



Newton City Council Agenda

March 3, 2025 - 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. Iowa Speedway Update - Iowa Speedway President Eric Peterson

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. February 17, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Fore Seasons, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Special Event April 23-27, 2025
6. Resolution appointing Kayla Johnson to the Newton Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Board for a term ending JUNE 30, 2027
7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-02)
8. Resolution approving lime sludge removal contract 1-year extension with Jon Taylor
9. Resolution Authorizing a Fund Transfer from the North Central Urban Renewal Fund to the Park Bond Fund in the Amount of \$35,000 for the Dog Park
10. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Newton Senior Residence, LLC Property Located Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
11. Resolution awarding contract for the 2025-01 subdrain collector line project
12. Resolution approving a roof repair project for the water treatment plant

13. Resolution approving the Newton Sanitary Landfill fee schedule
14. 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 1st Ave E (Hwy 6) Traffic Signal Upgrades Project
15. Resolution Setting a Date For a Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
16. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

17. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement
 - The City proposes to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of (a) constructing street, alley, storm water drainage and sidewalk improvements, including other incidental public infrastructure elements; (b) acquiring equipment for municipal cemeteries; (c) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal Police, Fire and EMS departments; (d) undertaking improvements to and equipping of existing municipal parks; (e) undertaking improvements to the municipal airport; (f) acquiring, demolishing and/or restoring dangerous, dilapidated and/or abandoned properties; and (g) providing funding for the Newton Housing Initiative Program
18. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into a Parks and Recreation Loan Agreement
 - The City proposes to enter into a general purpose loan agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$930,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of (a) undertaking tennis court surfacing and lighting improvements; (b) undertaking improvements to the municipal swimming pool; (c) undertaking recreation trail improvements; and (d) undertaking club house improvements at the municipal golf course
19. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into a Public Facilities Loan Agreement
 - The City proposes to enter into a general purpose loan agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$700,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of (a) undertaking improvements to municipal fire stations; (b) constructing training facilities for the municipal police and fire departments; (c) undertaking improvements to and equipping City Hall; and (d) constructing an animal control facility
20. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into a Urban Renewal Loan Agreement
 - The City proposes to enter into a general obligation urban renewal loan agreement and to borrow money in a principal

amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of undertaking the Downtown Housing Grant and Downtown Micro-Grant Programs, an authorized urban renewal project of the City in its North Central Urban Renewal Area, last approved by City Council action on August 15, 2022

21. Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and combining Loan Agreements in connection therewith

Ordinance

22. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title V, Chapter 54, Waterworks Section 54.02 – 54.19 by adding or deleting language
- In November of 2022 Council approved a reorganization, creating the Utilities Department, and placing waterworks under the Utilities Department. Numerous language changes throughout this ordinance are to reflect Utilities, versus Public Works.
 - Other changes include clarification of numerous code sections, updates to operational procedures and adjustment to the service fee schedule.
23. First consideration of Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title V, Chapter 52: Sewers
- Proposed ordinance changes include: disconnecting old faulty sanitary sewer service pipes from the public sanitary sewer main, at the time of demolition of an old building.
 - Requiring the installation of backwater valves on all new sanitary sewer service lines, at the time of installation.
 - Increasing the financial assistance to qualified applicants for removal of prohibited discharge into the sanitary sewer from \$1,000 to \$1,500, per each qualified project and increasing the total financial assistance from \$3,000 to \$4,500.
24. First consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 800 block of East Fourteenth Street North
- The City received safety concerns regarding parking on both sides of the street in the 800 blk E 14th St N.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed the situation and, based on established standards and policy, recommends restricting parking on the east side of the street.
 - 14 surveys of the neighborhood were conducted with five (5) residents approving of the proposed changes and zero (0) opposing.
25. First consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking in the 1400-1500 Block of North Ninth Avenue Place East

- The City received safety concerns regarding street parking in the 1400-1550 blk N 9th Ave Pl. E.
- The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed the situation and, based on established standards and policy, recommends restricting parking on the south of the street.
- 22 neighborhood surveys were conducted with six (6) residents approving the proposed changes and two (2) opposing.

Resolution

26. Resolution authorizing entering into an agreement for residential solid waste and recycling collection and disposal
 - The current solid waste collection and hauling contract expires on June 30, 2025. Requests for proposals were distributed.
 - Three proposals were received: Dodd's Solid Waste, Midwest Sanitation, and Waste Management.
 - Staff recommends that council review each proposal and present a motion to enter into an agreement with the preferred hauler.
27. Resolution approving a three-year contract for removal of wastewater biosolids
 - As part of the 2022 Treatment Plant and Southwest Pump Improvement Project, a one-million-gallon liquid storage tank was constructed to store biosolids until land application could be completed. This approach allows contractors using semi-tanker trucks to empty the entire tank within a few days, significantly reducing the time and labor previously required by Water Pollution Control (WPC) staff, who had to transport multiple loads over several months.
 - To facilitate the efficient removal and disposal of biosolids, the City of Newton issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the removal, transportation, treatment, beneficial reuse, and/or disposal of 800,000 to 1,200,000 gallons of biosolids generated by the Newton Water Pollution Control Plant.
 - After a thorough review, Ecosystems Inc. of Ottumwa, IA, was selected as the most qualified, cost-effective provider to meet the City's biosolids removal needs in full compliance with the RFP.

Staff Report

28. Police Department Annual Report - Chief Rob Burdess

Mayor/Council Comments

29. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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