

City of Newark
City Council Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
209 Hudson Street, Newark, TX 76071

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

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017 in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street, Newark, Texas and announced a quorum was present. Those presents were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Jenny Wilson, and Councilmember Chris Raines. Councilmember Eric Fleischer was absent.

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

3. Recognition of Sergeant Anissa Satterfield and Deputy Jason Sorrow on their accomplishments at the Wise County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Satterfield was unable to attend but Mayor Van Wagner presented Deputy Jason Sorrow with a City of Newark appreciation plaque for receiving Wise County Patrol Officer in the year.

4. Citizen Comments – None.

5. Consent Agenda – Consider and act on the following items: A. April 18 and April 20, 2017 City Council Minutes, B. April 20, 2017 Board of Adjustment Minutes, C. Accounts payables from April 18 – May 12, 2017, D. Budget vs. Actual and Financial Statements, E. Staff Reports – City Administration, Municipal Court, Animal Control, Library, Building Permits, and Code Enforcement.

City Administrator Diane Rasor gave a verbal update on city issues. Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski moved to accept the consent agenda items A-E as a whole; Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

6. New Business

A. Consider and act on appointing four (4) members to serve on the Municipal Development District Board of Directors.

City Administration Diane Rasor explained the basic responsibilities of the Municipal Development District Board of Directors and recommended Gary Van Wagner, Chris Raines, Eric Fleischer, and Matt Newby be appointed. The Council requested this item be postponed until the next meeting in order to have time to think about the decision.

B. Consider and act on Ordinance No. A-452 repealing and replacing Ordinance No. A-241 establishing regulations relating to junked vehicles.

City Administrator Diane Rasor requested this item be postponed for some changes to be made pursuant to recommendations by the City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski said the "Declaration of Nuisances" section was too subjective and requested more defined descriptions. City Administrator Rasor asked the Council to email her any other changes they recommended and she would send them to the City Attorney.

C. Consider and act on Ordinance No. A-454 establishing a voluntary contribution to the Newark Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department.

If a customer only pays the amount of the utility bill after signing up for a monthly donation, the donation charges will be taken off of the bill. Councilmember Wilson moved to add a voluntary donation; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

D. Consider and act on Ordinance No. A-453 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation.

Randy White with Atmos Energy explained the most recent settlement between Atmos Energy and the Atmos Coalition. The City of Newark is one of two hundred cities that are members of the coalition, an organization that negotiates in favor of keeping the rates lowered. Councilmember Wilson moved to accept the settlement; Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

E. Consider and act on re-appointing Judge Minter and Judge Cole for another two (2) year term.

Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski moved to re-appoint Judge Minter and Judge Cole for another two (2) year term; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

F. Consider and act on beginning procedures in order to place a moratorium on all building permits.

The Council did not think it necessary to place the moratorium at this time so this item was tabled.

7. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Diane Rasor, City Administrator