

AGENDA

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall
101 West 4th Street South

SPECIAL MEETING
July 24, 2008
5:30 p.m.

AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT
COMPLIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

RESOLUTION

1. **Resolution Appointing Darrin Hamilton As Special Deputy City Clerk For Tonight's Special Council Meeting (no council report)**
2. **Resolution Regarding Storm Debris (Council Report 08-100)**
 - Council wishes to meet to discuss what, if any action should be taken regarding tree debris from the July 21st storm.

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - ____

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL DEPUTY CITY CLERK

WHEREAS, Section 4.0201, Title 1, of the Newton Municipal Code states that a City Clerk and one or more Deputy City Clerks shall be appointed by the City Council for two-year terms in even numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerks are unavailable to clerk this meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Darrin T. Hamilton be appointed a Special Deputy City Clerk for purposes of clerking this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Newton, Iowa, that Darrin T. Hamilton is appointed as Special Deputy City Clerk for a term of two days, July 24 and June 25, 2008.

PASSED this 24th day of July 2008.

APPROVED this 24th day of July 2008.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor Pro Tem

(SEAL)

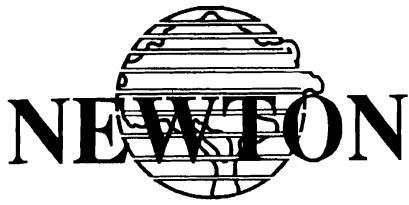
ATTEST:

Darrin T. Hamilton
Special Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Darrin T. Hamilton,
Acting Interim City Administrator/City Attorney



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AGENDA ITEM RESOLUTION REGARDING STORM DEBRIS

BACKGROUND

The City Council desires to meet to discuss what, if any action is desired regarding damage to private property from the early morning storm of July 21, 2008.

There is no resolution attached as it is unknown as to what action or specifics of a plan are desired.

The City of Newton may turn in storm related expenses for potential reimbursement of up to 75% of our cost. Private property owners may seek reimbursement from FEMA – however, tree debris is NOT eligible, unless it is related to life safety issues such as the tree fell on a house or a limb is now hanging over a house.

Staff has spoke with FEMA about a concept of the City of Newton reimbursing Newton property owners their tipping fee costs and then having the City of Newton turning in to FEMA the City's cost for reimbursing the tipping. FEMA *could not* recommend this course of action. FEMA has seen it done and it would require a very tight time frame such as a 3 or 4 day window from the date of the storm for people to bring their debris to the landfill; City would have to tightly monitor dumping to ensure only storm debris related materials are dumped and that the City is only seeking reimbursement for Newton storm debris related materials. The burden of proof would is on the City to verify to FEMA that we are only seeking reimbursement for Newton storm related debris.

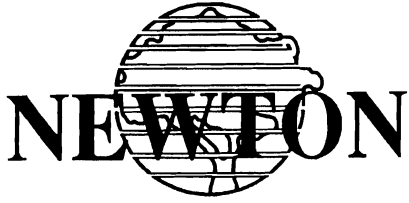
Below is a progress report on what has taken place regarding the storm from Public Works –

City Crews have been working to manage the power outage and clean up tree debris generated by the storm on Monday. The storm occurred Monday just after 4:00 a.m. Electrical service was out throughout town. What follows is a progress report on efforts to date:

Monday

- Street Division personnel mobilized and began working shortly after 4:00 a.m. to install temporary stop signs at major signalized intersections, place barricades across roads that were hazardous to pass, and begin to push tree debris with end loaders off to the side of the road so that emergency vehicles and traffic could pass. There were

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approximately 25 segments of road that were blocked by debris and warranted use of a city end loader to clear. All 25 segments were opened up to traffic by noon. One segment of 1st St. N. remained barricaded due to a damaged electrical pole that was leaning toward the street.

- After noon on Monday, Street Division personnel began chipping and hauling debris to the landfill and removing barricades and temporary stop signs no longer needed. Most power was restored to the city at this time.
- Citizens lined up at the gate at the landfill to dispose of tree debris. A steady stream of people throughout the day haul tree debris for disposal.

Tuesday

- Partial Streets Division crew continues work to remove tree debris. (Remaining crew works towards completing an open road project on E. 19th St. N.)

Wednesday

- Partial Streets Division crew completes tree debris removal and works to finish previous tree maintenance issues. A total of 7.29 tons of wood chips hauled to the Landfill (no cost). Citizens have requested and collected logs for personal use. No logs (or fees) taken to the landfill.

Overall, the city continues to work on city property to clean up various areas in parks, cemetery, etc. The work to collect debris from the streets is complete. Overall, the storm took slightly longer than a typical storm clean up of one (1) day.

While some citizens are expecting a city sponsored clean-up event action, many citizens are not. Many residents have cleaned up their property and have disposed of their debris. Overall damage from the storm has been minor in nature. Most damage of this storm was focused in the NE part of town. Estimates of this storm are a fraction of our storms that occurred in 1997 and 2007, likely less than 10% of the debris generated from those storms. Overall, we have been very fortunate and have not had the severe impact some Iowa communities (Parkersburg or Cedar Rapids for example).

Council should discuss what action, if any is desired regarding the July 21 storm event and if action is desired, a financial source for paying for the desired action should be determined.

RECOMMENDATION

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Darrin T. Hamilton
Acting Interim City Administrator/City Attorney

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