

**MINUTES OF THE
NEWARK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Newby called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Newark Public Library. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Bandy Hicks, and Council Member Doug Anderson. Council Member Chana Massey was absent.

2. Invocation – Council Member Anderson delivered the invocation.

3. Discussion and any action on the first quarter revenues and expenditures.

\$90.00 was removed from administrative security and correctly allocated to police department contract labor. Auditor fees were reduced from \$11,500 to \$8,000. The income of \$12,500 from the sale of the community center property was re-allocated to the Library building expense.

Computer, Equipment, Training, Uniforms, and Miscellaneous Supplies expenses totaling \$5700 were deleted from the police department budget. The State Comptroller Fees paid out of the police department budget were reduced from \$22,000 to \$15,000. Police Department Contract Labor was increased from \$1,700 to \$1,900. The Police Department Telephone expense of \$900 was deleted and the Police Department Wage category was decreased from \$50,000 to \$47,000.

Street Repairs increased from \$8,000 to \$11,900 and Public Works Contract Labor of \$11,980 was deleted. Public Works wages increased from \$52,165 to \$54,121. All legal fees were moved back into the administrative legal fees category.

4. Consider and act on additional funds needed for renovation of “new” library building.

Librarian Megan Suffling discussed a list of additional items including exterior flashing, handicap parking slab and sidewalk, excavation of a dirt mound, plumbing, framing, electrical and carpet totaling \$9,153.21.

Council Member Pixler moved to allot \$12,500 in the current budget to move the library to the new building and replace with the money from the sale of the community center land; Council Member Wells seconded the motion.

5. Consider and act on pay raise for Librarian.

Council Member Anderson moved to raise the Librarian’s salary by %5; Council Member Wells seconded the motion. All approved.

6. Discussion and possible action on funds needed for leak on FM 718.

Mayor Newby explained that since the pipe has casing surrounding it, the expense is only going to be approximately \$950.00.

7. Consider and act on hiring a public works employee.

Mayor Newby would like to restructure the Public Works Department by keeping Joe Gray at the wastewater treatment plant and hiring a person with the licenses needed to legally maintain the water and wastewater systems. This would eliminate the contract labor expense currently being paid for two part time people with their license and also save money on repairs.

Council Member Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to start looking for public works supervisor for a pay of up to \$18.00 per hour and restructuring the public works department; Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

APPROVED:

Matt Newby, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator