

**Minutes of the City Council
Budget and Road Repair Workshop
Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012, in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas 76071. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Chana Massey, Council Member Doug Anderson and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

II. Invocation – The invocation was delivered by Council Member Anderson before the Town Hall meeting.

III. Discussion and possible action on updating line items in the 2011-2012 budget.

Council Member Wells stated we are 25% in to the year and the general fund income is ahead. We are off on some of the items:

Line item #107 – Conduit Loan – we budgeted for \$10,000, however we know we will be getting \$15,000. Take \$15,000 out of this line item and budget it for the demolition of the building located at 207 Hudson.

Sale of City Property – Budgeted for \$12,500, received a little less.

Line item #141 – SECO Grant – budgeted \$13,000 changed to \$3,500 because we received the other money last year.

Line item #811 – Tap Fees – budgeted \$14,000 – change to \$6,000 (two taps)

Line item #234 – Legal Fees – We are at 33 %, we have two legal cases pending. Leave until the next budget meeting.

Line item #236 – Repairs on 207 Hudson – \$26,000 on removing the asbestos and demolishing the old maintenance building. \$12,500 from sale of city property and \$15,000 from the conduit loan. Line item will read \$27,065.00.

Line item #742 – Street Signs – most of the signs have been taken care of. Change from \$500.00 to \$800.00.

Library Director Megan Suffling requested the Council budget funds for a part-time employee to help her in the evenings. She does not feel safe at the Library after dark. It was suggested to install an alarm system with a panic button and hire a part time person. Schedule for the next regular meeting.

It was recommended to send both the Public Works Director and the City Administrator to Basic Code Enforcement training which will mean adding \$600 plus a mileage reimbursement to the travel/training line item for a total of \$1300.

Check items spent out of line item #911. Line items #942 and #943 – vehicle and equipment maintenance – may need to add funds for these items. Do research on line item #943.

Discussed switching City Hall phone services to either Logix or CBeyond for a big savings.

The rotor for the wastewater treatment plant will cost approximately \$20,000, which will be taken out of line item #946 – sewer expense. Increase line item #946 to \$24,000 and decrease line item #903 to \$9,000.

4. Discussion and possible action on road repair.

City Administrator Diane Rasor presented a power point on the roads and drainage that need to be repaired. She suggested having an engineer give an estimate on the cost for the repairs and put it on a ballot for a vote issue bonds. The Council requested staff research the figures and details for presentation at next meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action on allotting funds to pay for the third rotor and installation of the rotor at the sewer plant.

Discussed under item number 3.

Executive Session – A. Texas Government Code §551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting. Governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (a) pending or contemplated litigation; or (b) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

- Ellis vs. the City of Newark

The Council entered into executive session at 8:40 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:31 p.m.

6. Consider and act on executive session item(s).

Accepting attorneys advice on the Ellis case and have him proceed.

7. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

APPROVED:



Matt Newby, Mayor

03-28-2012

Date

ATTEST:



Diane Razor, City Administrator