

**Minutes of the
Newark City Council
Thursday, May 17, 2012**

The City of Newark's Annual Northwest Independent School District's Graduating Seniors' Celebration will be held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the beginning of the regular meeting.

Council Member Chana Massey introduced the City Council and special guests, Dr. Karen Rue, Mark Schluter, and the Honorable Judge Jim Minter. Council Member Massey congratulated and presented certificates to the graduates.

The founder of Marion "Speedy" E. Harrell Scholarship Foundation stated she was looking for a way to honor Mr. Harrell and believes he would be pleased to be honored in this manner. She asked the graduates to remember that the City of Newark always encourages and supports them. She announced that Jordon Mossberger is this year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Linda Anderson, Council Member Chana Massey, Council Member Doug Anderson, City Attorney Walt Leonard, Library Director Megan Suffling, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

II. Invocation - Council Member Doug Anderson delivered the invocation.

III. Citizen Comments

Ms. Bonnie Neal gave gratitude to the man who repaired the roof on the building the City remodeled for the community center and the new City Hall.

Sam, who owns Lakeside Sports Bar and Grill, introduced himself to the community and invited them to try his new restaurant.

IV. Consent Agenda – A. Approval of Accounts Payable, B. Approval of Financial Data for April-May 2012, C. Approval of Staff Reports.

Council Member Massey moved to approve items A and C; Council Member Wells seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

V. Regular Meeting

1. Swear in Bob Wells, Place 1, Doug Anderson, Place 2, and Linda Anderson Place 3 on the Newark City Council; issuing the Statement of Officer and presenting the Certificates' of Election to the sworn in officers.

City Administrator Diane Razor swore in the Council Members and Mayor Pro Tem Pixler presented the Certificates of Election.

2. Consider and act on modifying the Tocker Grant application for the Library.

Library Director Megan Suffling explained that she re-wrote the application that she submitted in January that ended up being denied. She took out the server, the circulation desk, and the children's shelving. The new amount applied for is \$23,583.25.

Council Member Massey moved to accept the modified Tocker Grant; Council Member Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

3. Consider and act on appointing Judge Minter as the Newark Municipal Court Judge.

Council Member Massey moved to accept the resolution appointing Judge Minter as the Newark Municipal Court Judge; Council Member Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed. City Administrator swore in Judge Minter.

4. Consider and act on the Library's HVAC/Electrical issues.

City Administrator Diane Razor reported she contacted two companies, Parker Electric and Fox Electric to assess the problem. Parker Electric stated the air conditioning was working properly because a vent had not been cut in and he would upgrade a heating element and wiring to the unit for a cost of \$1,750. Fox Electric stated they could do nothing for the City because it was not an electrical problem, but a HVAC problem. No action was taken on this item.

5. Consider and act on Resolution No. 271 denying Atmos Energy's requested rate change; requiring the company to reimburse the City's reasonable ratemaking expenses.

Council Member Wells moved to accept and adopt Resolution No. 271; Council Member Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion seconded.

6. Consider and act on continuing Stage 1 of the City's Drought Contingency Plan.

No action taken on this item.

VI. Executive Session

- Selling property at 310 FM 718
- The City of Newark vs. Ellis

- Hiring a Public Works employee
- City Administrator's Duties

The Council entered into executive session at 8:10 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:50 p.m. Back in at 9:50 pm

7. Consider and act on executive session items.

Council Member Massey moved to offer the property at 310 FM 718 through sealed bids for a time period of 60 days with a minimum bid of \$53,000, which is the fair market value; Council Member Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

Council Member Wells moved to hire Nathan Dahl; Council Member Dough Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

8. Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Matt Newby, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator