

Minutes of the Newark City Council
Thursday, March 8, 2012

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Chana Massey, Council Member Doug Anderson, Director of Public Works Shawn Bartlett and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

II. Invocation

Council Member Anderson delivered the invocation.

III. Capital Improvements Project's Workshop

A. Sewer line breaks on FM 3433

Public Works Director Shawn Bartlett explained that after trying unsuccessfully to locate the infiltration points; he called ACME Utility to have the sewer line on FM 3433 camared. The results showed three leaks and two manholes that need to be repaired. ACME Utility has submitted an estimate of \$19,762 to repair the leaks, and the manholes and repair a manhole on Central and Wise Street that is allowing rain water in the sewer lines.

The Council directed Shawn to get more quotes on the repairs and scheduled this item for action at the March 16, 2012 meeting.

B. Roger's Road

Council Member Wells reported that currently the city workers are spending most of their time on the sewer lines, which is delaying the Roger's Road drainage repair and repaving project. The County is supplying the labor and the City will supply the materials, however before the County can begin there is preparation work that the City needs to complete. The preparation includes lowering four manholes, moving some water meters, relocating three electric poles and a fence, and having a semi-trailer removed from a lot. The materials will cost approximately \$16,000 so a budget of \$20,000 should be enough for the projects. Currently there is \$30,500 budgeted for street repairs.

C. FM 718 Water Tower

The hatches are welded down and public works will begin taking the small building down as well as the fence around the water tower. Council Member Massey said this is not a budgeted item for this year, but it will cost approximately \$11,000. The major expense is the sandblasting

and the special paint. This amount does not include the logo. Council Member Massey said she will check with Amazing Grants to see if there is any help available.

D. Newark Municipal Building (209 Hudson) Renovation

This idea came from the current City Hall needing lots of repairs. The estimate for renovating the building at 209 Hudson for a new City Hall and a Community Center is approximately \$30,000. The building that City Hall is currently located in will be sold to help offset some of the renovation cost.

E. Road Repairs in Old Town

Currently we need to know how much the sewer line repairs are going to cost before we can seriously discuss the road repairs. However, the estimate that KSA Engineers gave of \$2,000 is a reasonable amount in order to give the City an estimate of how much it will cost to repave roads and repair drainage in the Old Town area of Newark. Once the City has that amount, the Council can decide if they want to call an election in November to sell bonds. Schedule this item for the March 15, 2012 Council meeting.

F. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Grant

Spoke with Gary Burton today and they are waiting on the pumps for the lift station and the sludge box. Once LaMarc gets all of the parts they will begin work and it should only take them a couple of weeks to complete the project.

G. STEP Water Line Replacement Grant

Shawn Bartlett met with Engineers Ray Thomas and Ray Brumley and worked out how they are planning to accomplish this project. The Engineers are still drawing the plans so it will be two to three months before work begins. The city plans on replacing all the water meters at the same time the water line replacements are taking place.

H. Establishing Code Enforcement Department and Incentive Program

City Administrator Diane Rasor submitted a draft of the Standard Operating Procedures and would like to begin educating the citizens on code enforcement in April. This is not in the budget for this year, however it is a vital issue for economic development in the City. This item will be placed on the March 15, 2012 agenda.

The priorities currently set are to repair the sewer lines on FM 33433 and the Rogers Road repairs. The other items will be discussed further when it is determined the amount for the sewer line repairs.

Council Member wells moved to approve \$2,000 for item "E" for the engineer to give us an estimate on the cost of repaving the roads; Council Member Massey seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Laura Pixler, Mayor Pro Tem

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Razor, City Administrator