

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 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.

There was no citizen participation

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 2. - 8.

2. Approve June 4, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Certify Candidate List For Police Officer
4. Approve Cigarette Permits Submitted by Walgreen's # 05942, 1204 First Avenue East, Wal-Mart # 748, 300 East 31st Street South, American Legion, 1101 West 4th Street South
5. Approve Class B Native Wine, Sunday Sales, The Floral Touch, 107 West 2nd Street North
6. Approve Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales, Giovanni's, 2020 First Avenue East
7. Approve Class B Native Wine, Sunday Sales, My Favorite Things, 105 West 2nd Street North
8. Approve Class A Liquor License, Sunday Sales, Newton Elks Lodge # 1270, 111 East 2nd Street South

AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent agenda approved

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a public hearing on the Ordinance Confirming The Vacation And Disposal City Interest Of Certain Real Estate Originally Known As Lot A, Lot B, And Lot D (Columbian Avenue) Of Block 7 Of College Addition. There had been no written comments. At public participation Bruce Nuzum requested the City Council continue the public hearing to the July 2nd regular city council meeting. The request was being asked so he could further review the documents. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Mullan to continue the public hearing to the July 2, 2007 regular city council meeting. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public Hearing continued.

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a public hearing on the Resolution Approving The Amended Prairie Fire Economic Development Area Urban Renewal Plan. There had been no written comments and no public participation. Moved by Morgan, seconded by Ewing to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Morgan, seconded by Ewing to Introduce A Resolution Approving The Amended Prairie Fire Economic Development Area Urban Renewal Plan. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 072 adopted.

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a public hearing on the Ordinance Amending The City of Newton Official Zoning Map For An Area In The Vicinity Of Intersection Of North 19th Avenue East And East 19th Street North From I-H: Heavy Industrial District To I-L: Light Industrial District. There had been no written comments and no public participation. Moved by Foreman, seconded by Hansen to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Mullan to Introduce on first consideration an Ordinance Amending The City of Newton Official Zoning Map For An Area In The Vicinity Of Intersection Of north 19th Avenue East And East 19th Street North From I-H: Heavy Industrial District To I-L: Light Industrial District. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration passed. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Foreman to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the above ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second and third readings passed. Moved by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to adopt the above Ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 2106 adopted.

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a public hearing on a Resolution Approving Development Agreement With House Calls Of Central Iowa, LLC,

On Property Located Within The North Central Urban Renewal Area. There had been no written comments and no public participation. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hansen to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Foreman, seconded by Morgan, to Introduce a Resolution Approving Development Agreement With House Calls Of Central Iowa, LLC, On Property Located Within The North Central Urban Renewal Area. Foreman requested clarification on the liens that were presently against the building. David Watson, City Administrator stated there were terms in the agreement that addressed those issues prior to closing. Ayes: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 073 adopted.

Moved by Ewing. Seconded by Hansen to Introduce a Resolution Approving The Final Plat For JEDCO Business Park. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 074 adopted.

Moved by Morgan, seconded by Ewing to Introduce a Resolution Approving The CIRTPA Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Planning Work Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 075 adopted.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Mullan to Introduce A Resolution Approving And Making Award Of Agreements For Residential Solid Waste Collection And Residential Recycling Collection With Dodd's Trash Hauling And Recycling, Inc. For Three Years. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 076 adopted.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Appropriating \$1,500 Of Public Funds Toward The Newton Skate Park Fundraising Campaign. Foreman wanted to know if there were sufficient funds. David Watson stated the revenue would be coming out of the general fund. Foreman noted he would probably be voting against this resolution as he still felt this would be a liability for the city. Maintenance of the equipment was discussed. AYES: Five. NAYS: Foreman. Resolution No. 2007 – 077 adopted.

Moved by Morgan, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Approving Contract Changes, And Adopting New Employment Contract for David Watson As City Administrator For The City of Newton. AYES: Five. NAYS: Ewing. Resolution No. 2007 – 078 adopted.

Sue Padilla, Library Director gave a presentation on a drive thru book drop at the library, this was revealed as a top priority item in the 2004 community survey that was taken. The Library Foundation will fund this initial phase. Padilla went on to note the Library Board was asking for the support of the City Council. Information would be forthcoming.

Under new business Foreman commended the Iowa Speedway for their venues of a wide variety of entertainment, he also noted to staff the audio system needs to get fixed, whatever it takes. Mullan sited several items he would like to see addressed: review of the city's comprehensive plan, search for a street sweeper, joint meetings with the county supervisor's, town meeting with citizens. Morris also noted the nuisance ordinances needs to be addressed. David Watson noted in the upcoming City Report there was going to be an article on Tax Increment Financing. He also noted he would be setting up a work session with the City Council to explore their goals. Lastly he stated he appreciated working with all the council members and thanked them for the opportunity.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Foreman to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Candice Van Zee
City Clerk