

**Minutes of the  
Newark City Council  
August 11, 2011**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Matt Newby called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Doug Anderson and Council Member Chana Massey. Council Member Bandy Hicks was absent.

**II. Invocation** – Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler delivered the invocation.

**III. Action Items**

**1. Consider and act on “Amendment No. 1” to the “Professional Engineering Services – Part 1”, agreeing on additional engineering services which will increase the contract amount by \$5,000.**

No action was taken on this item.

**2. Consider and act on selecting engineering services for the Small Town Environment Program (STEP) under the Texas Community Development Block Grant.**

Mr. Ray Brumley with Gary Burton Engineering stated they have already communicated with the State on the grant and put together some preliminary numbers for the City and they are ready to get started on the engineering. Public Works Director Adam Ferguson recommended Gary Burton Engineering.

Council Member Wells expressed his concerns about Gary Burton Engineering cost have been extremely high. Council Member Massey shares the same concerns and would like close over site on the engineer invoices.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to accept Gary Burton Engineering for the STEP grant: Council Member Massey seconded the motion. All approved.

**3. Consider and act on approving additional funds for the removal of asbestos in the City’s maintenance building located at 207 Hudson Street.**

Council Member Wells stated the cost for removing the asbestos in the hallway floor tile, in the big bay room in the floor tile and ceiling tile and in the roof material is \$13,500. There is a \$3,400 consultant fee to over see the project and make sure procedures are being followed, a \$1,000 state fee for state inspector. To knock the building down to the foundation and remove

the rubble is an additional \$7,400. The total project price is approximately \$25,000. The building is a safety issue and an eyesore.

**4. Discuss, consider and act on proposed tax rate.**

The effective tax rate is .5038 compared to the current rate of .5226 and the rollback rate of .5845. If the .5038 rate is adopted the City will loose revenue this year. Council Member Wells suggested we propose to go with the .5226 and then have public hearings to let the citizens decide if they would like to with the .5038.

Council Member Wells moved to accept the proposed rate of .5226; Council Member Massey seconded the motion. All approved.

**Budget Workshop**

**5. Discuss, consider and act on the proposed 2011-2012 budget.**

City Administrator Diane Rasor reviewed the proposed General Fund revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2011- 2012. Public Works Director Adam Farguson reviewed the proposed Water and Wastewater Fund revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

**6. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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**Matt Newby, Mayor**

  
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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Diane Rasor, City Administrator**