



Newton City Council Agenda

April 7, 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

Proclamation

2. National Library Week April 6-12, 2025
3. Fair Housing Month, April 2025

Presentation

4. Annual Residential Rental Report - Bethany Hovda, Permit Technician

Citizen Participation

5. 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

6. March 17, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Casey's #3954 - LE0003849, 4343 S 15th Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal; Gezellig Brewing Company, LLC - BW0099095, 403 W 4th St N, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service renewal, pending dramshop review; Git-N-Go Convenience Store #14 - LG0000558, 801 1st Ave W, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; Love's Travel Stop #361 - LG0000961, 4400 S 22nd Ave E, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal, pending dramshop review; Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, 303 W 4th St N - Farmers Markets on June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th, and 3030 N 4th Ave E, Fall Fest on October 11th, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, Outdoor Service
8. Resolution appointing Wade Sheeler to the Downtown Grant Review Board
9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-04)

10. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 25-03)
11. Resolution approving the Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler limit liability letter
12. Resolution Adjusting the Fee Schedule for the Newton Fire Department Ambulance Service
13. Resolution approving the purchase and up-fit services for three police patrol vehicles
14. Resolution approving the purchase of mobile radios from Electronic Engineering Co.
15. Resolution approving contract for the 2025 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 1
16. Resolution approving contract for the 2025 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 2
17. Resolution approving contract for the 2025 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 3
18. Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2024-01 Demo Project
19. Resolution approving change order #1 for Demo 2025-01 Project
20. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the GG 115 LLC Property Located at 208 S 2nd Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
21. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Ex Nihilo Property Located at 107 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
22. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Approve the 2025-26 Operating Budget for the City of Newton
23. Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting in which it is Proposed to Approve an Amended Development Agreement with Hotel Maytag Investors, LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax increment Payments
24. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of city-owned property at 1017 West 4th Street South, 902 1st Avenue West, 917 1st Avenue West, 717 West 6th Street South, 625 East 5th Street South, and 1219 South 4th Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
25. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of city-owned property at 509 West 2nd Street South, 514 South 2nd Avenue West, 315 East 4th Street South, and 616 West 4th Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
26. 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 2025 Aurora Park Tennis Courts
27. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

28. Public Hearing on Resolution Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
 - At the March 17, 2025 City Council meeting, the Council designated April 7, 2025 as the public hearing date to consider the first 2024-25 budget amendment for the City of

Newton. Notice of the hearing was published in the *Newton Daily News*, in compliance with State requirements on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. The Iowa Code requires that expenditures for each of the nine general City programs not exceed the budget for the respective programs and allows budgets to be amended by cities prior to May 31st each year to accommodate this requirement.

- The attached budget amendment adjusts the current year 2024-25 budgeted revenues and expenditures to reflect the changes that have occurred and are expected thru June 30, 2025. Amended line items include additional revenues and expenses related to Federal Grants, Tort Liability Revenue, Animal Control, Wash Bay Project, Medical & Tort Claims, Westwood Golf Clubhouse, W 4th & 6th St S reconstruction, Downtown Park, WPC Plant improvements, Jet/Vac Replacement, Meter Replacement Project, Well Field Equipment Maintenance and Golf Capital Equipment.
- The detailed account numbers for the amendments for each program are found in the pages following the attached Resolution. The amendments do not impact the current property tax levy.

29. Resolution Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Ordinance

30. Third 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.
31. Third 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.

32. Third 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.
33. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title IX: General Regulations, Chapter 95: Cemeteries
- Due to a staff reorganization in 2024, references in Chapter 95: Cemeteries to the Community Services Manager are out dated.
 - This ordinance amendment replaces Community Services Manager or Designee with Community Development Director or designee.

Resolution

34. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2,500 from Fierce Faith Music Festival
- City Council established the Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant to provide an avenue to support endeavors which align with the comprehensive plan objective of establishing Newton as a compelling destination.
 - The resolution provides for a \$2,500 grant to the Fierce Faith event.
 - The next application round deadline is October 1, 2025.
35. Resolution approving a performance contract with Damon Dotson for the Newton Fest concert on June 14, 2025
- Resolution approving a performance contract for a concert during the afternoon on June 14, 2025 during Newton Fest.
 - Hotel/Motel tax funds will be used to pay the \$4,000 band fee.
36. Resolution approving reduced prices on Maytag Pool single-day admissions for June 14, 2025
- As part of Newton Fest, the City has offered reduced admission to Maytag Pool during the Saturday of Newton Fest for the past three years.
 - This resolution would approve reduced prices on Maytag Pool single-day admissions for June 14, 2025.
37. Resolution approving a two-month website launch marketing campaign to drive traffic to the new Get to Know Newton website

- A two-month digital marketing campaign designed to drive traffic to the new City of Newton website using addressable display ads, pre-roll video ads, and targeted email marketing.
 - The total campaign spend is \$23,560, covering both digital ad placements and creative production.
 - Staff recommends that the City Council approve the campaign and funding, given the strong performance metrics and the expertise of our agency of record, Bing Bang.
38. Resolution awarding contract for the 1st Ave (Highway 6) signal improvement project
- The five signalized intersections of E 8th St, E 12th St, E 14th St, E 19th St, and E 23rd St on 1st Ave E do not have ADA signals with an audible sound and pedestrian countdown heads.
 - The City of Newton was awarded a Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) grant in the amount of \$102,420.00.
 - The remaining cost of \$47,086.00 will be paid from 2022 Bond Proceeds
39. Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2025 Westwood Sidwalk/Cart Path PCC Project
- As the clubhouse nears completion, it is necessary to proceed with some initial concrete work to provide adequate access to the building before the completion of Phase 3- patio/exterior improvements.
 - Jerry Keenan Concrete of Newton, IA provided the low quote in the amount of \$10,958.00.
40. Resolution approving professional services agreement with Bolton/Menk for hydraulic modeling services of the water distribution system
- By leveraging hydraulic modeling, municipalities and engineers can:
 - Assess System Efficiency – Identify pressure variations, bottlenecks, and areas with inadequate flow.
 - Support Infrastructure Planning – Evaluate the impact of system expansions, upgrades, and new developments.
 - Improve Water Quality – Simulate water age, chlorine decay, and other parameters to ensure safe water delivery.
 - Optimize Operations – Enhance pump management, storage capacity, and energy efficiency.
 - Enhance Emergency Preparedness – Model scenarios such as pipe failures, fire flow demands, and system contamination events.
41. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 607 North 2nd Avenue East, Newton

- The owner of 607 North 2nd Avenue East has made an application in the plumbing category and has submitted a quote for the work. The owner and the property meet the requirements of the City's LMI Existing Housing Improvement Grant program.
 - The resolution approves a \$3,696.27 grant for 607 North 2nd Avenue East.
42. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 423 East Second Street South, Newton
- The home at 423 East 2nd Street South is owner-occupied, and the owner qualifies for the city's Low-Moderate Income Existing Housing Improvement Grant.
 - The owner has made an application in the Foundation category and has submitted a quote from a Des Moines contractor.
 - The resolution approves a \$10,000.00 grant for 423 East 2nd Street South.
43. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-058 Approving the City-wide City Signage Replacement Project
- Since the approval of Resolution 2025-058 awarding the City Signage Replacement Project to Sign Pro of Newton, Iowa, another contractor has submitted a quote for consideration.
 - This resolution contemplates amending Resolution 2025-058 by awarding the City Signage Replacement Project to Think-n-Ink of Knoxville, Iowa.
44. Resolution Approving a Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025A
- City Council held Public Hearings on December 2, 2024 and March 3, 2025 regarding the issuance of the 2025A General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. The next step in the bonding process is the approval of a Bond Purchase Agreement.
 - The total amount of bond proceeds for equipment and projects is \$5,217,000 which includes Water improvements, Tennis Court resurfacing & lighting and improvements, Stormwater projects, Police & Fire Equipment and buildings, and Park improvements.
45. Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant funds for 211 1st Avenue West, Newton, Iowa in the Paint Program Area
- On March 26, 2025, the Downtown Grant Review Board recommended approval of downtown improvement grant funds to Randy Caldwell for Caldwell and Brierly Law Office.
 - The maximum allowed and the recommended grant amount is \$1,500.00, provided a 1:1 match is met.
46. Resolution approving the Award of Downtown Improvement grants for the building at 207 1st Avenue West

- On March 26, 2025, the Downtown Grant Review Board recommended approval of downtown improvement grant funds to Randy Caldwell for John Lee Photography.
- The recommended grant amount is \$750.00 provided a 1:1 match is met.

Staff Report

47. SRP & Library Services - Phyllis Peter, Youth Services Librarian & Becca Klein, Public Services Librarian

Mayor/Council Comments

48. Mayor and Council Comments

Closed Session

49. Closed Session under Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property . The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed

Return to Open Session

50. Return to Open Session

Closed Session

51. 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 2025

Return to Open Session

52. Return to Open Session

Closed Session

53. To Evaluate The Professional Competency Of Individuals Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance Or Discharge Is Being Considered When Necessary To Prevent Needless And Irreparable Injury To That Individual's Reputation And That Individual Request A Closed Session. Pursuant To The Provisions Of Section 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa 2025

Return to Open Session

54. Return to Open Session

Adjourn

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