



Newton City Council Agenda

April 20, 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

Proclamation

2. Arbor Day Proclamation

Presentation

3. Rental Inspection Program Report - Bethany Hovda, Newton Permit Technician & Harrison Van Ausdall, Iowa Inspections

Citizen Participation

4. 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

5. April 6, 2026 Special City Council Minutes
6. April 6, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Gezellig Brewing Company, LLC - BW0099095, 403 W 4th St N, Ste 103, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service renewal; J&K Investments, LLC (Fore Seasons Golf) at DMACC Newton Campus, 600 N 2nd Ave W, for Special Event on April 22, 2026, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Whiskey Drink, LLC, 124 N 2nd Ave W, Class C Retail Alcohol License pending state and local approval
8. Approve 2026-2027 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor License for the following: Dollar General Store #3032, 1803 1st Ave E
9. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 26-07)
10. Resolution Approving the Contract for the 2026 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 1
11. Resolution Approving the Contract for the 2026 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 2

12. Resolution Approving the Contract for the 2026 City of Newton Mowing Contract No. 3
13. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Mercurialis Holdings Property Located at 400 1st Ave W Within the North Central Urban Renewal Area
14. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Jasper Point Plaza, LLC Property Located Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
15. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Nehring Auto Property Located at 1800 1st Ave E Within the 1st Avenue East Urban Renewal Area
16. Resolution approving Water Service Territory within the Newton Rail Park
17. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a mini excavator for the Public Works Department
18. Resolution authorizing the purchase of two roll-off containers for the Newton Sanitary Landfill
19. Resolution authorizing the purchase of barricades for community event street closures
20. Resolution approving an agreement with CivicPlus for asset and work order management software
21. Resolution accepting completion of the 2025 Aurora Park Tennis Courts Lighting Project.
22. Resolution accepting completion of the Scale House Electrical Generator Installation Project
23. Resolution approving the purchase of a Parks 72-inch Zero-turn Mower
24. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 96-inch Parks Zero Turn Mower
25. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Parks Dump Truck
26. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Downtown Groundskeeper Trailer
27. Resolution approving contract with Atlantic Bottling Company for Westwood Clubhouse
28. 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 2026 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project
29. Approve Bills
30. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the 2026-27 Operating Budget for the City of Newton
 - Sets the City tax levy at \$17.10000/1,000
 - The ending undesignated fund balance in the General Fund is estimated to be at 25.01% of budgeted expenditures
 - Retains current staffing levels with COLA and step increases for Union and Pay Plan positions
 - Includes the purchase of equipment and completion of projects throughout the community as outlined in the CIP

Public Hearing

31. Resolution Approving the 2026-27 Operating Budget for the City of Newton
32. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 1219 South 4th Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
 - The City of Newton acquired the property at 1219 South 4th Avenue East in 2020 through the D&D Program.
 - After advertising notice for the sale of the property, one offer was received.
 - Anselm Frietsch, a local builder, proposes to purchase the property for \$11,000 and commit to construct a one bedroom, one bath home. This will become his personal residence.
33. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 1219 South 4th Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa

Ordinance

34. 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 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.
35. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XIII: General Offenses, Chapter 130: General Provisions, by Adding a New Section Regarding Public Intoxication
 - Recent case law has eliminated persons being intoxicated on a drug or controlled substance as a crime covered under Iowa law
 - The Police Department frequently interacts with individuals who are intoxicated on controlled substances, but no longer have an enforcement option due to court rulings
 - The proposed ordinance establishes a City Ordinance of Public Intoxication, which includes intoxication by an alcoholic beverage, drugs, controlled substance, or a combination thereof

Resolution

36. Resolution approving task order 26-01 with Strand Associates, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Boiler Replacement Project

- The Newton Water Pollution Control Plant operates three dual-fuel boilers (natural gas and digester gas) that support anaerobic digestion and provide heating to multiple plant facilities.
- Installed in 2002, the existing boilers have reached the end of their service life, with increasing maintenance issues and limited availability of replacement parts; replacement is funded in the FY27 CIP budget.
- Strand Associates, Inc. will provide design, bidding, and construction-related services under Task Order 26-01 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Boiler Replacement Project.

37. Resolution approving an amendment to the adopted Low-Moderate Income Set-Aside Funds Policy

- The City has established a LMI Housing Set-Aside Policy to guide how the required set-aside funds from Residential TIF Districts are utilized.
- A separate category for all ADA Accessible Improvement projects will provide consistency and funding for disabled homeowners who qualify for the LMI Existing Housing Improvement program.

38. Resolution approving the 2026-27 Non-Union Compensation Plan

- The City of Newton has a formalized compensation plan. The City Council approved the 2026-27 budget which includes a 3% COLA for the Non-Union Compensation Plan and a 3% COLA for Department Directors. The dollar amounts in the proposed 2026-27 Non-Union Compensation Plan have been adjusted as budgeted.

Staff Report

39. Public Works Project Updates - Joe Grife, Public Works Director

Mayor/Council Comments

40. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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