

**City of Newark  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2016**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Announce a Quorum is Present.**

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016, 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 Jenny Wilson, Sergeant Anissa Satterfield and Assistant City Secretary Jeanine Inman. Those absent were: Councilmember Hans Wilson and 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** – None.

**4. First Public Hearing – Discussion on the City of Newark proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6291 per \$100.00 valuation. The 2016 ad valorem tax rate will be adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on September 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Newark Community Center located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas.**

Mayor Van Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. No one wished to speak for or against the proposed 2016 ad valorem tax rate. Mayor Van Wagner closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

**5. Consent Agenda – Consider and act on the following items: A. July 21, July 25 and August 9, 2016 Minutes, B. Accounts Payables from July 18 – August 12, 2016, C. Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, D. Staff Reports – City Administrator, Municipal Court, Animal Control, Library, Building Permits and Public Works**

The July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were not available. Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the consent agenda as a whole with the exclusion of the July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes; Councilmember Jenny Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

**6. Old Business**

**A. Update on Sandy Bass Lane Manufactured Homes.**

Idania Montufar stated that only one speed bump would be placed on Sandy Bass. Mayor Van Wagner asked Ms. Montufar to provide Councilmember Raines detailed information, including the location of the speed bump, before installation and give an update at the next meeting.

**B. Consider and act on expanding the garden at the park if requested by citizens.**

Sherri Taylor, 408 CR 4856, discussed her desires for the Delora Doughty Park and handed out a list of things that she would like to see done. More details are needed to support the ideas so Mayor Van Wagner postponed this item until the September City Council meeting.

**C. Consider and act on the 2014 -2015 Annual Audit.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski moved to accept the 2014-2015 Annual Audit and Councilmember Fleischer seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

**D. Consider and act on Ordinance No. A-441 amending the City franchise agreement granting Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC and an extended term of five (5) years until September 1, 2022.**

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve Ordinance No. A-441 and Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

**7. New Business**

**A. Consider and act on Resolution No. 300 approving certain obligations by Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation (NHEFC) providing for the issuance of such obligations for Abilene Christian University.**

Ted Christensen advised the City Council that the NHEFC recommended approval of the loan. Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve Resolution No. 300; Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

**B. Consider and act on the request of the Newark Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for sponsorship and road closings for Cruisin' Days' fundraiser in October 2016.**

Kathy Darter requested that Hudson Street from McCanne Street to Main Street be closed and that the City sponsor the event for insurance purposes from October 6-8, 2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski moved to approve the road closure during the event and to sponsor the event for insurance purposes; Councilmember Fleischer seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

**C. Discussion and possible action on the 2016-2017 TxCDBG program application.**

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the 2016 – 2017 TxCDBG program application request; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

**D. Consider and act on the *Agreement for Fire Protection and First Responder Services with an Incorporated Volunteer Fire Department.***

Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Taylor of the Newark Volunteer Fire Department addressed the City Council's questions and concerns regarding the proposed agreement. Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski requested the City be provided with the NVFD call volumes annually. The Assistant City Secretary was asked to provide the amount of water the fire department uses each year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski moved to enter into an agreement with the Newark Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Protection and First Responder Services and to leave the budget amount at \$8,000.00; Councilmember Fleischer seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

**E. Consider and act on the *Agreement for Animal Control Services with Brian Hall.***

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the agreement for Animal Control Services with Brian Hall; Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**F. Consider and act on the *Agreement for Mowing Services with Matt Newby.***

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the agreement for Mowing Services with Matt Newby; Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

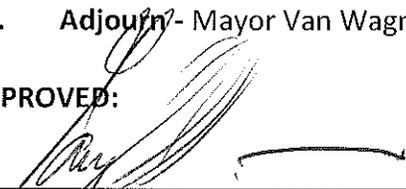
**G. Discussion on the 2016-2017 budget if needed. No action.**

**8. Executive Session – City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property on the following item(s): 402 Hovey Street. Executive Session not needed.**

**9. Reconvene and take action, if necessary, on items discussed in Executive Session. No action.**

**10. Adjourn**- Mayor Van Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

9.15.2016

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Diane Rasor, City Administrator