



Newton City Council Agenda

April 17, 2023 - 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. April is Fair Housing Month
3. Arbor Day Proclamation

Presentation

4. Iowa District Optimists - Rich May
5. Newton Main Street Report on National Main Street Conference - Erin Yeager, Executive Director

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 3, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
8. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Newton/Des Moines East KOA, 1601 E 36th St S, Class B Retail Alcohol License; Gezellig Brewing Company, LLC, 403 West 4th Street North, Class C Retail Alcohol License; Casey's General Store #2417- LE0002740, 1200 W 18th St S, Renewal and Ownership update, Class E Retail Alcohol License; Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh- LE0003889, 1421 1st Avenue East, Class E Retail Alcohol License; Walgreens #05942- LE0002171, 1204 1st Ave East, Class E Retail Alcohol License
9. Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Newton Airport Taxiway Relocation Project
10. Resolution authorizing the EPA property acquisition form to be completed
11. Approve Bills

Ordinance

12. Third Consideration of an Ordinance amending The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title III, Chapter 30, Section 30.002, "Powers And Duties"
 - At the August 29, 2022 City Council Work Session, the Council ranked updating the Council Meeting Rules and Procedures as their top priority for potential policy or procedural changes or other action items.
 - The Newton City Council held a Workshop on November 28, 2022 to specifically look at the potential to update the 2018 Procedural Rules of the Newton City Council.
 - During the March 06, 2023, meeting, Council adopted a Resolution approving the amended 2023 Procedural Rules of the Newton City Council which requires this change to the City Code in order to align with the rules.
13. First Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Newton Code of Ordinances Chapter 32, Section 32.003 Membership to expand eligibility for persons to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission to include owners of historic properties in the City of Newton
 - At their meeting on April 3, 2023 the Historic Preservation Commission approved a motion recommending City Council expand eligibility for commissioner membership to include persons who own a historic building inside the Newton city limits.

Resolution

14. Resolution approving a Newton Hotel-Motel Tourism Grant Program Application for \$2500 from Fierce Faith Music Festival
 - 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. This spring, a soft roll-out of the program was initiated, with Fierce Faith Music Festival applying for funds.
 - The resolution provides for a \$2,500 grant to the Fierce Faith event.
 - The next application round deadline is October 1, 2023.
15. Resolution approving an amendment to the adopted Low-Moderate Income Set Aside Funds policy
 - A concerned citizen spoke to the Council regarding the danger that dead trees pose to whole neighborhoods and requested the Council consider establishing an assistance program to encourage the removal of dead trees on residential properties.
 - The LMI Set Aside funds from the housing TIF program would be an appropriate source to assist low-mod income households with

dead tree removal. This resolution amends the LMI Set Aside Funds policy accordingly.

16. Resolution authorizing increase in pay for Fire Captain from Range 8 to Range 9 in the Fire Department
- The Fire Captain pay differential from line staff has narrowed to a point where the position does not make financial sense.
 - A proposal to increase the Fire Captain pay from Range 8 to Range 9 was developed.
 - This proposal was presented to the Employee Relations Committee and has been forwarded to City Council for passage of Resolution.

Staff Report

17. New Library and Catalog System - Newton Public Library Director Nicole Terry

Mayor/Council Comments

18. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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