

**City of Newark**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2013 – 7:00 P.M**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Matt Newby called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm on Thursday, May 16, 2013 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson, Newark, Texas. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Councilmember Bob Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Dan Sessler, Councilmember Doug Anderson, Chana Massey, Claudette Harrell, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

**II. Invocation** – Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler delivered the invocation.

**III. Presentations**

Presentation of appreciation of Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler’s dedication and service to the City of Newark from May 2007 to May 2013.

Mayor Matt Newby and City Administrator Diane Rasor presented the appreciation plaque and Councilmember Doug Anderson spoke briefly about the accomplishments Mayor Pro Tem Pixler contributed to while serving on the City Council.

**IV. Citizens Comments**

Mr. Doug Bumgartner, 203 Cheyenne Trail N., Rhome, explained that he is required to buy his water from the City of Rhome and have his sewer treated by the City of Newark. The problem is that the City of Newark increased their sewer rates and now base any amount over 7,000 gallons a month on one-half of Rhome’s water charges. Rhome’s water charges at much higher than Newark’s so he feels that he and others in the Chisholm Trail subdivision are not being treated the same as the Newark residents. He has always paid a flat rate of \$25.00 for sewer service and last month it jumped up to \$55.00. He requested the City Council place this item on the next agenda for discussion. He does have an irrigation system.

Mr. Walt Estes. 209 Clearfork Trail, Rhome, concurred with Mr. Bumgartner and suggested that their sewer charges be figured using Newark’s water charges on their amount of water usage. He surveyed the area and most cities have caps on their sewer charges or “winter averaging” for residents who have sprinkler systems or pools.

**V. Consent Agenda - A. Approval of the April 18, and April 22, 2013 Minutes, B. Approval of Accounts Payables, C. Approval of Budget and Financials, D. Approval of Staff Reports.**

Councilmember Wells moved to approve the consent agenda items A-D; Councilmember Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

## **VI. Regular Meeting**

### **1. Issue the Oath of Office, the Statement of Officer, and the Certificate of Election to Mayor Matt Newby and Councilmember Dan Sessler.**

City Administrator Diane Rasor issued the Oaths of Office and Statement of Officers to Matt Newby for the position of Mayor of the City of Newark and to Dan Sessler for the position of City Council Place #5.

### **2. Consider and act on electing a councilmember to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem.**

Councilmember Doug Anderson moved to elect Councilmember Bob Wells to serve as Mayor Pro Tem; Councilmember Sessler seconded the motion.

Ayes: Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Sessler, Councilmember Doug Anderson. Nays: None. Abstentions: Councilmember Wells. The motion passes with three (3) ayes, zero (0) nays, and one (1) abstention.

### **3. Consider and act on appointing Laura Pixler to the Newark Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation, the Library Board, and the Park Board.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wells moved to appoint Laura Pixler to the Newark Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation, the Library Board, and the Park Board; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

### **4. Consider and act on Ordinance No. A-393 authorizing the sale of property at 310 FM 718, reserving a public utility easement of the water well and the transfer station, and approving the related deed and easement agreement, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents and make any amendments after legal counsel's review and approval.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wells moved to approve Ordinance No. A-396, authorizing the sale of the property at 310 FM 718, reserving the public utility easement of the water well and the transfer station, and approving the related deed and easement agreement, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents and make any amendments after legal counsel's review and approval; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Doug Anderson. Nays: None. Abstentions: Councilmember Dan Sessler. The motion passed with three (3) ayes, zero (0) nays, and one (1) abstention.

**5. Consider and act on Ordinance No. A-394 adopting rate schedule "RRM – Rate Review Mechanism" for Atmos Energy Corporation.**

This item is postponed until the June 20, 2013 meeting.

**6. Discussion and possible action on signage for the FM 718 Water Tower and the municipal buildings at 209 Hudson Street.**

Councilmember Linda Anderson presented a "mock up" of the logo to be painted on the water tower and recommended the project be awarded to Damion Brooker. He has quoted \$3,000, which includes the paint and the labor. Sherman Williams has warranty on the paint of eight (8) to ten (10) years.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells suggested taking the "Texas" out of the logo so there may be a possibility of painting it on both sides of the tower. Councilmember Sessler would like to have two (2) or three (3) renditions to from which to choose. Councilmember Linda Anderson will request several renditions from Mr. Brooker.

**7. Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Matt Newby, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diane Razor, City Administrator**