



Newton City Council Agenda

March 2, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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In Person

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. Jasper County Emergency Management Update - Jamey Robinson, Director

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 16, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. February 16, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes
6. February 24, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: American Legion Post 111 - LC0018906, 1101 W 4th St S, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Catering, and Outdoor Service renewal
8. Approve March 2, 2026 - June 30, 2026 Device Permit for Newton Market (VIHAAN LLC), 321 1st Ave W
9. Approve waiver of administrative fee for emergency liquor license for Newton Athletic Booster Club Trivia Night event for Saturday, February 28, 2026
10. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-04)
11. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-05)
12. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Hopkins Properties LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area

13. Resolution approving the purchase of three engraved monoliths and two benches for the Veteran's Section 3 monument at Newton Union Cemetery using donation funds
14. Resolution approving a non-standard use agreement with the property owner of 112 1st Ave E
15. Resolution approving the revised not to exceed purchase amount of the pre-fabricated restroom for Harmony Park
16. 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 St N 8" Watermain Project
17. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

18. Public Hearing on the First Consideration on an Ordinance amending City of Newton Code of Ordinances Title IX: General Regulations, Chapter 94: Public Nuisances and Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning pertaining to Urban Chickens & Ducks
 - Citizens have requested code changes that would allow for an expanded allowance of chickens/ducks on residential properties in Newton.
 - The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and discussed the matter of urban chickens/ducks.
 - On October 21st, the Planning and Zoning Commission had a vote of 3-1 on the ordinance.
19. First Consideration on an Ordinance amending City of Newton Code of Ordinances Title IX: General Regulations, Chapter 94: Public Nuisances and Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning pertaining to Urban Chickens & Ducks

Ordinance

20. 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 Code Reference" by adding stop signs on North Second Avenue at the intersection of West Fourth Street for east and westbound traffic.
 - City Council recently approved the removal of the traffic signal at N 2nd Ave & W 4th St and recommended stop signs for the east and westbound traffic on N 2nd Ave at W 4th St.
 - Section 4B.02 of the MUTCD recommends installing the stops signs and covering the existing traffic signal heads for 90 days prior to the permanent removal.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee agrees with the council's recommendation and further recommends waiving the 2nd and 3rd reading to allow adequate time for the covering of the existing signals and placement of new stop signs.
21. 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 100-200 Block of East Twenty-First Street South.

- With the expansion of the tennis courts at Aurora Park and the loss of a parking area, the Traffic Safety Committee was asked to reevaluate the current parking in the 100–200 block of E 21st St S.
- The TSC recommends restricting parking on the east side and allowing parking on the west side of E 21st St S due to safety concerns related to tennis court users having to walk across the street.

Resolution

22. Resolution amending the fee schedule for various Planning & Zoning Applications and Peddler Permit
 - Application fees are reviewed from time to time to ensure that the cost of service can be covered.
 - The proposed amendment to the fee schedule updates various Planning and Zoning application fees to include the cost for the required yard sign notice and to bring the peddler permit fee into alignment with the cost of service and surrounding community comparables.
23. Resolution Approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2026A
 - City Council held Public Hearings on December 2, 2025 regarding the issuance of the 2026A 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 \$5,622,000, which includes a new ladder truck, inclusive playground features, public safety equipment, and stormwater improvements.
24. Resolution Approving Pool Floor Repair Project by Sande Construction
 - A seam in the pool floor is damaged due to water infiltration and freeze-thaw.
 - This proposal is to remove 12" around the seam, replace the concrete, and caulk seal the joints.
 - Total cost is \$43,333.00 from general fund reserves.
25. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on March 16, 2026 on Proposed Adoption of an Ordinance Granting to Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy) a 25-Year Non-Exclusive Electric Franchise

- This resolution would set a public hearing for future discussion on the potential to adopt a franchise fee at 3% in the initial year, 4% in the second year and 5% in the third year.

26. Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on March 16, 2026 on an Ordinance Establishing a Franchise Fee on Energy Providers Operating in the City of Newton, Iowa

- This resolution would set a public hearing for future discussion on the potential to adopt a franchise fee at 3% in the initial year, 4% in the second year and 5% in the third year.

Mayor/Council Comments

27. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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