

**City of Newark
City Council Minutes
Thursday, November 15, 2012**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Newby called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2012 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street. Those present were: Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Councilmember Bob Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Chana Massey and Councilmember Doug Anderson. Staff present: Wastewater Operator William Allen and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

II. Invocation – Councilmember Doug Anderson delivered the invocation.

III. Citizens Comments – None.

IV. Consent Agenda - A. Approval of August 21, October 4, October 12, and October 18, 2012 minutes, B. Approval of Accounts Payables, C. Approval of Budget and Financials, D. Approval of Staff Reports

Councilmember Massey moved to accept the consent agenda excluding the minutes for October 4th and October 18th 2012; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2012; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Pixler, Councilmember Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Massey. Nays: None. Abstentions: Councilmember Doug Anderson. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and one abstention.

Councilmember Doug Anderson moved to accept the minutes of October 18th, 2012 with the correction that Mayor Pro Tem Pixler was absent; Councilmember Wells seconded the motion. Ayes: Councilmember Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Massey, Councilmember Doug Anderson. Nays: None. Abstentions: Mayor Pro Tem Pixler. The motion passes with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

VII. Regular Meeting

1. Consider and act on cancelling "Spirit of Christmas" this year.

Northwest Independent School District has requested to put an Angel Tree in the City of Newark's Library. Ms. Jan Van Wagner suggested the money only be used for the children since that was what the money was collected for. She will keep track of the money and contact the City's Librarian to coordinate. No action taken on this item.

2. Discussion on splitting the water and sewer departments.

Mayor Newby suggested splitting the water and sewer departments and hiring another employee for the public works department employee. He thinks an extra employee would enable the public works' department to maintain their own equipment, which would be a great savings for the City. This may require raising the City's sewer rates. The Council requested a comparison of area cities water and sewer rates be prepared for the next meeting and the savings realized of hiring another public works employee.

3. Consider and act on funding fencing for the southeast corner of the City Hall property.

No action on this item.

4. Discussion and possible action on contracting with another Code Enforcement Officer.

This item will be postponed until the next meeting.

5. Consider and act on the Collection Contract between the Wise County Appraisal District and the City of Newark.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to approve the collection contract between Wise County Appraisal District and the City of Newark; Councilmember Wells seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

6. 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 551.074, Government Code, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

- **City Attorney**
- **Probationary Review of William Allen**

The Council entered into executive session at 7:09 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:12 p.m.

7. Consider and act on executive session item(s).

Councilmember Massey moved that after successful completion of probation period that we (the Council) increase the wages of William to \$17.00 per hour; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Councilmember Wells moved to hire McKamie Krueger as the new city attorneys and have the Mayor affect the transition as soon as possible; Councilmember Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

8. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

Matt Newby, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator