



Newton City Council Agenda

May 5, 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. 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation
3. National Police Week Proclamation
4. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week Proclamation
5. May is Building Safety Month
6. May is National Preservation Month

Presentation

7. Habitat for Humanity (Jasper County & State) update - Becca Decker & Rachel Ong

Citizen Participation

8. 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

9. April 16, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
10. April 21, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
11. April 21, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
12. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Casey's #1911 - LE0003308, 1018 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal; Newton/Des Moines East KOA - WBN001424, 1610 E 36th St S, Special Class B Retail Native Wine License renewal; The Venue & Public House, 211 N 2nd Ave W, amendment allowing temporary extension of outdoor service area including 200 block of N 2nd Ave W for car show June 13-14, 2025

13. Approve 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: Fareway #848, 120 N 3rd Ave E; World Liquor & Tobacco + Vapors, 702 1st Ave E; World To Go, 403 1st Ave E
14. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 25-05)
15. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the McCann Housing Associates, LP Property Located at 1105 East 12th Street South Within the McCann Urban Renewal Area
16. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Theisen's Property Located at 3021 1st Ave E Within the East Mart Urban Renewal Area
17. Resolution Denying a Property Tax Rebate payment to Newton Elite Properties, LLC (Property located at 1123 1st Avenue East) for the Spring 2025 payment due to a violation of the Economic Development Agreement
18. Resolution Approving Contract for Auditing Services and Preparation of Annual Financial Statements
19. Resolution Approving Replacement Windows on the West Side of the Newton Police Department
20. Resolution approving purchase of a pressure washer for the Public Works Community Development Wash Bay
21. Resolution Amending the Downtown Improvement Grant for United Way of Jasper County at 312 First Avenue West
22. Resolution Approving Amendment #001 to the Engineering Services Agreement for the Westwood Golf Course Bridge Replacement and Repair Project
23. Resolution authorizing the submission of FY 2026 Airport State Funding Application and certifying eligibility requirements.
24. Resolution Approving the Purchase of the Parks Utility Cart
25. Resolution approving contract change order document for Westwood Clubhouse
26. Resolution authorizing the purchase of pre-season salt for snow and ice control
27. Resolution approving the purchase and installation of two gate valves for the Newton Sanitary Landfill
28. Resolution accepting completion of work replacing the undercarriage of the Landfill 850L dozer
29. Resolution approving CO-1 for the 2025 Westwood Grading Project
30. 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 North East Pump Station Improvements Project
31. Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on the FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
32. Approve Bills
33. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Establishing Partial Tax Exemption for Industrial Property

Public Hearing

- This is an ordinance establishing industrial abatement in accordance with Code of Iowa Chapter 427B.
- The tax exemption schedule, authorized by Iowa Code Chapter 427B is for five years as follows: Year 1: 75%, Year 2: 60%, Year 3: 45%, Year 4: 30%, Year 5: 15%.

34. First Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Partial Tax Exemption for Industrial Property

Ordinance

35. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: Mayor and Council

- In order to keep in line with comparable communities and for the good of the organization, it is recommended by staff to increase the Mayor's and Council's pay for the next elected council, which begins January 1, 2026.

Resolution

36. Resolution amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Public Works Fees, by adding Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Fee

- On January 24, three proposals were received. At the March 3 Newton City Council meeting, each vendor presented their proposals. Following deliberation, the City Council voted to enter into an agreement with Dodd's Solid Waste & Recycling of Newton, IA.
- Dodd's proposal includes a monthly rate of \$15.00 for manual weekly collection of a 35-gallon solid waste bin and an 18-gallon recycling tote.
- The contract includes an annual rate adjustment tied to the Consumer Price Index – Urban and has a term of five years.
- As a result of the new contract with Dodd's, the monthly rate for individual property owners, covering solid waste and recycling collection, landfill tipping fees, recycling tipping fees, leaf bag collection, and Christmas tree collection, will be \$18.55 per residential unit, effective July 1, 2025.

37. Resolution approving the granting of Downtown Improvement Grant funds for 309 1st Avenue West, Newton, Iowa in the Facade Rehabilitation Program Area

- On April 9, 2025, the Downtown Grant Review Board recommended approval of downtown improvement grant funds to Carl Hentsch for Betty J's Merchantile.
- The maximum allowed grant amount is \$5,000.00, provided a 1:1 match is met.
- The recommended grant amount is \$500.00, provided a 1:1 match is met.

38. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 2122 North 4th Avenue East, Newton
- The owner of 2122 North 4th 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 \$2,887.50 grant for 2122 North 4th Avenue East.
39. Resolution approving a low-moderate income housing set-aside grant for 2014 South 3rd Avenue East, Newton
- The owner of 2014 South 3rd Avenue East has made an application in the Exterior Treatments and Windows and Doors categories 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 \$16,303.75 grant for 2014 South 3rd Avenue East.
40. Resolution Approving a D&D 2.0 Demolition Grant for 1010 East 8th Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
- Request for assistance for the demolition costs for 1010 East 8th Street North, Newton.
 - The grant program agreement would provide a D&D 2.0 Grant of \$20,000 to Brooks Grease management, LLC after completion of the demolition work.
41. Resolution approving the Westwood Clubhouse Facility Rental Policy and Adding Westwood Clubhouse Facility Rental Fee to the City of Newton Comprehensive Fee Schedule
- With the construction of the new clubhouse nearing completion, it has been identified that a facility rental policy is needed.
 - Westwood Golf Course Staff has prepared a policy to accommodate private parties during the off season of November 15th through March 1st of each year. Private parties during normal golfing season is not recommended, as the primary function of the clubhouse is to serve as a main hub for the golfcourse.
 - This policy does not apply to golf outings scheduled by Westwood Golf Course Staff.
42. Resolution approving the purchase of a Cemetery Zero Turn Mower

- The 2025-26 CIP identifies a zero turn mower for Newton Union Cemetery as a piece of equipment needing to be replaced.
- This resolution approves the purchase of a Cemetery Zero-Turn Mower from Mow Pow'r, Newton, IA, in the amount of \$14,479.00.

43. Resolution approving Change Order 02 to the contract for the City of Newton Fire Department Engine Bay Floor Reinforcing Project

- The Fire Department has a new ladder truck on order which is expected to be delivered in late 2026.
- The Fire Department is currently working with a contractor for the reinforcement of the engine bay floor.
- Conditions were found during the construction project that require a change to the original contract and are accounted for in this resolution.

44. Resolution approving Change Order 03 to the contract for the City of Newton Fire Department Engine Bay Floor Reinforcing Project

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Staff Report

45. Annual Fire Report - Jarrod Wellik, Fire Chief

Mayor/Council Comments

46. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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