

**City of Newark
City Council Meeting
Thursday, April 19, 2018**

1. Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present.

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the Newark Community Center located at 209 Hudson Street in Newark, Texas and announced that a quorum was present. Those present were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Chris Raines, Councilmember Eric Fleischer, Councilmember Michael Murray, Councilmember Taylor Burton, Director of Public Works William Allen, Wise County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Sorrow and Assistant City Secretary Jeanine Inman. Those absent were: City Administrator Diane Rasor

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Van Wagner delivered the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

3. Citizen Comments.

Elaine Priest, 216 Cheyenne Trail, spoke in favor of placing a street light at the entrance of the Chisholm Creek Subdivision for safety.

Melanie Payne, 505 Oak Hills Drive, spoke regarding the gym renovations and asked the City Council to stay in the budget of the grant for the renovations so as not cost the citizens more in property taxes.

Maegan Martin, 514 Oak Hills Drive, spoke regarding the high bid amounts received for the gym renovations and about possibly building the gym in the City Park.

Jan Van Wagner, 536 Post Oak Drive, spoke in favor of the gym renovations and appreciated the citizen's comments about the gym and how the City Council is keeping all views in mind in their decisions.

4. Consent Agenda – Consider and act of the following items. March 15, 2018 Minutes, Accounts Payables for March 2018, Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, and Staff Reports – City Administrator, Municipal Court, Animal Control, Library, Building Permits, Code Enforcement and Public Works.

Councilmember Raines asked if there are any budgeted items for paving Post Oak. The response was other than general maintenance there was not any money budgeted for paving Post Oak.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski asked if the electronic sign was a budgeted item. The response was that it was not a budgeted item but a wish list item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski asked if the City Council had accepted any of the bids for the gym renovations and the response was no.

Mayor Van Wagner extended an open invitation to all members of the community to attend the upcoming budget workshops.

Councilmember Murray expressed that he has heard from some citizens that any money for the gym that is not covered by the grant will come from the tax payers. Councilmembers reminded everyone that they are tax payers as well.

Councilmember Fleischer has seen many comments about the drainage work on Post Oak. He said that 60 percent of the neighborhood's water goes into one little area. There was a study done and that this work helped a considerable amount of the neighborhood.

Councilmember Raines moved to approve the consent agenda as a whole; Councilmember Murray seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

5. Discuss and consider the Amazing Grants, Inc. assignability clause in the Professional Management Agreement in regards to TxCDBG #7216049

Kelle Odom with GrantWorks, discussed that Mary Kay Thomas's firm, Amazing Grants, was merging with GrantWorks but would still be working on the project. This will allow more people to work on this project. She told the Council that the City had been recommended for approval of the water improvements grant to drill 3 new wells. It would be a \$275,000 grant with a \$13,750 City match.

City Council asked to set up a meeting next week with another individual with GrantWorks to discuss this matter further.

No action taken.

6. Consider and act on sharing the cost with the City of Rhome to have installed and maintain a street light at the entry to the Chisholm Trail Subdivision.

The City's cost share would be \$4,000 for the installation and half of the normal maintenance cost for the street light.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski moved to share the cost with the City of Rhome; Councilmember Murray seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

7. Consider and act on bids received on the remodel of the gymnasium.

No action taken.

8. Consider and act on Resolution No. 320 authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and authorizing the payment of the two cents per capita to the ACSC to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.

Councilmember Murray moved to approve Resolution No. 320; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

9. Consider and act on accepting the increased Public Utility Commission of Texas' 2018 Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.

Councilmember Raines moved to accept; Councilmember Burton seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

10. Discussion and possible action on the priority of projects' list. Water Master Plan, SCADA Upgrade and Hovey House.

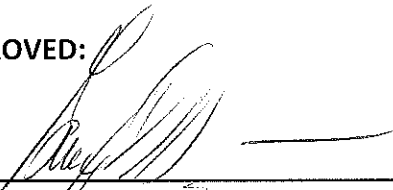
Tabled.

11. Consider and act scheduling workshops for the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget on Monday's at 5:30 p.m. each week beginning May 24, 2018 through June 28, 2018 or until the budget is finalized and a tax rate has been set.

City Staff was directed to tentatively schedule the meetings.

12. **Adjourn.** Mayor Van Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8.09 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

5-24-2018
Date

ATTEST:



Diane Rasor, City Administrator