



CITY OF NEWTON

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AGENDA

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Newton City Hall

108 N. Van Buren

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman RJ Lindemann
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of May 5, 2026
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM.
 - Personnel Committee Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 immediately following the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 110 S. Van Buren St. by United Country Burke Auction and Realty.
 - B. Consider and act on authorizing the appointment of Department Heads.
10. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Open bids for the 311 S. Jackson St. Demolition Project.
 - B. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the 311 S. Jackson St. Demolition Project.
 - C. Consider and act on authorizing a one-year contract agreement with the Chief of Police.
 - D. Consider and act on authorizing the hire of Jennifer Holland for the Water Plant Operator Department Head position.
 - E. Consider and act on authorizing Department Heads to receive certificate pay in addition to a \$1.25 hourly wage increase. Certificate pay will mirror the union contract certificate pay schedule for each department.
 - F. Consider and act on authorizing a Letter of Agreement with the PBPA Labor Committee, modifying residency requirements.
 - G. Consider and act on authorizing the Project Change Request Order #1 to BHMG in the amount of \$23,900 for the Electric Line D Grid Resilience Grant.
 - H. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-03 Revising Chapter 11 Electric System Net Metering Policy and Forms to Comply with 2026 Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act.
 - I. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-04 Amending Paragraph (B) of Chapter 12-1-4 Residency Policy.
 - J. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-05 Offering Incentives to Encourage the Demolition and Disposal of Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings Within the City of Newton.
 - K. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-06 Expand and Clarify Chapter 27-2-39 Regarding Specified Drug Prohibitions.
 - L. Consider and act on authorizing the quote from Barlow Lock and Security for fire alarm and CO Detector additions for Newton City Hall and Newton Police Department.
 - M. Consider and act on authorizing a Grant Writing Agreement with SCIRPDC for the submission of the Illinois Strong Communities Program Grant.
11. STATEMENTS BY: Council Members, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk (1 Wastewater Dept. PO), Mayor
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM
SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Potential Litigation
14. ADJOURNMENT