

City of Newark
City Council Minutes – Special Called Meeting
Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas. Those present were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Taylor Burton, Councilmember Dan Sessler, Councilmember Doug Anderson, Public Works' Director William Allen, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

2. Invocation – Councilmember Doug Anderson delivered the invocation.

3. Citizen's Comments – There were no citizen comments.

4. Consider and act on reversing the decision made concerning the residence at 602 Rogers to cancel sewer service and pay the tenant one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) for past sewer charges since the house on the property has been determined to be inside the Newark City limits by the Wise County Appraisal District.

Mayor Van Wagner explained the resident wanted to run for office so the City researched and found the individual's house is inside the city limits of Newark. Therefore the residence should be hooked up to the sewer system and does need to be charged. Wise County Appraisal District confirmed the house is in the city limits.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells moved for the City to back bill Mr. Ferron for the last two months for sewer charges plus the one-hundred (\$100) that was previously paid to him; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

5. Consider and act on the action to be taken towards the residents at 610, 718, and 802 Rogers Road for delinquent water, sewer, and garbage fees.

The meters at these addresses were not working for the last ten years plus, so the residents were only paying the minimum charges for water and sewer. Since the meter at 610 Rogers was changed out the property is averaging approximately 50,000 gallons per month. This possibly means a loss of approximately \$30,000 dollars over the past decade. Currently all of the residences together owe over \$2,000. The Council is not interested in setting up a payment plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells moved to write a letter informing Mr. Cairns and Dora Cairns that their meters have been pulled, their bills are past due, the dollar amount plus the \$53.15 for testing the water meters and a deadline of having the charges paid; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

6. Consider and act on allocating additional funds for the repair and resurfacing of Rogers Road.

Director of Public Works' William Allen explained that he met with Danny Lambert, Wise County Road Supervisor, who made a list of task to be completed before the base is laid on Rogers Road. The County is raising the road six (6) inches so the Newark Public Works' Staff will need to buy and install new culverts, raise the manholes and water values, and replace all mailboxes. The City may need to hire one person contract labor for a week or two to help with the construction. The price for repairing the two (2) is not included in the added cost. Mr. Allen is requesting an additional \$17,380 for these task and supplies.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells moved to approve the additional funds allocated for Rogers Road of \$17,500; Councilmember Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

7. Consider and act on a policy establishing rules on the enforcement of City ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated that code enforcement issues are slipping away from the City and there are three (3) ways these issues may be addressed: (1) Ignore the ordinances because the City does not have the money, ^{to} fight for enforcement, (2) Change the ordinances, or (3) Enforce the ordinances. He does not believe #1 is an option and recommends option #3 – enforcing the City's ordinances.

Schedule this item for executive session at the next meeting to consult with the City Attorney.

8. Discussion and possible action on taking official action to declare the entire portion of Killough Street a dedicated City street.

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9. Budget Workshop – Discuss and review revenues, expenditure, capital improvement projects, and reallocation of funds in the 2013-2014 budget.

After reviewing the budget the following line item re-allocations were made:

Revenues:

Line Item #104 – Sales Tax Collection	Reduced by \$11,000	\$85,000
Line Item #187 – Fire Dept. Reimbursement	Raised by \$700	\$6,200

Expenditures:

Line Item #201 – Bank Service Charges	Raised by \$200	\$260
Line Item 233 – Miscellaneous Expense	Reduced by \$500	\$500
Line Item 251 – Electricity	Raised by \$550	\$18,400
Line Item 252 – Telephone	Reduced by \$3,400	\$6,600

Line Item 271 – City Admin Salary	Raised by \$3,140	\$41,600
Line Item 276 – Retirement	Reduced by \$1,420	\$980
Line Item 277 – Employee Health Insurance	Reduced by \$6,411	\$7,360
Add Line Item 295 – Special Projects	Budget at \$3,700	\$3,700
Delete Line Item 508 – Subscriptions (Library)	Reduce by \$500	0
Line Item 509 – Electronics/Equipment	Reduce by \$500	\$500
Line Item 522 – Telephone	Increase \$600	\$1,500
Line Item 571 – Director’s Wages	Decrease \$600	\$16,300
Add Line Item 585 – Special Events	Budget \$500	\$500
Public Works:		
Line Item 747 – Street Repairs	Increase \$20,000	<i>QR</i> \$147,000 \$37,000
Water & Sewer:		
Line Item 904 – Equipment Rental	Decrease \$1,000	\$1,000
Line Item 926 – General Supplies	Increase \$1,000	\$12,000
Delete Line Item 933 – Engineering Services	Decrease \$6,000	0
Line Item 941 – Building Maintenance	Increase \$500	\$1,000
Line Item 944 – Water System Improvement	Decrease \$3,800	\$15,200
Line Item 946 – Sewer Expense	Increase \$5,000	\$25,000
Delete Line Item 947 – Water Line Repairs	Decrease \$1,200	0
Line Item 948 – Lift Station	Decrease \$4,200	\$3,000
Line Item 976 – Retirement	Decrease \$2,600	\$1,600
Line Item 978 – Insurance, Health Employee	Decrease \$4,800	\$19,200
Line Item 996 – 2013 Cert. of Obligation Pymt.	Increase \$12,042	\$12,042

Mayor Pro Tem Wells moved to approve the changes to the budget; Councilmember Sessler seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

10. Executive Session – The City may enter into executive session during the meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney on any posted agenda item, or to discuss any item that is authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act to be discussed in closed session. - City Administrator Diane Rasor – duties

The City Council entered into executive session at 9:27 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:20 p.m.

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

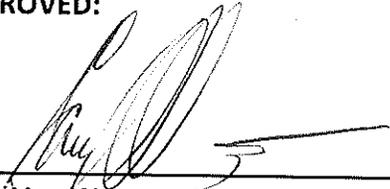
Mayor Pro Tem Wells moved to increase Patti Boyd’s hours to thirty five (35) on a temporary three (3) month basis in an attempt to find an additional administrative helper through

whatever means we can find; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

12. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

4.17.14

Date

ATTEST:



Diane Rasor, City Administrator