



# CITY OF NEWTON

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## AGENDA

### NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 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 Kaleb Wright
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of January 6, 2026
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
  - Personnel Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
  - Electric Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds to CCW Properties for Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 1007 & 1009 Fairground in the amount of \$11,000.
  - B. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds to CCW Properties for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 901 Menke, Unit 2, in the amount of \$9,000.
  - C. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds to CCW Properties for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 903 Menke in the amount of \$9,000.
  - D. Consider and act on authorizing the city to seek bids for mowing.
10. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on authorizing Kenneth Belcher's Letter of Resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
  - B. Consider and act on authorizing the appointment of Benjamin Borgic to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
  - C. Consider and act on authorizing the appointment of Jaque Cowger to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
  - D. Swear in appointed officials.
  - E. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds to Getlz Properties for the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 206 N. Jackson St. in the amount of \$2,500.
  - F. Consider and act on authorizing the city attorney to proceed with easements for sewer line behind Reynolds St. and Maple St.
  - G. Discuss Beacon AMA Water Meter Reading System.



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- H. Consider and act on authorizing the purchase of the Beacon AMA Water Meter Reading System in the amount of \$277,664. The total amount will be split between fiscal year budgets 25-26 and 26-27.
  - I. Consider and act on authorizing to advertise for two summer maintenance positions.
  - J. Consider and act on authorizing a Chamber of Commerce Membership Contribution.
  - K. Consider and act on authorizing to send one employee from the Park Department and two employees from the Electric Department to Pesticide Training in Collinsville, Illinois on February 18 & 19, 2026. Total cost is \$70.00 per person plus milage and allowable expenses.
  - L. Consider and act on authorizing Mobotrex to conduct a preventative cabinet maintenance and CMU Testing on our stop lights at the intersections of Morgan, Jackson and Van Buren Streets. Amount is \$950 per intersection. We will be reimbursed a percentage of the cost, making the total amount due \$1,187.50.
11. STATEMENTS BY: Council Members, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk (1 PO Wastewater Department, 2 PO's Electric Department), Mayor
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM
- SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
- Personnel Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
  - Personnel Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM.
  - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting RESCHEDULED to Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Jasper County Courthouse. (4 Zoning Permit Requests will be heard and discussed that evening)
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Sale of Real Estate and Potential Litigation
14. ADJOURNMENT