

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2009, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Allen presided. Present: Council members Plumb, Hansen, Julius, Foreman, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda item 2.

2. Approve January 26, 2009 City Council Budget Workshop Minutes, February 2, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and February 9, 2009 City Council Budget Workshop Minutes

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

Mayor Allen stated this was the time and the place for a Public Hearing on The Resolution Awarding Contract For The Apron Expansion, Newton Municipal Airport Project. There had been no written comments and no public comments. Foreman asked what the city's portion of the project would be. It was stated the city's portion of the project is \$42,579; the city would be using the revenue from the crop lease at the airport to pay for the project. Hansen wanted to know if this contract was for measured quantities, it was noted by David Stewart, Public Works Director that it was by measured quantities. 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 a Resolution Awarding Contract For The Apron Expansion, Newton Municipal Airport Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 012 adopted.

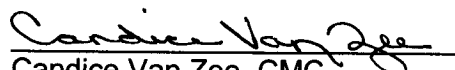
Moved by Foreman, seconded by Hansen to Introduce a Resolution Approving Application For Tax Abatement In The City-Wide Urban Revitalization Area. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 013 adopted.

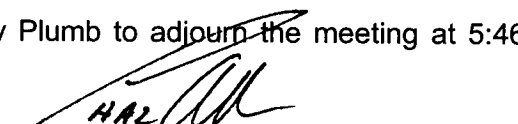
For the next agenda item Mayor Allen recused himself and handed the gavel to Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen. Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Approving Modification To Maytag Demolition Project Phase 3. Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen stated the change order #17 was for \$5,500.00. This includes work to abate potential contaminated liquids in a concrete pit and underground storage tank. These change orders do not increase the City's financial commitment to the project. Given the budgeting situation of this project, all change orders are being processed through the Synergy Partners prior to approval. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 014 adopted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen handed the gavel back to Mayor Allen. Under new business a discussion ensued over the vacant Hy-Vee building and lot that had been offered to the City at no charge. Thomas Wardlow, Interim City Administrator stated he had visited with the Department Directors about the offer. The Community Development Director was doing research on the property and he and the building inspector were going to inspect the facility.

Under new business Foreman stated he had visited with the Funeral Director's in town and they noted concern about the upcoming increase in fees at the cemetery, he was wondering if there was consensus from the other council members to have the increased fees waived for indigents. There was consensus of the entire Council to waive the increased fees for indigent burials. Mayor Allen stated he had received a call about the odor in SW Newton, David Stewart, Public Works Director stated he would be bringing something to Council for their consideration at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in March, he noted the prison force main needed to be extended to the plant to correct the odor problem.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Plumb to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

  
Candice Van Zee, CMC  
City Clerk

  
Charles Allen, Mayor