

# Agenda: Newton City Council

Special City Council Meeting  
February 27, 2017  
6:00 pm

City Hall  
101 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Newton, Iowa 50208

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**Pledge**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Call to Order**

Roll Call

**Public Hearing**

1. Public Hearing on a Resolution Adopting the 2017 – 2018 Operating Budget for the City of Newton. (Council Report 17-029)
  - On January 30th and February 6th, the City Council met and reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 Operating Budget for the City of Newton. On February 6th, the Council set the required public hearing for consideration of the Budget for February 27th.
  - The proposed 2017-18 City of Newton Budget sets the City tax levy at \$17.14/1000; falls short of the City's target of an undesignated fund balance of 25.0% of revenues with a projected 23.0% balance; retains current permanent staffing levels but does delay the re-hiring of some open positions.
  - Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.
2. Resolution Adopting the 2017 – 2018 Operating Budget for the City of Newton. (Council Report 17-029)

**Adjourn**

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## City of Newton Council Report

**Item: Resolution Approving the 2017-18 Operating Budget for the City of Newton**

**Summary:** The proposed City budget for 2017-18 has a levy rate of \$17.14/\$1000. This action holds a public hearing and adopts the budget.

**Financial Impact:**

The City property tax levy rate would be set for \$17.14 /\$1000 for the 2017-18 City fiscal year.



**Report Number:** 17-029

**Date:** February 27, 2017

**Lead Department:**  
Finance and Development

**Recommendation:**  
Approval

**Background:**

On January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup>, the City Council met and reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 Operating Budget for the City of Newton. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Council set the required public hearing for consideration of the Budget for February 27<sup>th</sup>. This is consistent with the State of Iowa deadline for budget approval of March 15<sup>th</sup>.

In summary, the proposed 2017-18 City of Newton Budget does the following:

- Sets the City tax levy at \$17.14/1000. This is a decrease of one cent from the current year.
- Falls short of the City's target of an undesignated fund balance of 25.0% of revenues with a projected 23.0% balance.
- Retains current permanent staffing levels but does delay the re-hiring of some open positions.

Publication of the proposed budget took place on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Following the public hearing, the City Council can take action to adopt this budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Council may modify the proposal, but the budgeted expenditures and levy cannot be increased above what has been published.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jarrod Wellik".

Jarrod Wellik  
Interim City Administrator

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2017 – 2018 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON**

**WHEREAS**, City staff has prepared the 2017–2018 operating budget for the City of Newton; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council met on January 30, 2017 for a budget workshop on the 2017-18 budget, and followed up with further discussions at their meeting on February 6; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2017, the City Council set a public hearing on the proposed 2017-18 budget for February 27, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget proposal and notice of public hearing were published in the *Newton Daily News* on February 15, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on the budget proposal on February 27, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Newton, Iowa, that the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 as set forth in the City Budget Certification Summary and the supporting detailed operating budget document for fiscal year 2017-18 showing revenue estimates and appropriation expenditures and allocations to programs and activities for said fiscal year is hereby adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City's total 2017-18 property tax levy is \$17.14 / \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Administrator is directed to file documents as required by law in accordance with the summary and details of the adopted 2017-18 Operating Budget.

**PASSED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk