

**City of Newark
City Council Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2017**

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is present.

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Wondolowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas and announced a quorum was present. Those present: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Chris Raines, Councilmember Eric Fleischer, Councilmember Jenny Wilson, Wise County Sheriff Deputy Jed Moore, Financial Advisor Ted Christensen, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski called for 15 seconds of prayer and led the pledge to the flag.

3. Citizen Comments - Robert Cordell spoke about the Northwest Independent School District's upcoming bond referendum. Mr. Cordell will check on Councilmember Fleischer's questions as to whether it would be better to lease technology than purchase it in order to be able to keep up with advances. He responded to Councilmember Jenny Wilson's question on security, saying there would not be metal detectors placed in any of the NISD Schools this year.

4. Consent Agenda – Consider and act on the following items: A. March 16 and March 28, 2017 Minutes, B. Accounts Payables from March 11 – April 17, 2017, C. Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, D. Staff Reports – City Administrator, Municipal Court, Animal Control, Library, Building Permits, and Code Enforcement.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Jenny Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action on Mr. and Mrs. Sidebottom's business proposal.

Ms. Mandy Sidebottom, 138 Private Road 4889, Newark, Texas, presented her proposal for opening a home for the Department of Protective Services' children who had complicated challenges and were not easy to place in private homes. The name of the home would be Hope Ranch, the only service of its kind in North Texas, and would focus on a holistic approach with on-line education. She was seeking the City Council's approval to move forward with the project and a zoning change if needed.

The City Council was receptive to the project and requested that the staff work with Ms. Sidebottom on a zoning change and asked her to return to keep them updated.

B. Consider and act on increasing Jon Inman's hours in the Library to 20 per week.

Librarian Linda Ortberg explained that Jon had been working with her for a month. He had a good work ethic, had repaired two computers for use by patrons, could already operate the library on his own, and had eased her work load considerably allowing her to take time off when needed. Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski expressed concern over not posting the job opportunity but agreed with the Council that Jon had been already been selected the job and therefore should continue at this point.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the an additional ten (10) hours per week for Jon Inman; Councilmember Jenny Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

6. New Business

A. Consider and act Resolution #305 relating to approving a financing by the Newark Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation in the amounts of \$13,000,000 for the benefit of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and related matters.

Financial Advisor Ted Christensen explained the financing request. The Newark Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation and the Newark Higher Education Corporation approved and recommended the Council approve financing for these educational facilities.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve Resolution #305; Councilmember Jenny Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

B. Consider and act on Resolution #306 approving Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation Education Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2017 (Orenda Education); and other matters in connection therewith.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve Resolution #306; Councilmember Jenny Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

C. Consider and act on Resolution #307 in connection with the application to increase rates submitted by Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; authorizing participation in the coalition of similiary situated cities; authorizing intervention and participation in related rate proceedings; and authorizing the retention of special counsel.

Councilmember Raines moved to approve Resolution Number 307; Councilmember Jenny Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

D. Consider and act on the Contract for Election Services with the Wise County Elections Office for Election Services for an Election to be held on May 6, 2017.


Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve the Contract for Election Services with Wise County Elections; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

E. Consider and act on the 2017 Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.

Councilmember Raines moved to approve the 2017 Consumer Price Index adjustment; Councilmember Fleischer seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

7. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

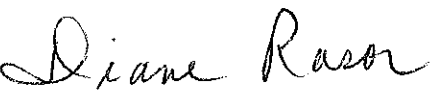


Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

5.18.2017

Date

ATTEST:



Diane Rasor, City Administrator