

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2008, 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 Plumb, Hansen, Ewing, Morris, Mullan. Absent: Foreman.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda item 2 - 7.

2. Approve January 21, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting minutes
3. Approve Class C Beer Permit, Carryout Wine for Fareway, 120 North 3rd Avenue East
4. Approve Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales, Newton 66, 1806 South 12th Avenue West
5. Approve Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales, Cardinal Lanes, 1300 South 5th Avenue East
6. Approve Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service Area, Sunday Sales, Native Wine Carryout, Ovations Food Service, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive
7. Approve Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales, American Legion, 1101 West 4th Street South

AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Consent agenda items approved.

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a Public Hearing on the Resolution Approving An Amendment To The Airport Management Contract And FBO Lease And Fuel Fee Agreement With Johnson Aviation, Inc. There were no written comments or public participation. Moved by Morris, seconded by Ewing to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Mullan to adopt the above Resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Resolution No. 2008 – 007 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hansen to Introduce the first consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 11.1008.504(C)(1), By Switching The No Parking 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. School Days From The North side To The Southside Of South 5th Avenue East, At East 24th Street South To East 23rd Street South. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Ordinance passed first consideration. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Plumb to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the above Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Ordinance passed second and third readings. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Mullan to adopt the above Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Ordinance No. 2115 adopted.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Mullan to Introduce on first consideration an Ordinance Amending Section 11.1007.2(A)(7) By Adding A Handicap Parking Space On The West Side Of The 100 Block Of East Second Street North. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Ordinance passed first consideration. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Hansen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the above Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Ordinance passed second and third readings. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Hansen to adopt the above Ordinance. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Ordinance No. 2116 adopted.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing The Use Of Capital Improvement Funds For The 2007 City Of Newton Traffic Signal Project. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Resolution No. 2008 – 008 adopted.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to Introduce A Resolution Authorizing The Use Of Capital Improvement Funds For The Monroe Drive Box Culvert Drop Structure Project. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Foreman. Resolution No. 2008 – 009 adopted.

There was no new business.

Mayor Allen stated the next agenda item was a discussion to establish a future joint goal setting session with the Newton Development Corporation. The Mayor went on to highlight the joint effort in receiving the regional innovation grant. Bev Price, Chair of NDC thanked the City Council for their involvement and went on to state how important it was that they work side by side, noting TPI was a good example of the collaborative effort of both parties. Price also recognized board members and invested members. Kim Didier, Executive Director, of the Newton Development Corporation went into greater detail of the timeline of the regional innovation grant. A discussion also took place about a joint goal setting session between City Council Members and Newton Development Corporation, noting it would be preferred having a third party facilitator leading the session. This process would allow both parties to have all arrows aligned. It was also noted the session would take place mid March – April.

Review and discussion of the 2008 – 2009 operating budget. Mike Hansen stated he continued to review the budget, have rising cost of insurance, projection of the LOSST revenue, cut budget 5%. David Watson, City Administrator stated he had met with the Director's and presented a budget last year with historical trending, a 5% reduction would mean a reduction in force. We have a proposal that would cut by 2% - 2.5%. 35% of the LOSST revenue represents \$388,788. At this time \$144,904 is going into the trust and agency fund, thus needing to have an additional \$243,884 put into trust and agency fund to come up with the 35% property tax relief. Watson went on to note he would like some time to make the \$243,884 cut in the general fund. He asked the city council members for another budget workshop date. It was decided to meet again on February 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ewing to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Candice Van Zee City Clerk