

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 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 Pro-Tem Hansen presided. Present: Council members Morgan, Ewing, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Ewing, seconded by Morgan to approve consent agenda items 2. - 5.

2. Approve July 2, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.
3. Approve Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales, Petro Stop, 404 South 11th Avenue West.
4. Approve Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service Area, Sunday Sales, Iowa Speedway, 3300 Rusty Wallace Drive.
5. Approve Class B Beer Permit, Outdoor Service, Special Five Day License, Chamber of Commerce, 518 West 3rd Street North (Jasper Winery Cultural Green)

AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent agenda approved

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ewing to Introduce a Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Real Estate At Ten Locations In The City Of Newton From Against The Wind, Inc. For The Newton D & D Program. Morris stated he would be abstaining from any discussions or voting of the above resolution. Foreman inquired about the possibility of splitting out the properties. Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director stated the properties had been offered as a package, the potential for redevelopment was attractive. Foreman stated the demolition project for the old hatchery property was very expensive. Friedman noted staff was researching other funding options for the hatchery demolition, as well as, replenishing the D & D funds. Ewing stated he respected what Foreman was saying as far as the demolition costs were concerned but encouraged his colleagues to move forward. AYES: Four. NAYS: Foreman. ABSTAIN: Morris. Resolution No. 2007 – 088 adopted.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Approving One Year Extension For Preparation Of Financial Statements And Auditing Services With Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, PC of Newton, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 089 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Morgan to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing Publication Of Notice Of Public Hearing On The Sale Of Property, By Quit Claim Deed, Originally Known As Lot A, Lot B, And Lot D (Columbian Avenue) Of Block 7 Of College Addition To Interested Abutting Property Owners. Foreman took this opportunity to apologize to Mr. Churchill for the lengthy process of this deed. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 090 adopted.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Morgan to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing A \$30,000 Donation To The Newton Convention & Visitors Bureau. Foreman stated we have assisted other organizations in the past, he also noted in the near future we need to look at the hotel/motel tax distribution. Morgan stated the CVB has an excellent reputation and have been doing a great job. Ewing noted an important point to make was the fact we were not using general fund revenues. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2007 – 091 adopted.

Under new business council members concurred the special meeting was a golden opportunity for all, they appreciated the collaboration of staff members, and the county.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Candice Van Zee, City Clerk