

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2007, 5:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in regular 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 Morgan, Hansen, Ewing, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Allen administered the oath of office to the new Fire Chief, Ed Clements.

Council Member Morgan stated to the Mayor the following: I speak to a question of personal privilege as a duly elected representative of Ward 1. I want the record to reflect my objection to the seating changes imposed on this council. In my judgment said changes provide no redeeming value and are nonsensical in nature.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Morgan, seconded by Mullan to approve the consent agenda. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion carried to approve the consent agenda.

Mayor Allen stated now was the time and the place for a public hearing on the Resolution Awarding Contract For The Newton Wastewater Grit Removal And Pump Station Improvements Project. There had been no written comments. There was no citizen input. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Foreman to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Awarding Contract For The Newton Wastewater Grit Removal And Pump Station Improvements Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 025 adopted.

Moved by Ewing, seconded by Morgan to Introduce on first consideration an 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. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance passed first consideration. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Morgan to suspend the rules and waive the second and third considerations of the above ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance passed second and third considerations. Moved by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to adopt the above ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 2101 adopted.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Ewing to Introduce a 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. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 029 adopted.

Motion by Ewing, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of Application For IDOT Airport Program Funding And Certifying Eligibility Requirement. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 027 adopted.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing Payment To Alliant Energy For Installation Of Underground Utilities. Foreman stated he had visited with Alliant Energy and would not be opposed to paying 50% of the cost for installation. Hansen stated he was opposed to the overage and would not support the resolution. They presented an estimate, which was accepted. Staff was not given the opportunity to know the cost was increasing until the project was complete. Morris stated he did not have enough background on the project, but the overage is significant. AYES: Four. NAYS: Hansen. ABSTAIN: Morris. Resolution No. 2007 – 028 adopted.

Motion by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Approving Newton Union Cemetery Fee Changes. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 029 adopted.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Morgan to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing The Approval Of The Federal Aviation Administration Application For Federal Assistance For The Facility Evaluation Study At The Newton Municipal Airport. AYES: Five. NAYS: Foreman. Resolution No. 2007 – 030 adopted.

Motion by Mullan, seconded by Morgan to Introduce a 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. Foreman asked the bid to be awarded to Noble Ford. Hansen agreed with Foreman, stating the city does not have to go with the lowest bidder. Noble Ford has made an investment in the community. The roll call vote on the original motion was as follows: AYES: Morgan, Ewing, Mullan. NAYS: Hansen, Foreman, Morris. Resolution failed. Motion by Foreman, seconded by Hansen to Introduce a Resolution Approving Purchase Of A ¾ Ton 4X4 Pickup For The Public Works, Water Pollution Control Division From Noble Ford of Newton, Iowa. AYES: Hansen, Foreman, Morris. NAYS: Morgan, Ewing, Mullan. Resolution failed.

Under new business positive comments were made on the ice storm clean up. Citizens were also encouraged to remove their vehicles of their streets when crews came by for pickup. Morgan welcomed Marvin Morris to the City Council.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Charles Allen, Mayor

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Candice Van Zee  
City Clerk