

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2009, 5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in special 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 arrived at 5:55 p.m., Julius, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

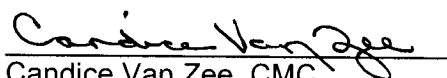
Thomas Wardlow, Interim City Administrator stated tonight each Director would be asked to come to the podium and explain there 8% budget reductions in their respective departments, and also to provide an alternative if possible. Each Department Director presented their reductions and alternatives as follows:

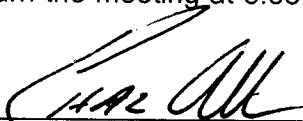
- Thomas Wardlow, Police Chief / Interim City Administrator
- David Stewart, Public Works Director
- Ed Clements, Fire Chief
- Darrin Hamilton, City Attorney
- Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director
- Candice Van Zee, Director of Administrative Services
- Sue Padilla, Library Director
- Denny Slings, Park Director

At the conclusion of the presentations Wardlow stated there needed to be open communication between him and Council, along with perhaps requests on researching alternatives, it was decided another budget workshop would be on Monday, February 9, 2009.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Hansen to go into closed session To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters that Are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent Where its Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in that Litigation, Which Discussions are Exempt from the Open Meetings Law Pursuant to the Provision of Section 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa 2008. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Mayor Allen declared a five-minute recess to clear the Council Chambers. Mayor Allen also handed the gavel over to Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen and recused himself from the closed session.

Upon return to open session at 8:38 p.m. with all council members present, it was moved by Morris seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Candice Van Zee, CMC
City Clerk


Charles Allen, Mayor