



Newton City Council Agenda

November 18, 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. Small Business Saturday Proclamation

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. November 4, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. November 4, 2024 Workshop Minutes
6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-15)
7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule 24-16)
8. Resolution Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
9. Resolution Authorizing Urban Renewal Area activities to be Certified and Decertified as TIF Indebtedness
10. Resolution Claiming Less than the Maximum Allowable Revenue from the 1st Avenue East Tax Increment Financing District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
11. Resolution Claiming Less than the Maximum Allowable Revenue from the Speedway/Prairie Fire Tax Increment Financing District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
12. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Westwood Clubhouse Phase 1 Exterior Improvements Project

13. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Westwood Clubhouse Phase 2 Interior Improvements Project
14. Resolution awarding contract for the 2024-01 Demolition Project
15. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, and setting dates for the Public Works Washbay Project
16. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, and setting dates for the 1st Ave E Traffic Signal Improvements Project
17. Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,900,000
18. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

19. Public Hearing on a resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 748 North 3rd Avenue east Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
 - In accordance with State of Iowa Code, the City is holding a public hearing on the sale of property at 748 North 3rd Avenue East, a 28 x 79 ft lot, that the City has owned since 2015.
 - Offers were received until 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 2024. Only one offer was recieved.
 - Carey and Janine Nehring, owners of 303 West 8th Street North, have offered \$500.00 for the property and intend to use it as additional yard space.
20. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 748 North 3rd Avenue east Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
21. Public Hearing on a resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 817 North 3rd Avenue east Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
 - In accordance with State of Iowa Code, the City is holding a public hearing on the sale of property at 817 North 3rd Avenue East, a 66 x 91 ft lot, that the City has owned since 2020.
 - Offers were received until 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 2024. Only one offer was recieved.
 - Thomas W. Weter, 220 East 8th Street North, has offered \$1,500.00 for the property, as additional yard space.
22. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 817 North 3rd Avenue east Newton, Jasper County, Iowa

Ordinance

23. Third Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Official Zoning Map for the east 1,350 feet of Parcel #0826200003 (south side of the 2300–2400 blocks of N. 19th Ave. E.) from A-1: Agricultural to I-L: Light Industrial
 - The applicant requested a rezoning of the subject property to accommodate future industrial development.

- There is very little undeveloped, industrially zoned land available in Newton, and this location would be a natural expansion of the northeast Newton Industrial Park.
 - At their meeting on October 1, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of this rezoning application.
24. Second consideration of an Ordinance Amending various sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference"
- Improvements in the downtown business district streetscapes project have caused the street to narrow and not allow for diagonal parking in the 100blk of E 2nd St N and the 100blk of E 3rd St N.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee recommend prohibiting diagonal parking in those areas and allowing parallel parking.
 - Concerns of heavy trucks damaging private property at 4221 S 22nd Ave E while trying to turn around has prompted the Traffic Safety Committee to look at restricting parking on the south side of 4200-4300 blk of S 22nd Ave E.
25. Second consideration of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 90 "Animals"
- The City Council recently approved the purchase of an animal control facility to house stray dogs.
 - The Code of Ordinances requires an update to reflect that City staff would be handling animal control and housing.
 - The proposed ordinance updates various sections to align with current operations and improve efficiency in animal handling processes.

Resolution

26. Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement (ESA) with Kirkham Michael for the SE Apron Expansion Project at the Newton Municipal Airport
- Aircraft parking space at the Newton Municipal Airport is in high demand during events at the Iowa Speedway, and the City intends to capture as much of that traffic locally as possible.
 - This project is included in the Airport Improvement Plan, it was identified as a Council goal, and it will serve as the largest possible apron expansion to the southeast considering the remaining available land along the east property boundary.
 - Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. of Urbandale, Iowa, has provided the City with an ESA for \$322,529.49 for planning, design, bidding, construction administration and inspection, and close-out services for the project, which will be funded by a

combination of state and federal grants that require either a 5% or 15% local match.

27. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 501 West 14th Street North

- The City of Newton has established the Low-Mod Income Existing Housing Improvement Grant program to assist LMI households with home improvements. Funding set aside for this purpose is a requirement of State of Iowa Code when using Tax Increment Financing for residential development.
- The property at 501 West 14th Street North has requested assistance in the "Plumbing" category in order to replace the private water service. The property is owner-occupied, and the household meets HUD's definition of Low-Mod Income.
- The grant would provide \$7,125.00 to the project.

28. Resolution approving suspension of Civil Service hiring practices for entrance positions as authorized by Iowa Code Section 400.12A for the period November 18, 2024, through November 18, 2025

- In the most recent legislative 2024 session, amendments were made to Chapter 400 that altered requirements for creating Civil Service hiring lists.
- Section 400.12A authorizes the city council, by majority vote, to suspend the hiring practices associated with civil service covered positions for renewable one-year periods.
- This suspension would streamline and speed the hiring processes for police and fire entry positions created during the one-year period.

Mayor/Council Comments

Adjourn

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