



Newton City Council Agenda

December 2, 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

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. November 18, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. November 18, 2024 Workshop Minutes
5. Resolution approving a 28E Agreement with the State of Iowa for participation in the I-PLEDGE program
6. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 24-16)
7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 24-17)
8. Resolution to provide free golf and pool passes for inclusion in the Newton Housing Development Corporation's (NHDC) 2025 Get to Know Newton Welcome Package
9. Resolution approving an amendment to the previously approved Low-moderate Income Housing Set-aside Grant for 501 West 14th Street North, Newton
10. Resolution approving an amendment to the total grant amount for the Downtown Improvement Grant at 105 West 2nd Street North
11. Resolution Authorizing a Fund Transfer from the General Fund to the Water Fund in the Amount of \$750,000
12. Resolution approving Transparency's annual software licensing and maintenance agreement with General Traffic Controls Inc.

13. Resolution Accepting the Completion of the Library Roofing Replacement Project
14. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

15. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement
 - 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 Fund.
 - The Water Revenue Bond process is in its final stages, but with the possibility that the revenue bonds may not be purchased, the City has the flexibility to move to a General Obligation Loan Agreement for these needed funds for Water improvements. This action ensures the City receives the funds in December of 2024.
16. Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter Into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement

Ordinance

17. Third 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.
18. Third 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

19. Resolution officially naming the Soccer Mini Pitch located within Maytag Park as "Lundberg Mini Pitch."

- The Lundberg Family worked to secure the funds needed to construct a Soccer Mini Pitch in Maytag Park, making possible a new amenity within the park system.
- At their regular meeting on October 16, 2024, Park Board Commission Chair submitted the name "Lundberg Mini Pitch" for the mini pitch court.
- The Park Board unanimously recommended approval of "Lundberg Mini Pitch" for the amenity.

20. Resolution Approving the Final Amendment to the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

- All American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds must be allocated and under contract by December 31, 2024 or the funds must be returned. This resolution reallocates all remaining unspent funds to the Westwood Golf Clubhouse project in the amount of \$160,696.75.

21. Resolution Approving an Adjustment to Municipal Discounted Rates for Brick Gentry P. C. Legal Fees

- To ensure that the firm continues to maintain high quality of representation and service, they have undertaken a review of their rate structure. During that review, they discovered it has been over two decades since the firm last made an across-the-board adjustment to the municipal rate.
- While the firm has held off adjusting the municipal rate as long as possible, it is now necessary to keep pace with the higher costs of providing legal service in today's market.
- Adjustment will become effective the next fiscal year on July 1, 2025.

22. Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$2,529,000 Water Revenue Note, Series 2024C

- The proposed 2024C Water Revenue Bonds include the following projects: water meters, pump station equipment, wells, water treatment plant improvements, and water lines.

Mayor/Council Comments

23. Mayor and Council Comments

Closed Session

24. 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

Return to Open Session

25. Return to Open Session

Adjourn

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