

**City of Newark
City Council Meeting
December 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2014 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas. Those present were Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Councilmember Cary Mellema, Councilmember Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Dan Sessler, Deputy Sheriff Carolyn Copeland, City Administrator Diane Rasor, and guest, Jan Van Wagner. Mayor Pro Tem Linda Anderson was absent.

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. Public Hearing – Conduct a close-out public hearing as required by the Texas Community Development Block Grant #712259.

Mayor Van Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. There were no citizens' comments. Mayor Van Wagner closed the hearing at 7:03 p.m.

IV. Citizen Comments - None

V. Consent Agenda – Consider and act on the following items: **A. November 10th and 20th, 2014 Minutes, B. Accounts Payables from November 21 – December 12, 2014, C. Budget vs. Actual Revenues and Expenses and Financial Statements, D. City Administrator Staff Report – Summary of Projects/Public Works Activities**

Councilmember Mellema moved to approve A, B, C, and D; Councilmember Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

VI. Regular Meeting

1. Consider and act on the update from the property manager on the progress of repairing manufactured homes on Sandy Bass Lane.

Property Manager Sandra Ray was not present to give an update.

2. Consider and act on the Bid Specifications for surplus land, the starting bid amount, and directing the City Administrator to begin the re-zoning process for the property located at the corner of Rogers Road and Marshal Street and allocating funds to repair the well on the property.

The City Council requested this property be re-zoned residential prior to putting the property out for bid and directed the City Administrator to begin the process.

3. Discussion on the Municipal Court fines set by Judge Minter.

City Attorney Kevin Curley explained to the City Council that due to the City not having a police department the last few years the court fines have become outdated. Judge Minter gave the City Attorney an updated fine list to review and the City Attorney advised the Council that he agrees with the increase in fines. No action taken.

VII. Executive Session—Under Texas Government Code § 551.071(2), the City Council will convene into closed executive session to obtain confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on the applicable law and legal considerations pertaining to a specific employment issue/question posed to the City Attorney.

The Council adjourned into executive session at 7:15 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

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

No action was taken on the executive session item.

5. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED:

Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

Date

Diane Rasor, City Administrator