



Newton City Council Agenda

February 20, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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City Hall - Council Chambers
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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Presentation

2. Historic Preservation Commission 2022 Annual Report - Larry Hurto, HPC Chair

Citizen Participation

3. This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Council. After being recognized by the Mayor, each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak. Comments and/or questions must be related to City policies or the provision of City services and shall not include derogatory statements or comments about any individual. Except in cases of legal emergency, the City Council cannot take formal action at the meeting, but may ask the City staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

Consent Agenda

4. February 06, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. February 06, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes
6. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Nostalgia Wine & Spirits-LC0048028, 109 N 2nd Ave E, Special Event 03/17/23, Temporarily extending outdoor service area
7. Resolution approving the 2022 Certified Local Government Annual Report for the Newton Historic Preservation Commission
8. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof (Schedule 23-01)
9. Resolution approving the submittal of a Prairie Meadows grant application for the Aurora Park Pickleball Courts Project
10. Resolution accepting completion of the N 4th Ave W Traffic Signal Improvement Project
11. Resolution awarding contract for the 2023 Highway and Symbol Painting Project
12. Resolution awarding contract for the 2023 Overhead Door Installation Project - Community Services

13. Resolution approving the Clinical Engineering Agreement with Unity Point Health
14. Resolution setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and to borrow money thereunder
15. Resolution approving the Newton Sanitary Landfill fee schedule
16. Resolution approving a Professional Design Services Agreement for the City Hall Skylight Replacement Project
17. Resolution renewing Newton's membership to the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance
18. Resolution approving 2023 Water Supply and Treatment System Facility Plan Report
19. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

20. Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
 - The 2019 Iowa State Legislature passed bill #SF634 into law which requires cities to hold an additional public hearing during the budget process to set a maximum in property tax dollars received in certain levies.
 - The total FY24 maximum property tax dollars for the affected property tax levies for the City of Newton is \$7,946,354, which is an increase of \$788,290 from FY23, or 11.01%.
 - The final FY24 budget that will be approved in the coming weeks by the Council will likely have a lower property tax dollar amount as there is pending legislation in the Iowa Statehouse that would reduce the residential rollback.

21. Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Ordinance

22. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference", to make changes to street parking on various streets in northeast Newton
 - The City received safety concerns regarding street parking along the sections of roadways as described: No Parking on the south side of the 2000-2200 block of N 3rd Ave E. No Parking on the east side of the 200 block of E 21st St N. No Parking on the south side of the 2000-2200 blocks of N 2nd Ave E.
 - Surveys describing the recommended changes were sent to the adjacent property owners. Twenty surveys were returned with 13 residents agreeing with the recommended changes and seven opposing the recommended changes.
 - During the February 6, 2023 Council meeting, Council voted in favor of amending the ordinance to restrict parking on the north side of the 2000-2200 block of N 3rd Ave E. and the north side of the 2000-2200 blocks of N 2nd Ave E.

23. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 90, "Animals"
- Since the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, animal complaints and particularly reports of dog bites in Newton have been on the rise.
 - The City has taken steps to revisit the current animal ordinance and, in partnership with the Animal Review Committee, citizen input, and a review of current best practices and case law, changes to the ordinance have been proposed.
 - Some of the changes include but are not limited to: required signage for the use of underground fencing, limitations on tethering, adds a dangerous designation and re-defines vicious, prohibits dangerous or vicious dogs in other jurisdictions from residing in Newton.

Resolution

24. Resolution approving the granting of a downtown improvement grant for the building at 118 North 2nd Avenue East
- The applicant is embarking on a \$1,000,000+ renovation of the Lederman Building (historically known as Montgomery Ward & Co. Building) at 118 North 2nd Avenue East. It is expected that there will be several downtown improvement grant requests over the course of the project.
 - To begin, Jerry Schwaller is requesting grant assistance for Architectural Fees. Thus, the project qualifies for the maximum allowed under the program area, \$3,750.00.
25. Resolution authorizing agreement for private development with Christensen Development 1, LLC and Jasper County, Iowa
- Jasper County has agreed to assist with the financing of the redevelopment of Buildings 1, 2, 16, and 50 at the Legacy Plaza Campus through the Iowa Reinvestment District Act. In order to accomplish this, a three-way development agreement between the City, County and developer is proposed.
26. Resolution approving reorganization and additions to City staff
- This proposal would replace the Civil Engineering Tech (CET) III position with a CET I position, and add one position each for Engineering, Public Works Operations, Water Distribution, Police, and Fire.

Staff Report

27. Law Enforcement Technology Presentation - Rob Burdess, Police Chief

Mayor/Council Comments

Adjourn

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