

**City of Newark
City Council Minutes
November 19, 2015**

I. 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, November 19, 2015 in the Newark Community Center located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas and announced a quorum was present. Those present were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Chris Raines, Councilmember Hans Wilson, Wise County Deputy Anissa Satterfield, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Van Wagner delivered the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

III. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Charles Petty stated that he has lived in Newark for 50 years and he is in favor of the City Council granting a variance for the Newark Care Center.

Ms. Sherry Taylor stated that she is the founder of the Newark Care Center. She has lived in the Newark area most of her life and sees a need for a place to keep and distribute clothes to children in need. Mr. Don Drain has said he will donate land for the Care Center at the corner of Hudson and Main Street. The property is currently zoned residential but she would like for the City Council to allow the non-profit center to operate in this zoning.

Ms. Darla Loggins stated she has lived in Newark her entire life. She has seen improvements in Newark and would like to continue to “put a new face on Newark”. She supports the Care Center.

Mr. Don Drain stated that if he didn’t believe in the above people, he would not donate the property. He is in support of the Care Center.

IV. Consent Agenda – A. October 15, 2015 minutes, B. Accounts Payables from October 23, 2015 – November 20, 2015, C. Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, D. Staff Reports, E. Newark Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Chris Raines seconded the motion. All approved Motion passed.

V. Regular Meeting

1. **Consider and act on accepting the Right-of-Way Dedication of a 187 square foot tract of land (0.004 acres) situated in the Cain T. Brush Survey, Abstract Number 93, City of Newark, Wise County, Texas, more commonly referred to as 800 Halbert Road.**

This is a small triangle of land that Opal Cleveland is dedicating to the City in order to install a culvert on Halbert Road to prevent flooding in that area.

Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski moved to approve the dedication; Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

2. **Update from the property manager on the progress of repairing manufactured homes on Sandy Bass Lane.**

Ms. Sandra Ray, Property Manager, stated that another dilapidated mobile home has been torn down and removed and two others are scheduled to be moved from the park. Her company has ordered eight (8) more new homes and plans to install them in December.

3. **Discussion and possible action on code enforcement procedures.**

City Administrator Diane Rasor explained that a new process had been developed concerning code enforcement issues. Mr. Duvall, the City Code Enforcement Officer, would patrol the City and request the administrative staff to send letters to violators. The staff would send the letters and let Mr. Duvall know when the properties needed to be re-inspected, and if a citation needed to be issued. She believes the process will work once it has been in place for a while. She gave an update on the complaints that were brought up at the last meeting.

The Council directed her to move forward on trying to get the non-compliant cars moved from Tim's Auto Repair Shop on FM 718.

4. **Consider and act on the Bid Specifications for the sale of 8.37 acres of surplus land on the corner of Rogers Road and Marshall Road in Newark, Texas and recommending the opening bid amount for the property.**

This item is postponed until the December 17, 2015 meeting where it will be discussed in executive session.

5. **Consider and act on Resolution #294 casting the City of Newark's eight (8) votes for the Wise County Appraisal District's Board of Directors.**

The Council requested the City Administrator send them some background information on the candidates and they will individually email her their recommendations. Mayor Van Wagner left

the meeting to attend an event at 8:40 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski presided over the remainder of the meeting.

6. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

12-29-15

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator