

**City of Newark
City Council Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

1. Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

Mayor Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, TX and announced a quorum was present. Those present were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Chris Raines, Councilmember Eric Fletcher, Councilmember Michael Murray, Councilmember Taylor Burton, Public Works Director William Allen, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

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

3. Citizen Comments – None.

4. Consent Agenda – Consider and act on the following items: A. December 21, 2017 Minutes, B. Accounts Payables for December 2017, C. Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, D. Staff Reports – City Administrator, Municipal Court, Animal Control, Library, Building Permits, Code Enforcement and Public Works

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the consent agenda as a whole; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

5. Consider and act on the sewer bill at 209 Cheyenne Trail North.

Mr. Troy Day, 209 Cheyenne, addressed the Council stating he has lived at his current address for 5 ½ years and until recently has never been notified that he was supposed to be paying the City of Newark for sewer services. He requested consideration of lowering the amount owed and wants to work with the City on a payment plan. The average bill of the seven (7) houses that had not been receiving sewer bills was \$300.00. Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski recommended Mr. Day's bill to be reduced to the average amount and allow him to make payments.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to prorate the bill for the last 2-year average of \$300.00; Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski seconded the bill. All approved. Motion passed.

6. Consider and act on Ordinance No. A-473 calling a General and a Special Election to be held on May 5, 2018; authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for a joint election with Northwest Independent School District and an agreement with Wise County Elections to conduct the election; and authorizing payment to the Wise County Elections.

Councilmember Raines moved to approve Ordinance No. A-473 calling a General and a Special Election to be held on May 5, 2018; Councilmember Murray seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action on the City mowing schedule.

Public Works Director and City Administrator Diane Rasor listed the properties, approximately 45 acres out of 60, that need to be mowed by a contractor. The Public Works Department employees should be able to mow the remaining 15 acres, which consist of the well sites, the lift station sites, and the wastewater treatment plant. The mowing schedule was also reduced from twice a month to once a month and instead of mowing year-round the properties will only be mowed nine (9) months out of the year. Matt Newby reduced his original bid for the above listed conditions. Maintenance has been performed on all of the mowing equipment needed for public works.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to empower Mayor Van Wagner to sign the final contract; Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action on the Public Works Department's priority of projects' list.

The number one priority is for the "Old Gym" to be remodeled into a multi-purpose center in order to take advantage of the \$500,000 grant from the federal government and State of Texas. The *Scope of Work* is currently being re-written by Architect Bill Peck and will be submitted for re-bid as soon as possible.

Along with the "Old Gym", other projects city employees prioritized over the purchase of a new truck for public works were: Completing the installation of the SCADA System on lift stations and the wastewater treatment plant, rebuilding two (2) new fire hydrants, and repaving and drainage work on Main and Killough Streets.

The Council requested the Hovey House be placed on the next agenda to determine whether it should be sold and moved or torn down.

9. Consider and act on the bid for the Multipurpose Community Center.

Councilmember Raines abstained from discussion and voting on this item. An Affidavit of Abstention will be attached to the minutes.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to reject the bid by Joe Funk Construction and place the project out for bid again; Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski moved to second the motion; Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski, Councilmember Fleischer, Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Burton. Nays: None. Abstentions: Councilmember Raines.

10. Discussion and possible action on the office computer system.

This item will be postponed until the February 15, 2018 city council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski and City Administrator Diane Rasor have two (2) more bids to review and plan to interview the three top companies.

11. Discussion on de-annexing the City property in Tarrant County.

The discussion was in favor of including the de-annexing of the small portion of FM 718 located in Tarrant County in the proposal for an extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) swap with Fort Worth.

12. Discussion and possible action on waiving the fees on voluntary annexation.

The Council is in favor of waiving annexation fees, however they requested William Allen determine how much supplying the properties with water will cost prior to waiving the fees.

Councilmember Raines moved to waive the voluntary annexation fees; Councilmember Murray seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

13. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator