

**City of Newark
City Council Minutes
Thursday, December 20, 2012**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Councilmember Bob Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Doug Anderson, Public Works' employee Jody Slimp and City Administrator Diane Rasor. Mayor Matt Newby was absent.

II. Invocation – The invocation was delivered by Doug Anderson.

III. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

IV. Consent Agenda – A. Approval of November 15, 2012 minutes. B. Approval of Accounts Payables. C. Approval of Budget and Financials. D. Approval of Staff Reports.

Jody Slimp explained why an additional four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in parts was needed to replace the water line on FM 718.

Councilmember Wells moved to accept the consent agenda items A-D; Councilmember Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Consider and act on awarding the grant management services for the sewer improvement project (moving the discharge line) through the Texas Department of Agriculture for the City's 2012 grant award.

Amazing Grants is the only company that submitted a proposal for this project.

Councilmember Doug Anderson moved to award the grant management services to Amazing Grants; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

2. Consider and act on awarding the grant engineering services for the sewer improvement project (moving the discharge line) through the Texas Department of Agriculture for the City's 2012 grant award.

Gary Burton Engineering and KSA Engineers both submitted proposals for this project. Mr. Burton was present and briefed the Council on the history behind needing to move the discharge line. He said his company has worked with Newark for several years and therefore aware of the

City's needs. He addressed some of the City's future needs and requested the Council approve his firm for this project.

Councilmember Wells moved to approve Gary Burton Engineering for the engineering services; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

3. Discussion and possible action on water and sewer rates.

City Administrator Diane Rasor presented several options for raising the sewer rates in order to help continue the repairs needed to the City's sewer infrastructure.

Councilmember Wells moved to direct the City Administrator to create an ordinance based on the 50% of water charge and publish it on the website; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

VI. Executive Session – Section 551.074 – Public Works' Employee Jody Slimp and Section 551.071 – Ellis Litigation. The Council adjourned into open session at 8:09 a.m. and returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.

4. Consider and act on executive session items.

No action on executive session items.

5. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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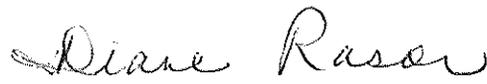


Matt Newby, Mayor

01/17/2013

Date

ATTEST:



Diane Rasor, City Administrator