

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2007, 5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 5:30 P.M. on the above date in the Council Chambers at 101 West 4th Street South. Mayor Allen presided. Present: Council members Foreman, Morgan, Hansen, Mullan, Ewing. Absent: None.

Mayor Allen stated the purpose of the special city council meeting was to make the appointment for the city council vacancy. Allen went on to note four candidates from the third ward had submitted their name to fill the council vacancy. They were as follows: Tammy Chance, Marvin Morris, John Schermerhorn and Craig Trotter. The first round of voting would be for each council member to vote for two candidates thus eliminating two candidates. A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Mullan to approve this process. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The first round of voting went as follows:

Foreman voted for Morris and Schermerhorn

Hansen voted for Morris and Trotter

Morgan voted for Chance and Trotter

Mullan voted for Chance and Trotter

Ewing voted for Morris and Trotter

Mayor Allen declared Morris and Trotter as the top two candidates. He went on to note the next round of voting each council member would vote for only one candidate and the successful candidate would need at least four votes.

Foreman and Hansen voted for Morris. Morgan, Mullan and Ewing all voted for Trotter.

Mayor Allen stated it was not a super majority and asked for another round of voting.

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Mayor Allen again stated there was not a super majority and asked the council members if they would like to postpone the appointment until the regular meeting on the 19th of March.

Council member Hansen made a motion to make the appointment on March 19, 2007.

The motion died for a lack of a second to his motion. Council member Mullan asked for another round of voting. The third round of voting went as follows:

Foreman, Hansen and Mullan voted for Morris. Morgan and Ewing voted for Trotter.

Mayor Allen stated there not a super majority.

Ewing moved to place Marvin Morris' name on the resolution, seconded by Hansen.

AYES: Four. NAYS: Morgan. Resolution No. 2007 – 031 adopted. Marvin Morris will fill the seat for the third ward.

Mayor Allen thanked the four candidates for their willingness to go through the process.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Candice Van Zee, CMC
City Clerk