

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 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 4th Street South. Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen presided. Present: Council members Plumb, Hansen, Julius, Morris, Mullan. Absent: Mayor Allen

There was no citizen participation.

Frank Liebl, Interim Director of NDC, presented Newton Development Corporation's 2009, 2nd quarter update. The following are the highlights of the 2nd quarter:

- May 14th NDC hosted a HUBZone training session. On July 30th Ankeny is hosting an "Iowa Government Procurement meeting that several from the HUBZone training will be attending.
- Springboard Engineering received the Renew Rural Iowa Entrepreneur of the month for May from the Iowa Farm Bureau.
- NDC hosted the Maverick Institute's Todd Hudson from Boulder, Colorado, on June 25th.
- The 2009 American Wind Energy Association Conference was held in Chicago May 4th through the 7th. Craig Hamilton attended representing Jasper County.
- Sixteen Jasper county residents graduated on April 28th from the Jasper Community Leader Development Program offered through a partnership of the Newton Development Corporation, DMACC, Jasper Community Foundation, Jasper County Economic Development Corporation and Iowa State University Extension.
- Business Prospects: Underground films will start shooting in Newton and Grinnell this month. Most will take place at Plant Two. An additional film company has been in contact several times and NDC will continue working with them. NDC has also responded to 18 different projects requesting information about our community, available buildings, and building sites.
- The Entrepreneurial and Business Support Calendar for July 1st through December 31st is out.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Plumb, to approve consent agenda items 3 - 5.

3. Approve June 29, 2009, Special City Council Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2009, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
4. Approve Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales, Hy-Vee Gas, 1421 First Avenue East; 5 Day Special Class C Beer Permit, Okoboji Grill For Nationwide Weekend Pit Stop Event At Iowa Speedway.
5. Resolution Appointing Elsie Ulland, Deb Smith, and Melissa Butler to Serve On the Animal Rescue League Board. Resolution No. 2009 – 087

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen stated this was the time and the place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Instituting Proceedings To Take Additional Action for The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$570,000 General Obligation Bonds. There had been no written comments and no public comments. Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Morris to approve the above resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 088 adopted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen stated this was the time and the place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Instituting Proceedings To Take Additional Action For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$2,180,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Hansen reiterated that the bonds will have the same period as before. There had been no written comments and no public comments. Moved by Plumb, seconded by Julius to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Plumb, seconded by Mullan to approve the above resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 089 adopted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen stated this was the time and the place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Instituting Proceedings To Take Additional Action For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$3,700,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds There had been no written comments and no public comments. Moved by Plumb, seconded by Morris to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed. Moved by Plumb, seconded by Julius to approve the above resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 090 adopted.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Morris, to Introduce a Resolution Directing The Advertisement For Sale Of \$1,115,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A (Tax Exempt), And Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 091 adopted.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Juilus, to Introduce a Resolution Directing The Advertisement For Sale Of \$6,300,000 General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2009B, And Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures. Chip Schultz with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. confirmed that bids would be due by 10:00a.m. August 3, 2009 for both bond sales. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 092 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Morris, to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing Publication Of Notice Of Public Hearing On Sale Of Property Located In The 600 And 700 Blocks Of First Street South In Newton Through The City Of Newton Dangerous And Dilapidated Building Program. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 093 adopted.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Juilus, to Introduce a Resolution Approving Engineering Services Agreement For The Aeration Replacement Project For The City Of Newton Water Pollution Control Plant. Plumb asked if grants had been applied for. Bob Main, WPC Plant Superintendent, indicated that Council approved the grant application for the State Revolving Fund at the May 4, 2009 Council Meeting. The grant will provide a 20% forgivable loan. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 094 adopted.

Under new business, Plumb mentioned that the city should approach Trinity Towers and TPI to see if Trinity would donate a tower and TPI a set of blades for a wind generator to help save the city money. Tom Wardlow, City Administrator, stated that he would meet with Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director, on details and a timeline. Mullan added that the County and School system may be interested in sharing a wind energy system as well. Mullan also directed Council to think about addressing residents erecting personal towers and how it will be handled.

Under old business, Tom Wardlow updated Council on the status of road repairs. The City is utilizing remnant blacktop and currently working on E. 17th St. N. They will be focusing next on W. 9th St. S. The City is trying to keep the roads passable and will still need to discuss funding. Regarding the Hatchery demolition, Bryan Friedman was given a name of a company out of Fairfield, Iowa that demos on a recycling basis. He is investigating this option. Plumb requested a report back to council from Friedman on his contact with the Fairfield company. Wardlow will update the Council when more information is available regarding the outline of a plan for the street lights on Rusty Wallace Drive that is still in development. Wardlow reminded citizens that the nuisance complaints are being diligently addressed. Properties are being targeted; notifications are being sent. The compliance rate is currently 85%. Properties where an owner can not be served will be remedied with the addition of a part-time seasonal employee. This position will be funded from the cemetery's seasonal employee line item, which will cover most if not all of the expense.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Mullan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Katrina Romick
Deputy City Clerk