

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 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, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Allen proclaimed May 18 – 24, 2008 Emergency Management Services Week and proclaimed May 19 – 24, 2008 Public Works Week.

At citizen participation Council member Foreman spoke for Gary Van Baale, 650 High Avenue requesting the traffic safety committee review adding a handicap space in front of Mid Town Café.

Moved by Ewing, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 4 - 6.

4. Approve May 5, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service Area, Sunday Sales, First Avenue Steakhouse, 2002 First Avenue East
6. Resolution Appointing Craig Trotter To Serve On The Civil Service Commission Board For A Term Ending April 2, 2012. Resolution No. 2008 – 054 adopted.

AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent agenda items approved.

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a Public Hearing on the Resolution Approving 2007 – 2008 Budget Amendments. There had been no written comments and no public participation. Moved by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public hearing closed. Moved by Morris, seconded by Hansen to Introduce the Resolution Approving 2007 –2008 Budget Amendments. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2008 – 055 adopted.

Mayor Allen recused himself from the next agenda item. Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen stated this was the time and the place for a public hearing on the Resolution Awarding Contract For The Former Maytag Demo Project Phase 3 – Demolition and Rebuild Project. There had been no written comments and no public participation. Moved by Ewing, seconded by Foreman to Continue the Public Hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public Hearing was continued.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen handed the gavel back to Mayor Allen.

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a public hearing on the Resolution Rejecting Bid For The Addition To The Newton Public Library Project. There had been no written comments and no public participation. Moved by Foreman, seconded by Ewing to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ewing to Introduce the Resolution Rejecting Bid For The Addition To The Newton Public Library Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2008 – 056 adopted.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Foreman to Introduce the Resolution Approving Salary Increase For City Attorney. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2008 – 057 adopted.

Under new business Foreman asked the Mayor if they could get the appointments made for the electrical board. Darrin Hamilton, City Attorney, Interim City Administrator updated the council on the status of the central air conditioning system in the city hall, Council directed staff to prepare and send out a request for proposal. Plumb noted clean up at the hatchery. Hansen asked that on future council agenda's an item be put on the agenda to respond to the inquiries from citizen participation.

Moved by Plumb seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Candice Van Zee, CMC
City Clerk