

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special session at 7:00 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, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Allen stated the first agenda item was an update on snow removal. David Stewart, Public Works Director presented historical data, productivity enhancement, and listed the equipment used and current staffing levels for snow removal. A map was also presented reviewing the snowplow routes.

David Watson, City Administrator presented the \$243,000 adjustments in the general fund which would offset the local option sales tax revenue that was being put into the trust and agency fund instead of the general fund to give 35% property tax relief. The question was which proposal did Council want to go with. Both proposals required the adjustments, the levy set at \$16.32 lowered the T & A fund by the 35% property tax relief, but increased the debt service levy to assist in the interest payments for the infrastructure speedway bond. The levy set at \$15.65 lowered the T & A Fund by the 35% property tax relief and does not increase the debt service levy. A discussion ensued over the debt service levy. There was a unanimous consensus of Council to go with the \$15.65.

Moved by Ewing, seconded by Foreman to Introduce a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing On March 3, 2008 To Approve The 2008 – 2009 Operating Budget For The City Of Newton. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2008 – 010 adopted

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Candice Van Zee, City Clerk