

**City of Newark  
City Council Minutes  
Thursday, February 19, 2015**

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

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present. Those present were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Councilmember Cary Mellema, Councilmember Mark Wondowloski, Councilmember Dan Sessler, and City Administrator Diane Rasor. Mayor Pro Tem Linda Anderson was absent.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**III. Citizen Comments – None.**

**IV. Consent Agenda – Consider and act on the following items: A. January 15, 2015 Minutes, B. Accounts Payables from January 10 – February 19, 2015, C. Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, D. City Administrator Staff Report**

Councilmember Mellema moved to accept the consent agenda, items A, B, C, and D; Councilmember Sessler seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**V. Public Hearings – Substandard Buildings**

**A hearing to determine whether the building located at 726 McCanne Street complies with the standards set out in Chapter 3, Section 3.04.004 of the Newark Code of Ordinances.**

Mayor Van Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Greta Rodriguez, the property owner, gave a brief review of the work accomplished so far: some plumbing and roof removed. She passed out a timeline outlining the proposed repairs and requested the City Council to allow her three (3) months to complete the project. There were no other proponents or opponents. Mayor Van Wagner closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

**A hearing to determine whether the building located at 536 Wise Street, Newark, Texas complies with the standards set out in Chapter 3, Section 3.04.004 of the Newark Code of Ordinances.**

Mayor Van Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Ballard, the owner, was not present nor were there any other proponents or opponents. Mayor Van Wagner closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

## **VI. Regular Meeting**

- 1. Consider and act on Resolution #283 approving financing by the Newark Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation for the Benefit of Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Dallas; and other related matters.**

The City's financial advisor, Mr. Ted Christensen, was present to answer any questions pertaining to the loan and advised the City Council that the Newark Education Cultural Finance Facilities Corporation recommended approving Resolution #283 and the financing for the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas.

Councilmember Sessler moved to approve Resolution #283 approving financing by the Newark Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation for the Benefit of Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Dallas; Councilmember Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

- 2. Discussion on Northwest Independent School District's "Big Event" on April 18, 2015.**

No action taken on this item since Mr. Mike Hays was not present.

- 3. Update from the Newark Volunteer Fire Department on general operations and finances.**

Newark Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Taylor passed out a handout showing the department's total call volume for the calendar year 2014, which increased substantially from the previous year. He also said the ordinance pertaining to billing insurance companies approved last year worked well in allowing them to collect funds if an owner or victim was insured. A citizen has donated a 40 x 80 foot building to the Volunteer Fire Department, which will be installed this year.

- 4. Update from the property manager on the progress of repairing manufactured homes on Sandy Bass Lane.**

Ms. Sandra Ray, manager of Newark Country Estates, said that the two (2) homes that have been refurbished have both sold. They still have four (4) homes that are boarded up but have scheduled a crew to inspect the homes next week to determine if they are worth refurbishing. If they are not then they will be moved out of the complex. The tenants at 401 Sandy Bass are supposed to move out on February 24<sup>th</sup>. After they have moved, her company will clean up the lot and move the dilapidated home out of the park.

- 5. Consider and act on the *Issuance Order* determining the action to be taken on 726 McCanne Street, Newark, Texas.**

The City Council issued the order for the house at 726 McCanne Street to be repaired by the owner within a ninety (90) day period and an update be given at every council meeting through this period of time.

**6. Consider and act on the *Issuance Order* determining the action to be taken on 536 Wise Street, Newark, Texas.**

Councilmember Mellema moved to issue an order for the owner to remove the house at 536 Wise Street within thirty (30) days; Councilmember Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**7. Consider and act on Resolution #282 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Community Development Funds.**

Councilmember Mellema moved to approve Resolution #282 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Community Development Funds; Councilmember Sessler seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**8. Consider and act on Resolution No. 284 authorizing participation in the Solar Ready II Project and Adoption of Solar Energy Best Management Practices.**

No action was taken on this item.

**9. Consider and act on authorizing the MS Sam's Club Round Up Bike Ride and scheduling resident deputies to patrol the event between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.**

No action was taken on this item.

**10. Consider and act on the Library Board's recommendation concerning personnel.**

Councilmember Wondolowski moved to accept the Library Board's recommendations (only keep one employee in the Library and close on Saturdays if necessary); Councilmember Mellema seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**11. Consider and act on updating the 2014-2015 budget by increasing the annual stipend for the Newark Volunteer Fire Department by \$2,000 for a total budget of \$9,000.**

Mayor Van Wagner stated that the City was able to cut approximately \$5,000 from the current year's budget expenditures and recommended giving the Newark Volunteer Fire Department a one-time additional \$2,000 stipend for this year.

Councilmember Sessler moved to increase the annual stipend for this year only by two thousand dollars (\$2,000); Councilmember Mellema seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**12. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Diane Rasor, City Administrator