



## Newton City Council Agenda

May 4, 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

### Proclamation

2. National Police Week Proclamation
3. 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation

### Presentation

4. Newton Municipal Airport Update - Ethan Nasalroad, President, Johnson Aviation
5. Trap-Neuter-Release Program - Lucy's Pet Pantry

### Citizen Participation

6. 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

7. April 20, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
8. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: 2nd Ave Social - LC0058034, 118 N 2nd Ave E, amendment adding temporary outdoor service for patio (May-Sept 30, 2026) pending state and local approval; Mega Saver (DBA TFL, Inc), 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Change (same owners, name change), Class E Retail Alcohol License (approved under previous owners [Raceway80/KC Store, Mega Saver - TFGA, LLC], on January 19, 2026), pending state and local approval; Walgreen's - LE0002171, 1204 1st Ave E, Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal
9. Approve 2026-2027 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Licenses for the following: Mega Saver (TFL, Inc), 4300 S 22nd Ave E, Ownership Update (same owners, name change); Murphy USA, 200 Iowa Speedway Dr; Pit Stop Liquors, 1324 1st Ave E

10. Designate May 18, 2026 as a public hearing date for the 2nd Budget Amendment for Fiscal year 2025-2026
11. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-08)
12. Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a Parks Crew Cab Truck
13. Resolution amending resolution 2026-327 approving the purchase and up-fit services for two police patrol vehicles
14. Resolution approving amendment #001 to a Professional Services Agreement for the 2026 Downtown Streetscape Project
15. Resolution awarding contract for the W 22<sup>nd</sup> St S Storm Water Repair Project
16. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the McCann Housing Associates, LP Property Located at 1105 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street South Within the McCann Urban Renewal Area
17. Resolution Approving a Property Tax Rebate for the Theisen's Property Located at 3021 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E Within the East Mart Urban Renewal Area
18. Resolution accepting completion of N.E. Pump Station Improvements
19. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a zero turn mower for Water Pollution Control
20. Resolution accepting final completion of the Water Treatment Plant Controls and Telemetry Replacement Project
21. Resolution approving Amendment #002 to the Engineering Services Agreement for Professional Services between City of Newton, Iowa and Bolton & Menk, Inc. for Westwood Golf Course Bridge Replacement and Repair Project
22. Resolution approving the name change of the buyers for the previously approved sale of properties at 920-1100 West 22nd Street South and 2000-2112 South 11th Avenue West, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
23. Approve Bills

## **Public Hearing**

24. Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 1017 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
  - The City acquired the subject property through the D&D program in 2022, cleared the property of the dilapidated home, and has since maintained the grassy lot.
  - The adjacent property owner, Elite Mart LLC, has submitted an offer on the property in the amount \$ 3,000 with the intention of maintaining the grassy lot, and a potential future expansion of the existing building on the neighboring lot by approximately 10 feet to accommodate new freezer/refrigerator space.
25. Resolution approving the purchase agreement for real property at 1017 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa

## **Ordinance**

26. Third 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
27. First consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Various Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title IX, Chapter 90, "Animals"
- The community has seen an increased number of cat issues in recent years and proposes an ordinance to help control the cat population
  - The proposed ordinance limits the number of cats a resident may own or harbor and establishes guidelines for a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program
28. First consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Various Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2025, Title VII, Chapter 74, "Recreational And Toy Vehicles"
- Electric scooters, low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles have created safety issues within the community
  - There is currently no ordinance governing the use of these units
  - The proposed ordinance establishes guidelines for safer operations within the community

## **Resolution**

29. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2,500 for Hike-n-Seek 2026
- 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 Hike-n-Seek 2026.
30. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2,500 for the Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Plant BINGO and Plant Sale

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31. Resolution approving a 28E agreement with the Central Iowa Regional Tactical Team
- The Newton Police Department has had its own tactical team since 2005
  - Most high risk incidents requiring tactical teams often require more resources than Newton can provide
  - Becoming a member of the Central Iowa Regional Tactical Team will provide more resources for our community and surrounding areas
32. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a mini excavator for the Public Works Department
- Public Works routinely has multiple crews working on separate projects, including stormwater and street repairs, subdrain installation, and various other improvements. This can occasionally cause an issue with equipment availability.
  - crews have also seen an increase in conflicts with underground utilities, including electrical, fiber-optic, water, and sewer lines. It was determined that both issues could be resolved by purchasing a mini-excavator.
  - City staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 50P-Tier mini excavator from Murphy Tractor of Des Moines, Iowa, for \$74,198.48.
33. Resolution approving repair on spare Jordan Well Motor
- The City Council of Newton, Iowa approves the repair of the Jordan Well motor by Northway Well Corporation of Marion, Iowa.
  - The total authorized expenditure shall not exceed \$48,766.00.
  - Funding for this repair will be paid from the Water Enterprise Fund.

**Mayor/Council Comments**

34. Mayor and Council Comments

**Closed Session**

35. 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 2026

**Return to Open Session**

36. Return to Open Session

**Adjourn**

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