

**City of Newark
City Council Meeting
December 17, 2015**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Announce a Quorum is Present

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on December 17, 2015 in the Newark Community Center located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas and announced a quorum is present. Those present were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Chris Raines, Councilmember Hans Wilson, Wise County Deputy Anissa Satterfield, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Van Wagner delivered the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

3. Citizen Comments – None.

4. Consent Agenda – Consider and act on the following items: a. November 19, 2015 Minutes, b. Accounts Payables from November 27 – December 16, 2015, c. Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, d. Staff Reports – City Administrator, Municipal Court, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Library

Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski moved to approve the consent agenda, Items a, b, c, and d; Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

5. Old Business

a. Update on the repair or removal of homes on Sandy Bass Lane.

The manager was unable to attend the meeting but called and left a message that there were no major changes, however she is continuing efforts to make improvements.

b. Update on the cleanup of Tim's Auto Repair at 132 FM 718.

Mayor Van Wagner stated he knew of at least eleven (11) vehicles with outdated registrations and inspections, some dating back to 2001. He spoke with Tim Pixler, who said he was aware that he needed to clean the repair shop up, however most of the cars were left there for repair and the owners never came to pick them up.

The Council requested that Mayor Van Wagner speak with Mr. Pixler to set up a schedule and a deadline for removing the vehicles and a deadline.

6. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on using money from the reserve fund to remove the old gym next to City Hall.

The "Old Gym" connected to the Community Center is in such poor condition that it is dangerous. During recent rains, water leaked in through the common wall causing a mildew problem in the Community Center.

The Council recommended getting separate bids for the asbestos removal and the building demolition to see if the cost for both could be lowered. They also suggested reclaiming the fixtures in the gym to sell separately and possibly repurposing the bleachers and foundation. The staff was directed to get a separate bid for the asbestos removal by the next meeting.

b. Discussion and possible action on the drainage repair and the repaving of Pettit and Berke Street.

Sixty thousand (\$60,000) was budgeted this year to repave Pettit, however if the road is repaved without any drainage work, the flooding would eventually erode the road and cause flooding. It will cost approximately \$50,000 to properly construct drainage ditches on Pettit and the connecting road Berke. The City Staff recommended performing the drainage on both roads this year and waiting to see if the City receives the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TCDBG) to repave the roads in 2017. Councilmember Raines said he would try to get additional bids for the drainage.

Next month explain the TCDBG in more detail and the odds of the City of Newark receiving the grant.

c. Discussion and possible action on contracting with a different code enforcement officer.

Recently the City Staff learned that in order for the Code Enforcement Officer to be appointed City Marshall, he would need to take a week long course out of town, which would cost approximately \$3,000. City Administrator Diane Rasor recommended due to budget constraints that the Council allow the City Staff to continue preparing the paperwork and allow police officers to issue citations when needed.

d. Discussion and possible action on contracting with a different engineering firm.

The current City Engineering Firm, Bury Inc., is not returning phone calls or responding to request in a timely manner. The City Staff met with Teague, Nall, and Perkins Engineering and recommended the firm as a possible replacement. The Council directed the City Administrator to issue Bury Inc. a thirty (30) day written notice of termination.

The City Council entered into executive session at 8:01 p.m.

7. Executive Session – City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property on the following item(s): Sale of City property located at the corner of Marshal and Rogers Road. Texas Local Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.071 – Consultation with

Counsel on Legal Matters on the following item(s): Sale of City property located at the corner of Marshal and Rogers Road

The City Council met executive session to deliberated regarding the real property located on the corner of Marshal and Rogers Roads, however did not meet to consult with the City Attorney.

8. Reconvene - Take action, if necessary, on items addressed during Executive Session.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 8:53 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator