

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 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 4th Street South. Mayor Allen presided. Present: Council members Plumb, Hansen, Julius, Heaberlin, Morris, Mullan. Absent: None

Mayor Allen swore in Jeremy Heaberlin as Council Member At Large.

There was no public input at citizen participation.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Morris to approve consent agenda items 3 – 5.

3. Approve November 2, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Financial Report Ending June 30, 2009
5. Approve Class E Liquor License, Carryout Beer, Carryout Wine, Sunday Sales, Hy-Vee #1, 1501 First Avenue East

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

Mayor Allen handed the gavel over to Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen. Moved by Mullan, seconded by Heaberlin to Introduce a Resolution Approving Pay Application On The Former Maytag Demolition – Phase 3 – Project Releasing Partial Retainage That Authorizes Pay Request To D.W. Zinser Company, Inc. Hansen noted there may be a difference in opinion on the grading for the green space. Hansen spoke with the Engineers, who believe that there is enough in the retainage to complete the project. Heaberlin asked if there would be any repercussion if there was not enough in the retainage. Hansen stated that the deed is currently held by the Jasper County Foundation and could not speak for them. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 144 adopted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hansen handed the gavel back to Mayor Allen.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Julius to Introduce a Resolution Awarding The Bid For The Crop Land Lease For The Newton Sanitary Landfill To Double K Farms, Inc. C/O Bruce Keith. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 145 adopted.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Hansen to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing Approval Of Task Order With Fox Engineering Associates For Engineering Services Related To Callison Park I/I Storm Sewer Flooding Project. Hansen noted this will implement the next step in identifying exactly where the problems lie. Mullen inquired if the owners would be made aware of their responsibilities. Bob Main, Interim Public Works Director, confirmed that the property owners could possibly have some water and would be notified. Main stated that the water would be dyed and evident if it was from the project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 146 adopted.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Stating That The City Of Newton Is Legally And Financially Responsible For Medicare (CMS) Payments Received Including Any Potential Overpayments. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 147 adopted.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Approving 2010 Park Fee Schedule. Plumb asked if the rates are the same as the previous year. Denny Slings, Parks Director, informed council that 8 rates had changed on the Golf side, including green fees and punch cards. On the parks side 5 rates have changed, including shelters, party rooms, and lighting charges. Hansen asked if range membership was a new item. Slings confirmed that it was a new item. Customers can purchase a season membership to the driving range. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution no. 2009 – 148 adopted.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Plumb to Introduce a Resolution Claiming Less Than The Maximum Allowable From The North Central Tax Increment Finance District For Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Hansen stated that some of the projects listed have been in the budget for several years and some are in the CIP/CEP. Hansen moved that an amendment be made to propose and discuss these projects further in the budget process, seconded by Plumb. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Amendment passed. Julius asked for a study session on TIF districts in order for council and citizens to better

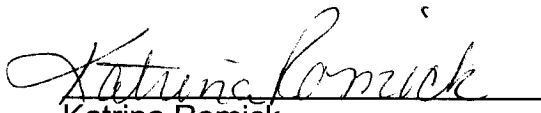
understand the process. Mayor Allen asked the Clerk for the roll call vote on the resolution as amended. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 149 adopted.

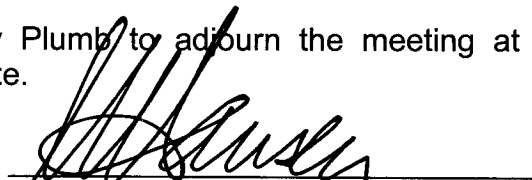
Moved by Hansen, seconded by Julius to remove from the table the Resolution Approving Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA) Agreement To Participate In A Traffic Counting Program As A Borrowing Agent. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion to remove from the table approved. Moved by Julius, seconded by Morris to introduce the above resolution. Julius requested more information on how these will be used. Plumb asked for numbers on counters owned by the City and owned by the County. Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director, stated the City currently owns two, but does not have that information for the County. Friedman informed council that the new counters would be updated with more capabilities and last longer. Friedman stated that the City is always looking for ways to save money by sharing equipment. AYES: Five. NAYS: Plumb. Resolution No. 2009 – 150 adopted.

Under new business Hansen referred to a memo regarding staffing. He requested a discussion item on staffing be added to the next agenda. Plumb stated that this is an opportune time to start down sizing through attrition and to take a hard look at the City's staffing.

Under old business Mullen reminded citizens that leaves should not be blown into the streets as they can cause major issues in the storm system. Mullen also stated that once a business moves, the signage should be removed within a reasonable amount of time.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Plumb to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Katrina Romick
Deputy City Clerk


Charles Allen, Mayor