



CITY OF NEWTON

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AGENDA

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Newton City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Eric Blake.
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of March 19, 2024
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Lea Creadore, Jasper County Chamber of Commerce President
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM.
 - Street and Alley Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM.
 - Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on authorizing BHMG to conduct an electric rate study.
 - B. Consider and act on authorizing a Collection Services Agreement with ONLINE Collections to collect on unpaid utility debt.
 - C. Consider and act on authorizing an Agreement with IDOT and the Indiana Rail Road for Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements on S. 1st Ave., Sycamore St. and West End Ave.
 - D. Consider and act on authorizing a two-year lease Agreement with John Fabick Tractor Company for a 2024 Backhoe Loader in the amount of \$4,802.31 per month, as recommended by the Street and Alley Committee.
 - E. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 24-05 Amending the City Clerk to a full-time elected position with a salary of \$58,000 per year effective May 1, 2025.
 - F. Consider and act on authorizing the City Attorney to proceed forward with changes to Chapter 11, Electric System, in the Municipal Code.
 - G. Consider and act on authorizing hotel cost for a one-night stay for two city employees for the IMEA Conference in Springfield, Illinois on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10, 2024.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on adding curbing to the North side of East Washington St., during the sidewalk replacement project, with an estimated cost of \$5,625.00.
 - B. Consider and act on authorizing the re-hire of Susie McCann as Manager of the Newton Aquatic Center.
 - C. Consider and act on authorizing the re-hire of Kristie Finley as Assistant Manager of the Newton Aquatic Center.
 - D. Consider and act on authorizing the City-Wide Cleanup to be held on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM and on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
10. STATEMENTS BY: Council Members, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk (PO#23-30 and PO#24-30, both for Electric Department), Mayor
11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
13. ADJOURNMENT