

**City of Newark
City Council Minutes
Thursday, January 17, 2013**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Matt Newby called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Councilmember Bob Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson and Councilmember Doug Anderson. City Administrator Diane Rasor was absent.

II. Invocation

Councilmember Doug Anderson delivered the invocation.

III. Proclamation for a "Bully Free Community" presented by Northwest ISD

Mr. Rogers, principal of Chisholm Middle School, introduced students from the school who are participating in the program. A student read the "Bully Free Community" proclamation stating that they are hoping to bring "bullying" awareness to the citizens of the Newark and Rhome communities in hopes of eradicating the behavior from our cities.

IV. Citizens Comments - None.

V. Consent Agenda - A. Approval of December 20, 2012 minutes, B. Approval of Accounts Payables, C. Approval of Budget and Financials, D. Approval of Staff Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

VI. Public Hearing on Wastewater Rate Increase

Mayor Newby opened the public hearing at 7:09 a.m. Ms. Jan Van Wagner asked for the amount of the increase. Councilmember Wells explained the minimum charge would remain at \$25.00 up to 7,000 gallons of water usage and anything above 7,000 gallons of usage then the sewer charge would be 50% of the water charge. Mayor Newby explained that the more water a residence used the more sewer that would need to be treated and therefore is the reason for the increase. Mayor Newby closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

VII. Regular Meeting

1. Consider and act on Ordinance A-390 amending the Newark Code of Ordinances, Appendix A – Fee Schedule, Article A7.000 – Utility Fees, Section A7.004 – Water and Sewer Rates.

Councilmember Wells moved to adopt Ordinance No. A-390 amending the sewer rates; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

2. Consider and act on Resolution No. 274 designating individuals as authorized signators for the City's Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) contract #712259. (Wastewater Improvements)

Councilmember Wells moved to approve Resolution No. 274 designating individuals as authorized signators (Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Secretary) for the City's Texas Community Development Block Grant; Councilmember Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

3. Consider and act on appointing Mary Kay Thomas as the Labor Standards' Officer for the City's TxCDBG contract #712259.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to appoint Mary Kay Thomas as the Labor Standards' Officer for the contract; Councilmember Wells seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

4. Consider and act on approving an addendum to the City's contract with Central Security for wireless service at 900 Rogers Road (sewer plant).

Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve an addendum to the City's contract with Central Security and obtain the "IP" code for remote access; Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

5. Consider and act on cancelling the "Law Enforcement Liability" portion of the City's property and liability insurance.

Councilmember Linda Anderson moved to cancel the "Law Enforcement Liability" portion of the City's property and liability insurance; Mayor Pro Tem Pixler seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

6. Consider and act on Resolution No. 275 calling for a General Election to be held on May 11, 2013 to elect a Mayor, Councilmember Place 4, and Councilmember Place 5.

Councilmember Wells moved to adopt Resolution No. 275 calling for a General Election to be held on May 11, 2013; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

7. Consider and act on the *Contract for Election Services* between the City of Newark and Wise County's Election Administration.

Councilmember Doug Anderson moved to approve the *Contract for Election Services* between the City of Newark and Wise County's Election Administration; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

8. Consider and act on the invoice from Walt Leonard's law firm.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler suggested on waiting on Kevin Curley's invoice to compare with to confirm the charges. No action.

9. Consider and act on auctioning surplus Library items and furniture.

The Library is receiving new shelves and furniture from the Tocker grant and would like to auction off the old items. Mayor Pro Tem Pixler stated that the "Priddy" Foundation donated \$1,100 hundred dollars towards books on CDs for the Library.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to allow the Mayor to auction the surplus items from the Library; Councilmember Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

10. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

Matt Newby, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator