

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2008, 5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met for a Special City Council Meeting 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, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Plumb to Introduce a Resolution Approving Contract Of Employment For Thomas Wardlow As City Administrator For The City of Newton. Council reiterated that it has been a pleasure working with Wardlow the past several months, he served as Interim City Administrator for a few months back in 2006, and believe he can serve as a high caliber full time City Administrator for the City upon his retirement. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution no. 165 adopted.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Approving Appointment To Vacant At Large City Council Seat. Mayor Allen stated before the meeting there was a flip of the coin to see which candidate for the council seat would begin their introductions, after they each do their introductions there would be a time for City Council to ask questions to each candidate. The candidates for the vacant at large seat for council were Craig Trotter and Dennis Julius.

Craig Trotter began the introductions. Trotter stated he was a life long resident of Newton, a graduate from Newton Senior High and has a B.A. in Business Management from Central College. My wife Suzy and I have two children, Sid, who is an eighth grader at Berg Middle School and Clay is in fourth grade at Aurora Heights. Both Suzy and I are commuters; I currently work at Ruan in downtown Des Moines as a Pricing Analyst while Suzy works in West Des Moines at Goodrich Corporation. The skills I am using at Ruan I feel will benefit me as your Councilperson. I have three roles as a pricing analyst. The first role is that of a consultant. Here I guide the sales person on where to find information, what questions to ask, and points that can help close a deal. I have to be aware of what our systems can do, and help determine how they can meet the customer's needs. My second role is that of an Analyst. Here I look at equipment, labor, and management and find the right balance of costs vs. effectiveness/efficiency. I work through issues such as ownership vs. leasing, sharing resources, and having the correct number of people to have managing the business. This analysis develops the terminal budget for its first three to five years of operations. The third role is that of a project manager. Here I guide each opportunity through the system from start to finish. I balance the speed of completing a project against presenting a quality proposal. I also need to make sure all assumptions are correct and properly accounted for and I have to make sure our revenue stream covers all of our cost. Lastly I think I would make a good councilperson, as I am active within the community. I talk with people, understand and share many of their concerns.

Dennis Julius stated he had been a resident of Newton since 1987, managed what was once called "Drugtown" until my retirement in 2000, ending a 25-year career with Hy-Vee, Inc. During my business career, I always felt it was part of my civic duty to be involved with other community projects and organizations. So my "resume" includes having been on the YMCA Board of Directors, past president of Chamber of Commerce, Civil Service Commission, United Way volunteers, RSVP volunteer, just to name a few – thus, I feel very connected to Newton and its residents. However, I consider my four years of service and experience on the Newton City Council (January 2002 – December 2005) as the main reason to think I would make a good council member. I enjoyed the time on the Council and the challenges of the job. I have gone through the training and understand the duties and processes, so hopefully I can add value, right away, for what lies ahead. As a plus (as stated earlier), I am retired and can devote whatever time demands are needed to fulfill the job. I elected not to seek re-election in 2006 because of a possible move from the area (which didn't occur because of health issues in our extended families).

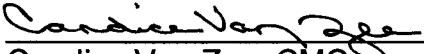
Questions were then asked by the Council to the candidates. Upon satisfaction from the Council, there were no other questions the Council wanted to ask of the candidates. Mayor Allen stated they would be voting by ballot with the City Attorney collecting the ballots and at that time the ballots would be read noting which council member voted for which candidate. The ballots were then passed out to each council member. Upon collecting the ballots from all the council members, Mayor Allen

announced that Dennis Julius would be the appointed Council Member. The vote was Julius with four votes and Trotter with one vote by Council member Mullan. It was moved by Foreman, seconded by Plumb on the resolution to fill in the blank with the name of Dennis Julius. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2008 – 168 adopted. Mayor Allen and Council thanked both candidates.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Plumb to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.



Charles Allen, Mayor



Candice Van Zee, CMC
City Clerk