

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 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 Morgan, Hansen, Ewing, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director led a discussion on the Prairie Fire Plan Amendments. He stated that based on the discussions from past meetings, they had made a few changes to the plan. He explained those changes. Councilmember Ewing stated that he concurred with these changes but there were a couple of minor changes and Friedman agreed to make these changes. Further discussion ensued.

Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director also led a discussion on the Prairie Fire District Incentives. Friedman discussed the pros and cons of different incentives that could be used for evaluation purposes. Further council discussion ensued. It was discussed that the council needed to meet and discuss priorities regarding different projects that were being brought up and council concurred that they needed to have a meeting at a later date to come up with a priority list. Mayor Allen asked City Administrator to have an item on the June 4th council agenda regarding the funding of the Newton Promise.

David Watson, City Administrator led a discussion on the Solid Waste Hauling Contract and Solid Waste Regulations. He noted that the timeframe to negotiate a new contract with Dodd's Trash and Recycling had passed. He wanted council to direct him on what direction they wanted to take. After discussion, council directed the City Administrator to go out for bids and look into getting bigger bins for recycling. Council members Foreman and Hansen both wanted it noted that they felt Dodd's was doing a good job and that going out for bids in no way reflected on the work they were doing. The Council also clarified with the City Attorney that when the bids came in, Council did not have to accept the lowest bidder. Discussion ensued regarding lowest, responsive, responsible bidder and local bidder preference.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Jayne Ewing
Deputy City Clerk