

GOAL SETTING SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2008, 4:30 P.M.  
ARBORETUM

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met for their goal setting session at 4:30 P.M. on the above date at the Arboretum, 3000 North 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. Mayor Allen presided. Present: Council members Plumb, Ewing, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None. Hansen via telephone.

Jeff Schott, Program Director with the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Iowa led the goal setting session with the Mayor and City Council. Introductions and opening comments were made. Schott then presented an overview of the meeting and goal setting process including ground rules for the session.

The goal setting session went as follows:

Review Recent City Accomplishments (2006 - 08)

Review Issues, Concerns, Opportunities, and Trends

Identify On-Going Priorities

Programs, Policies, Projects and Initiatives

- a. Review Results of Questionnaire
- b. Explanations, clarifications, revisions, deletions, additions of Programs, Policies, Projects and Initiatives
- c. Ranking of Priorities

Organizational Effectiveness

- a. Review Results of Questionnaire
- IPA Report to the Mayor and City Council – 2008 Goal Setting Process
- a. Development of Action Plan
  - b. Importance of Quarterly Updates

Questions, comments, and suggestions

Mr. Schott thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to conduct the goal setting session.

Motion by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Charles Allen, Mayor

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Candice Van Zee, CMC  
City Clerk