

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 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

There was no public input at citizen participation.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Plumb to approve consent agenda items 2 - 7.

2. Approve December 7, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and December 14, 2009 Budget Status Workshop Minutes
3. Resolution Reappointing Jeff Maki To The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term Ending December 31, 2014
4. Resolution Reappointing Ruth Jaimes To The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term Ending December 31, 2014
5. Resolution Reappointing Jerry Lorang To The Historic Preservation Commission For A Term Ending December 31, 2012
6. Resolution Reappointing Fred Chabot To The Historic Preservation Commission For A Term Ending December 31, 2012
7. Resolution Reappointing Kathy Trotter To Serve On The Zoning Board Of Adjustment For A Term Ending December 31, 2014

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

Mayor Allen indicated that agenda item 8, Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Newton, 1993, Title 3, Chapter 25, Article 1, "General Provisions" – Barbeque Pits, Fireplaces And Stoves, By Adding In Section 25.100511, was being pulled as the issue had been resolved. There was no opposition from the council.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Mullan to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing Engineering Services Agreement For Runway And Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation / Strengthening Projects At The Newton Municipal Airport. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 162 adopted.

Moved by Plumb, seconded by Morris to Introduce a Resolution Appointing Public Works Director And Community Development Director To Serve On The Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance Committee. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 163 adopted.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Julius to Introduce a Resolution Authorizing The Construction Of A Dog Park Within Westwood Park Contingent Upon Fundraising From Private Sources For All Necessary Expenses And Further Authorizing The City of Newton / Parks Department To Record, Deposit, Administer, And Expend The Collected Private Funds Associated With The Project. Denny Slings, Parks Director, summarized the information from the previous council meeting. Slings was asked to contact the connecting property owners. Ten residents live east of Westwood in rental properties with a single owner, who had no issues. Three of the ten residents were not home. Six are in favor of the park, and one opposed. Slings received a phone call from a concerned citizen that the park would be in direct competition with the boarding business, Green Acres. Slings spoke with the owner of Green Acres and they saw no conflicts. Hansen would like to see the parking area expanded to 120X20 to avoid individuals parking on the grass. Plumb questioned the liability for the City. Slings confirmed that the proper signage will be in place indicating that pet owners are responsible for their own pets and the City currently holds an umbrella liability policy that covers all city areas. Mullen asked for information regarding the ongoing expenses to the City. Slings listed water services, bags, and gloves at a rate of \$500.00 per year but, stated there would be a donation box at the park and the committee would continue to do fundraisers to offset those costs. Hansen suggested an annual fee. Heaberlin asked about restrictions on breeds. Slings confirmed that it would be concurrent with any existing ordinances. Morris concluded by saying that Jodi Hill has done a lot of research regarding this park. There have not been any negative comments. Morris has visited one and was extremely impressed. He stated that if others would visit as well, it

would alleviate many of the worries surrounding the park. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 2009 – 164 adopted.

There was no new business that came before the council.

Under old business Morris asked for an update on the Hatchery. Bryan Friedman, Community Development Director, reported that quotes were received from a couple contractors for the demolition. Community Development is working with the numbers and budget planning to determine the direction. They have also been communicating with an Amish group regarding salvaging some of the materials. This would help to reduce the cost of the demolition. Mullan asked to get a report at the next council meeting on the cost of the snow removal during the last storm. Plumb recognized City staff for all their hard work and extra hours during the blizzard.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Plumb to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Allen, Mayor

Katrina Romick
Deputy City Clerk