



## Newton City Council Agenda

June 1, 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. Holmes Murphy Employee Benefits Update — Jeff Clayton, Attorney - VP, EB/Shareholder & Joe Langel, VP, EB/Shareholder

### 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. May 18, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: LEVY Premium Food Service, LLC (Iowa Speedway) - LC0058247, 3333 Rusty Wallace Dr, Temporary Outdoor Service through 09/30/2026; Lucky Wife Wine Slushies (Triple K Sips, LLC), 303 W 4th St N, Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for June 16, 2026 Farmers Market
6. Approve 2026-2027 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Licenses for the following: Casey's #1911, 1018 1st Ave E; Casey's #2341, 3104 1st Ave E; Casey's #2417, 1200 W 1st Ave W; Casey's #3954, 4343 S 15th Ave E; Newton Market (Vihaan), 321 1st Ave W; Newton Tobacco & Vape, 309 Iowa Speedway Dr; and Tobacco Vape & E-Cig, 1126 1st Ave E (plus device permit renewal)
7. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 26-09)
8. Resolution Approving the FY25 Audit for the City of Newton
9. Resolution Extending the Maturity Date of the City's Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement Anticipation Project Note
10. Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Newton YMCA for Fiscal Year 2027

11. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a front-end loader snow plow blade for the Public Works Department
12. Resolution approving the purchase of three multi-stage pumps and two motors for the Newton Sanitary Landfill
13. Resolution awarding a contract for the Landfill Lower Shop Insulation Project
14. Resolution approving change order #1 and accepting completion of the Aurora Park parking improvement Project
15. Resolution amending resolution 2026-145 accepting completion of the Scale house Electrical Generator Installation Project
16. Resolution approving change order #3 for Westwood Golf Course Bridge Replacement and Repairs Project
17. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 24' Tilt Deck Trailer for the Public Works Department
18. Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on the FY27-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
19. Resolution Approving an Agreement with JP Party Rentals LLC for Fourth of July Celebration 2026
20. Resolution approving a PSA for Arbor Estates Wetlands design
21. Approve Bills

## Public Hearing

22. Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending the City of Newton official zoning map for property located at 1017 West 4th St. S. Parcel number 0833479017, from R-2: One-and-Two Family Residential District to C-N: Neighborhood Commercial
  - The applicant requested a rezoning of the subject property to accommodate expansion of the existing convenience store.
  - At their meeting on May 5, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of this rezoning application.
23. First Consideration of an Ordinance amending the City of Newton official zoning map for property located at 1017 West 4th St. S. Parcel number 0833479017, from R-2: One-and-Two Family Residential District to C-N: Neighborhood Commercial
24. Public Hearing on a resolution awarding the 2026 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project
  - The 100 blocks of W 3rd St N and W 4th St N have undergone several asphalt resurfacing projects over the last 65 years and have surpassed their useful life.
  - The street will be reconstructed 40 feet wide (measured face of curb to face of curb) with parallel parking, new sidewalks, trees, lighting, and improved drainage.
  - Staff recommends awarding the project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, TK Concrete Inc. of Pella, IA, with a bid of \$495,815.00.

25. Resolution awarding the 2026 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project

## Ordinance

26. Third 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.
27. Second 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.

## Resolution

28. Resolution renewing Bing Bang as the agency of record for Marketing & Advertising Agency Services
- Bing Bang has served as the City of Newton's agency of record for Marketing and Advertising Agency Services for the past two years, delivering increased brand awareness, multiple promotional videos, and strategic marketing to support economic growth.
  - Renewing this agreement allows the city to build on that momentum with continued storytelling videos, social reels, website hosting, and a targeted digital media campaign.
29. Resolution approving a service agreement with Flock Safety for LPR cameras
- With the use of ALPR cameras, the Police Department has been able to create leads and solve numerous cases
  - The Police Department proposes approving a 2-year agreement with Flock Safety for the existing ten cameras and adding 5 additional cameras
  - First year cost of the project is \$50,000 funded by 2026 bonds

30. Resolution updating the Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Public Works Fees, Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Fee
- The current solid waste collection and hauling contract was awarded to Dodd's Solid Waste and Recycling in January 2025. The collection of solid waste and recycling is paid for by a fee per dwelling unit as specified in the contract.
  - Property owners in the City of Newton pay a monthly fee on their utility bill that covers the cost to Dodd's for collection, as well as the disposal of solid waste at the Newton Sanitary Landfill and the recycling of materials at a licensed recycling facility.
  - Per the contract, the monthly rate paid to Dodd's shall be adjusted to match the 12-month unadjusted percent change to the CPI-U. In order to cover the cost increase to Dodd's and to ensure that solid waste disposal and recycling fees are also not subsidized by the general fund, City staff recommends a 2.8% increase in recycling and garbage fees be charged to property owners in FY27, which equates to a 52-cent monthly increase.

31. Resolution Approving Repair of the Ladder Truck

- The Fire Department utilizes a ladder truck in operations for fire and rescue operations.
- The current ladder truck was purchased in 2001 and is requiring increasing maintenance to allow for continued use.
- A new ladder truck is scheduled to be delivered in late 2026.

**Staff Report**

32. How to Apply for Permits Online — Nick Alexander, City Planner

**Mayor/Council Comments**

33. Mayor and Council Comments

**Adjourn**

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