



Newton City Council Agenda

August 7, 2023 - 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. Jasper County Museum Update - Ann Leonard, Jasper County Historical Museum

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. July 24, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. July 24, 2023 Workshop Minutes
6. Certify Police Officer Candidates List
7. Certify Fire Marshal Candidate List
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 23-07)
9. Resolution authorizing payment to Northway Well Corporation for Jordan Well repair from lightning strike
10. Resolution Approving a Funding and Partnership Agreement with Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency for Fiscal Year 2024
11. Resolution approving emergency replacement of the irrigation water intake system at the Westwood Golf Course
12. Resolution authorizing purchase of new sewer inspection camera equipment for the utilities department.
13. Resolution awarding contract for the Southwest Building Roof Rehabilitation Project.

14. Resolution approving a new 3-year agreement with Iworq work order and asset management for Utilities and Public Works
15. Resolution Approving the Special Event Application for the Bowlful of Blues
16. Approve Bills

Public Hearing

17. Public Hearing on Resolution Approving the Purchase Agreement for Real Property Located at 909 East 7th Street North, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa
 - Karen White, owner of 901 East 7th Street North, has offered \$5,000 for the cleared D&D property at 909 East 7th Street North.
 - Ms. White intends to utilize the parcel as additional yard space for 901 East 7th Street North.

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Ordinance

19. Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending and Updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Ch. 158: Zoning
 - The proposed code amendments include general edits and updates to further clarify existing regulations found in the Zoning Code, in accordance with the recently adopted *Envision Newton 2042* Comprehensive Plan, and to align with current state and/or federal laws.
20. Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference" to Designate Free Municipal Parking Lots and Remove Parking Restrictions in the 100 Block of East Third Street South
 - After construction of a new City parking lot and downtown streetscape, City staff reviewed the parking ordinance and determined there was a need for revisions as follows:
 - Designate the location of all free municipal lots in City Code and add the location of the new parking lot in the 400 block of S 2nd Ave W for consistent use and enforcement.
 - Eliminate parking restrictions on the west side of E 3rd St S between 1st Ave and 2nd Ave to increase parking capacity in the downtown business district.

Resolution

21. Resolution approving a Preliminary Design Services Agreement for the Downtown Spray Park & Gathering Space Project

- On September 6, 2022 City Council passed Resolution 2022-249 that spelled out the City's commitment to take the lead on the design and construction of the Downtown Spray Park & Gathering Space.
- Once the Main Street Committee submitted their proposed concept plan as required by said resolution, City staff sought Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from interested design firms for this project.
- Eight RFQ submittals were received and scored by both the Committee and City staff, with Bolton and Menk scoring the highest of all eight firms.

22. Resolution approving the submittal of an Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant application for the Maytag Pool Play Feature Improvements and Downtown Spray Park & Gathering Space Projects

- On September 13, 2022 Newton residents approved a park bond referendum, which included a project to upgrade the play features in Maytag Pool.
- On September 6, 2022 City Council passed Resolution 2022-249 that spelled out the City's commitment to take the lead on the design and construction of the Downtown Spray Park & Gathering Space (known as the Downtown Park at this time).
- Staff is working with Bolton & Menk's grant writing team to finalize a CAT grant application for said projects ahead of the submittal deadline on August 15, 2023.

23. Resolution approving a letter of support for a Brownfields/Grayfields Redevelopment Tax Credit application by Christensen Development for the redevelopment project at Legacy Plaza

- Support for this tax credit application is a way to promote the economic viability of the Legacy Plaza mixed-use redevelopment project.
- The requested letter of support is required for the application.

24. Resolution approving a step increase for the Water Pollution Control Superintendent

- This action corrects an inadvertent oversight from when the WPC Superintendent obtained an IDNR grade IV license.

25. Resolution to approve creating a temporary Firefighter/EMT/P position and eliminating an Administrative Assistant position (Ambulance Billing Specialist) in the Fire Department

- The Fire Department continues to have long-term injuries and staffing issues.

- The use of a temporary full-time position allows staffing and operations to be maintained.
- Once a permanent full-time position is available and filled by a temporary full-time employee, the temporary position is eliminated.

Staff Report

26. Annual Library Report - Nicole Terry, Library Director

Mayor/Council Comments

27. Mayor and Council Comments

Adjourn

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