protective equipment
- The project is for outfitting emergency responders with light weight gear certified for use in wildland firefighting and extrication operations.
 - The Fire Department received a grant from the Jasper Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of dual certified light weight turn out gear.
 - The Fire Department also received a donation from the United Auto Workers (UAW) in the amount of \$1,000 for any project.
34. Resolution to approve creating a temporary Firefighter/EMT position in the Fire Department
- This resolution proposes to add one temporary Firefighter/EMT to the Fire Department.
 - With the exit of a FF/P on October 7th, this position will become a permanent full-time FF/EMT.
 - Similar to previous temporary full-time positions, once the position is converted to a permanent full-time, the temporary position is eliminated.
35. Resolution approving a D&D 2.0 Demolition Grant for 315 East 12th Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
- The City established the D&D 2.0 Grant program in May 2018 to assist with the private demolition of dilapidated structures in the community.
 - Jeffrey Paul Homes, LLC has recently acquired the dilapidated property at 315 East 12th Street North and desires to tear the home down. The home exhibits at least one criteria of the 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings and qualifies for the program.
 - This resolution approves a demolition reimbursement grant of actual demolition expenditures up to the maximum of \$20,000.

Staff Report

36. Snow Removal - Joe Grife, Public Works Director

Mayor/Council Comments

37. Mayor and Council Comments

Closed Session

38. 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.

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Adjourn

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