

**City of Newark  
City Council Minutes  
August 16, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Newby called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2012 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Bob Wells, Financial Advisor Ted Christensen, and City Administrator Diane Rasor. Councilmember Chana Massey and Councilmember Doug Anderson were absent.

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

**III. Public Hearing** – In regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Affairs within the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TCDBG) grant. The public hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs.

Mayor Newby opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. There were no comments. Mayor Newby closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

**IV. Citizens Comments**

Mr. Ray Chaffin stated that the City needs to make improvements to the parks because the kids in this City have nothing to do. He thinks playground equipment should come before paving a parking lot for City Hall.

**V. Consent Agenda** – Approval of the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 minutes, accounts payables budget and financials and staff reports.

Councilmember Wells moved to approve the July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup> minutes; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes: Councilmember Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, and Mayor Pro Tem Pixler (approves July 5<sup>th</sup>, abstains from July 19<sup>th</sup>). Nays: None.

**VI. Regular Meeting**

**1. Consider and act on sponsoring the annual Crusin' days and approving the request of the Fire Department's Auxiliary concerning the event.**

Ms. Angela Braun stated this is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cruisin' Days and requested the City of Newark sponsor the event so the City's insurance will apply and close the necessary streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to sponsor the Annual Crusin' Days and approve the request for street closures; Councilmember Wells seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**2. Consider and act on awarding the Water System Improvements – STEP Grant #711016 contracted services for the road and driveway bores and creek crossing re-bid to Interstate Pipeline Utility Construction, LLC in the amount of \$170,147.70.**

City Engineer Gary Burton explained this work is to enlarge the mains along FM 718. The materials bid has already been awarded so the work should begin shortly. The sand will be bought through a small purchase order.

Councilmember Wells moved to approve the \$170,147.70 from Interstate Pipeline Utility Construction for the work on the road and driveway bores and creek crossing re-bid; Mayor Pro Tem Pixler seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**3. Consider and act on accepting the bid for the property located at 310 FM 718.**

The City Council adjourned into executive session at 7:30 p.m. per Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property. City Attorney Walt Leonard was consulted per telephone. The City Council returned to open session at 7:42 p.m.

Councilmember Wells moved to reject the \$35,000 bid and accept the proposal from Dan Sessler in the amount of \$40,000; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**4. Consider and act on appointing a committee to rank proposals for the Planning Services and other Texas Community Development Block Grant activities.**

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to appoint Mayor Newby and City Administrator Diane Rasor to rank the bids; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**5. Consider and act on the Fuelman of DFW account agreement.**

Councilmember Linda Anderson moved to accept the Fuelman of DFW account agreement; Mayor Pro Tem Pixler seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**6. Discussion and possible action on paving the road and parking area adjacent to and behind 209 Hudson Street.**

Mayor Newby stated that we cannot get asphalt currently and may just need to use road base. No action taken on this item.

**7. Consider and act on the proposed tax rate for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.**

Councilmember Wells moved to propose the effective tax rate of .5716; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**8. Discussion and possible action on the Library roof and air conditioner.**

At the last meeting, \$10,000 was budgeted for the Library Roof for next fiscal year, however the high winds recently damaged the fascia and so estimates have been given by Yarbrough Roofing Company. The damaged has also been reported to the City's property insurance company.

Councilmember Wells moved to accept the Yarbrough's proposal of \$5,580 to replace the roof and flashing; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed. All approved.

**VII. Budget Workshop**

**9. Discussion and possible action on the 2012-2013 budget.**

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler stated that the City will end this year \$50,000 to the good and next year \$63,000 to the good. She talked about how the "Heart for Park" program began in 2009 and with the City's \$500.00 donation; the fund has increased to \$1,100. She requested a budget of \$13,000 to purchase the playground equipment and stated that she will then be in charge of inspecting the park for six (6) months. Councilmember Anderson is also in favor of the City purchasing playground equipment.

Councilmember Wells is not in support of purchasing the playground equipment, citing that the City still has eighteen (18) roads that need to be repaired. This item was postponed until the August 30, 2012 special called meeting.

Councilmember Wells recommended putting up wall boarding on the west side of the Library to cut down on the heat so the air condition will cool the Library.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Matt Newby, Mayor

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Date

Attest:

  
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Diane Rasor, City Administrator