

AGENDA

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall
101 West 4th Street South

REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2007
5:30 p.m.

AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT
COMPLIANCE
CALL TO ORDER

IS THERE ANYONE PRESENT WHO MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC MEETING?

Roll Call

OATH OF OFFICE

1. Mayor To Administer Oath Of Office To Marvin Morris, Council Member
2. Mayor To Administer Oath Of Office To Ed Clements, Fire Chief

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

3. This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Council on a matter not on the agenda. Except in cases of legal emergency, the City Council cannot take formal action at the meeting, but may ask the City staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve March 5, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Resolution Awarding Contract For The Newton Wastewater Grit Removal And Pump Station Improvements Project (Council Report 07-033)
 - Two bids were received for the wastewater grit removal and pump station improvements project. Low bidder Oakview Construction of Red Oak, Iowa was \$53,000 below the engineers estimate.

ORDINANCE

6. Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 24, Article 7 Of The Newton Code of Ordinances, "Sewage And Sewage Disposal" Regarding Wastewater Service Charges By Increasing Rate Schedule By Two Percent (Council Report 07-028)
 - Included in the 2007-08 operating budget for the Water Pollution Control Plant was a 2% increase in rates. This ordinance finalizes this action. The purpose of the rate increase is to recover projected cost increases and planned capital improvement projects identified in the 1999 Facility Plan update.

RESOLUTIONS

7. Resolution Approving And Authorizing A Form Of Loan And Disbursement Agreement By And Between The City of Newton, Iowa Finance Authority, Iowa Department Of Natural Resources And Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., And Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance And Securing The Payment Of \$2,722,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2007, Of The City of Newton, Iowa, Under The Provisions Of The City Code Of Iowa, And Providing For A Method Of Payment Of Said Notes (Council Report 07-035)
 - This resolution approves and authorizes the form of Loan and Disbursement Agreement and authorizes the issuance of the \$2,722,000 sewer revenue capital loan note to the Iowa Finance Authority.
 - The Iowa DNR, acting jointly with the Iowa Finance Authority, has agreed to make the City a low interest loan that will be secured and evidenced by a Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Note that will be issued to the Iowa Finance Authority at the time the loan is closed.
8. Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of Application For IDOT Airport Program Funding And Certifying Eligibility Requirement (Council Report 07-029)
 - We have enjoyed much success obtaining multiple state and federal grants for recent airport improvement projects. One additional need for the airport is roadside signage. The Public Works Director would like

to attempt submitting an application for this project in hopes of obtaining 85% funding from the state towards the \$15,000 project costs. City share would be \$2,250. We do not plan to proceed with this project unless funding can be obtained.

9. Resolution Authorizing Payment To Alliant Energy For Installation Of Underground Utilities (Council Report 07-030)

- In April 2006, City Council authorized Alliant Energy to install existing overhead power lines along Iowa Speedway Drive underground at an anticipated cost of \$85,131. In December 2006, after project completion, Alliant representatives notified city staff that the cost for the project had come in at \$156,000.
- Alliant Energy has requested that the city make payment for 50% of the cost overage, or \$35,000 in addition to the original estimate.

10. Resolution Approving Newton Union Cemetery Fee Changes (Council Report 07-031)

- The 07-08 operating budget includes minor increases to certain fees at the Newton Union Cemetery. The revisions are based on our actual costs and market conditions. For example, the price of the adult lot for non-resident is not recommended for increase since only 3 non-resident lots were sold in 2006 and an increase would likely be greater than market costs; however, the costs associated with opening and closing of graves, columbarium niches, etc. have increased and the revenue needs to be increased to reflect these expenditures.
- While the anticipated increase in revenue generated by these adjustments is \$6,335, overall revenue is anticipated to be lower in 2007-08, thus still resulting in a greater gap in revenues vs. expenditures for the division.

11. Resolution Authorizing The Approval Of The Federal Aviation Administration Application For Federal Assistance For the Facility Evaluation Study At The Newton Municipal Airport (Council Report 07-032)

- We continue to pursue a grant from the FAA to fund a Facility Evaluation Study at the Newton Municipal Airport. The grant would evaluate our current facilities as it relates to changing air traffic related to the Iowa Speedway. The next step in the process is to submit the formal application to the FAA.
- The application would obligate the city to 5% or \$2,095 of the project cost.

12. Resolution Approving Purchase Of A ¾ Ton 4X4 Pickup For The Public Works, Water Pollution Control Division From Charles Gabus Ford Of Des Moines, Iowa (Council Report 07-034)

- The current budget includes replacement of a 1996 pickup (107,000 miles) at the Water Pollution Control Plant.
- Bids were received and are as follows:
 - Charles Gabus Ford, Des Moines (State Bid) \$20,542
 - Noble Ford, Newton \$22,316
 - Karl Chevrolet, Ankeny \$24,027
 - Ira Mitchell Motors, Newton \$24,219

State bid is extremely competitive (often below invoice). Staff recommends award to Charles Gabus Ford of Des Moines.

NEW BUSINESS

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