



Newton City Council Agenda

January 19, 2026 - 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. Central Iowa Shelter and Services - Sam Carrell, Vice President Strategy and Rural Development

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. January 5, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. January 5, 2026 Workshop Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Apres Bar Co LLC, 600 N 2nd Ave W, Chamber Dinner January 24, 2026, Class C Retail Alcohol Special Event License, pending dramshop review and staff approval; Dollar General - LG0000159, 1803 1st Ave E, Class B Retail Alcohol License renewal; La Cabana Mexican Restaurant - LC0052048, 2617 1st Ave E, Ste 5 & 6, Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service renewal; and Mega Saver, 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Change, Class E Retail Alcohol License, pending state and local approval
7. Approve 2026 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: Mega Saver, 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Change, pending state and local approval
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-01)
9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-02)
10. Resolution approving change order #3 and accepting completion of the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

11. Resolution accepting final completion of the WPC Treatment Plant and SW Pump Station Improvements Project and release of retainage
12. Resolution authorizing a 3-year agreement with HLW Engineering Group to provide professional services for the Newton Sanitary Landfill
13. Resolution approving the Clinical Engineering Agreement with Unity Point Health
14. Resolution approving lime sludge removal contract 1-year extension with Jon Taylor
15. Resolution approving amendment #002 to the agreement for Professional Services Between the City of Newton, Iowa, and Bolton and Menk for 2025-01 Iowa Speedway Dr Sidewalk Project
16. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 920-1100 West 22nd Street South and 2000-2112 South 11th Avenue West in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
17. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 509 West 2nd Street South, 625 East 5th Street South, 514 South 2nd Avenue West in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
18. Resolution approving the Zoll Preventative Maintenance Agreement
19. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

20. Public Hearing on Resolution Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
 - At the January 5, 2026 City Council meeting, the Council designated January 19, 2026 as the public hearing date to consider the first 2025-26 budget amendment for the City of Newton. Notice of the hearing was published in the *Newton Daily News*, in compliance with State requirements on Friday, January 9, 2026. 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 2025-26 budgeted revenues and expenditures to reflect the changes that have occurred and are expected thru June 30, 2026. Amended line items include additional revenues and expenses related to Federal Grants, Development Initiative Assistance, Traffic Signal ADA Project, Tort Claims, Westwood Golf Clubhouse, Tennis Court & Lighting, Airport Projects and Water Projects.
 - The amendments do not impact the current property tax levy.

21. Resolution Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Ordinance

22. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title XIII, Chapter 136, "Public Camping"

- Public camping has become a safety hazard within the community. Enforcement of public camping is currently conducted utilizing the zoning ordinance, which is ineffective.
- The proposed ordinance would establish clear, enforceable standards to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all residents while ensuring fair and compassionate enforcement.

23. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V Public Works, by amending Chapter 53 Stormwater Utility

- At the October 19, 2020, city council meeting, the Newton City Council approved the creation of a Stormwater Utility Ordinance.
- The stormwater utility budget currently has a surplus, but after several planned projects are completed in the next fiscal year, the budget will be depleted. This will only allow staff to complete a minimal number of projects a month.
- An additional one dollar per ERU would generate an additional \$140,000 in revenue, allowing larger-scale projects to continue.

Resolution

24. Resolution Adjusting the Fee Schedule for the Newton Fire Department Ambulance Service

- The Fire Department provides ambulance service to citizens and visitors to Newton.
- In 2012, City Council adopted rate modifier of 1.75 tied directly to Medicare rates.
- Each year the fee schedule is reviewed and revised based on increases and decreases to the Medicare fee schedule.

25. Resolution approving the purchase of 2 Bungalow Court, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa

- The City has the opportunity to purchase #2 Bungalow Court as part of on-going curb appeal improvements along 1st Avenue East.
- A purchase price of \$60,000.00 has been negotiated with the property owner for the "double lot" property.
- First Avenue East TIF funds would be used for the acquisition, not impacting bonded funds or general tax funds.

Staff Report

26. W 4th St N & N 2nd Ave W Traffic Signals — Joe Grife, Public Works Director

Mayor/Council Comments

27. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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