

AGENDA

NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall
101 West 4th Street South

REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. 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

2. Approve October 6, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and October 13, 2008 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approve Class C Beer Permit, Carryout Native Wine, Sunday Sales, Prairie Gas, 4300 South 22nd Avenue East
4. Approve Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales, Veteran's Of Foreign Wars Post 1655, 315 First Avenue West
5. Approve Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service Area, Sunday Sales, Senor Tequila, 1820 South 12th Avenue West

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Resolution Approving Sale Of Property Located At 801 South Fifth Avenue West Through The City of Newton Dangerous And Dilapidated Building Program To Robert M. Kahn (Council Report 08-149)
 - No other offers have been received on the property, though the opportunity to submit offers runs through to the end of the required public hearing. The Kahn offer is very consistent with the goals of the D & D program. Through City action, a low-value property that detracted from its neighborhood will be replaced by a new house, which builds the tax base and improves the community.

7. Resolution To Not Accept Offers Of Proposed Lease Or Sale Of Urban Renewal Land At 518 West Third Street North (Council Report 08-155)
 - It is advisable to not enter into any lease or sale agreements for the property at this time. The recommended path is to take additional steps towards marketing and preparing the building for sale. These steps include updating the environmental reports, getting an appraisal to determine current value, researching the City's overall costs in the property, and planning how the property could complement the other development and potential development in the area. The invitation to the community for proposals to purchase the property would be kept open.

ORDINANCES

8. Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 1993, Title 2, Chapter 11, Article 10, Parking Offenses, By Adding Section 11.1016.4(G)(2), Three Hour Parking (Council Report 08-150)
 - Dan Ellis, of the Floor Store, requested the Traffic Safety Committee review his request to create a three hour parking zone on the West side of East 2nd Street North from North 2nd Avenue, North to the alley. The issue is that employees at a nearby facility have been using the parking spaces all day and thereby interfering with potential customer usage.
 - The committee did review this request and agrees that the change is appropriate.
9. Ordinance Amending The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 1993, Title 2, Chapter 11, Article 10, Parking Offenses, By Adding To Section 11.1011, Truck Parking Limited (Council Report 08-151)

- Chris Simbro, of the Newton Community School District, requested the Traffic Safety Committee review his request to amend the code to make school buses exempt from the current on street parking restrictions pertaining to vehicles over 82 inches wide.
- The committee did review the request and found that an amendment to the ordinance would be appropriate.

RESOLUTIONS

10. Resolution Approving The 2008 To 2010 Council Goal Setting Report And Action Plan (Council Report 08-152)

- On August 11, 2008, the City Council took part in a goal setting session that was facilitated by Jeff Schott of the Institute of Public Affairs. The Council decided on twelve "On-going Priorities", five "Priority Projects, Programs, Policies, and Initiatives" and five "Organizational Effectiveness" goals. These are detailed in a full report received from Mr. Schott.

11. Resolution Accepting Work On The Monroe Drive Box Culvert Drop Structure Project (Council Report 08-153)

- Work is complete to construct the let down structure for the Monroe Drive Box Culvert. The original contract amount was \$191,797. Due to changes in measured schedule values the final contract amount is \$184,121.82. It is now recommended to accept the project as complete.

12. Resolution Approving Affirmative Fair Housing Policy Per The Requirements Of The Community Development Block Grant Program (Council Report 08-154)

- In late 2006, the State of Iowa awarded Newton with Federal grant funds to be put towards the demolition of unused Maytag buildings. This project is now being implemented using, in part, these Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED), as the State of Iowa's manager of the CDBG program, requires the adoption of several policies. Last December, the City Council motioned approval of policies on housing displacement and excessive force. Another policy is also required regarding the fair provision of housing. This is a Federal requirement, even though the project is not related to housing. Marsha Cory, the City's grant administration consultant with Simmering-Cory, Inc., recommends adoption of the fair housing policy in order to stay in compliance with the grant regulations.

DISCUSSION

13. Iowa Offset Program, Ed Clements, Fire Chief

DISCUSSION

14. Redefining North Central TIF District, Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director

DISCUSSION

15. DMACC / Sodexo Tax Rebate, Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director

NEW BUSINESS

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OLD BUSINESS

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