

**Minutes of the  
Newark City Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 19, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Matt Newby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Linda Anderson, Council Member Chana Massey, Council Member Doug Anderson, Library Director Megan Suffling, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

**II. Invocation** – Council Member Doug Anderson delivered the invocation.

**III. Citizen Comments** (*limit to 3 minutes please*)

**IV. Consent Agenda** – A. Approval of the March 8 and March 15, 2012 City Council Minutes, B. Approval of Accounts Payable, C. Approval of Financial Data for March - April 2012, D. Approval of Staff Reports

Council Member Wells moved to approve consent agenda item's A, B, and C; Mayor Pro Tem Pixler seconded the motion.

**V. Regular Meeting**

**1. Consider and act on Allied Waste Services' requests for an extension of their current agreement for an additional five (5) years and annual CPI increase of 3.44%.**

Ms. Jeri Harwell, with Allied Waste, explained that after five years of service the City's contract with Allied is expiring and requested the Council renew the contract with a 3.44% increase. Allied would continue to supply a free dumpster at City Hall and donate dumpsters for annual clean up days. The increase is necessary due to gas prices continuing to rise. If the contract is renewed, Ms. Harwell would like to educate the citizens on recycling.

Council Member Massey recommended the Council do their due diligence by putting the contract out for bid. She requested a written proposal on how recycling education should be handled. Council Member Wells requested the requirements for the bid process and stated he would not be in favor of a three and one-half (3 ½) cent increase.

No action was taken on this item.

**2. Discussion and possible action on Library Director Megan Suffling's request to create a memorial for local veterans at the Library.**

Library Director Megan Suffling requested to be allowed to create a perpetual memorial by collecting and placing pictures of service men on the Library wall and to host a Memorial Day celebration. The Boy Scouts from Haslet have agreed to perform a "Call to Colors".

Council Member Massey moved to have the City of Newark sponsor a Memorial Day Celebration and allow a memorial for veterans in the Library; Mayor Pro Tem Pixler seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**3. Consider and act on problems the Library is currently experiencing with the air conditioning, heating and electrical.**

Megan Suffling explained the heater is not working properly so she contacted Silverado, the HVAC company that installed the unit. They advised her A-line Electric had improperly wired the unit and therefore it would be A-Line's responsibility to repair the problem. Brian Meeker with A-line Electric advised her the entire building would need to be re-done to accommodate the HVAC unit. The quote was for \$5,700.

Mayor Newby requested staff to get two electric companies estimate the repairs needed. This item is tabled to the next meeting.

**4. Consider and act on purchasing a Hewlett Packard Personal Computer (H8Z) with Windows 7 Home Premium Operating System and Microsoft Word and Excel.**

Council Member Well's purchased a computer to replace the City Administrators for \$900.00, which he has six (6) days to return if the Council does not approve the purchase.

Council Member Massey moved to approve the purchase of the Hewlett Packard Computer; Council Member Linda Anderson seconded the motion.

**5. Consider and act on adopting Ordinance No. A-385, adopting and enacting a new Code of Ordinances.**

Council Member Wells moved to adopt Ordinance No. A-385; Council Member Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**6. Discussion and possible action on excusing members of the Council from regular meetings.**

No action taken on this item.

**7. Consider and act on the Annual Public Utility Commission of Texas's 2012 Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.**

No action taken on this item.

**8. Consider and act on continuing State 1 of the City's Drought Contingency Plan.**

No action taken on this item.

**VI. 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, including: Section 551.072. Government Code, deliberation regarding real property.**

- Appraisal on Property at 310 FM 718

**Section 551.074, Government Code, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.**

- Contracting with a Municipal Court Judge.

The Council entered into executive session at 8:15 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

**9. Consider and act on executive session item(s).**

No action taken on executive session items.

**10. Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

**Approved:**

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**Matt Newby, Mayor**

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**Date**

**Attest:**

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**Diane Rasor, City Administrator**