

**City of Newark**  
**City Council Budget Workshop**  
**Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm.**

**I. Call to Order.**

Mayor Matt Newby called the meeting to order on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Newark Municipal Building located at 209 Hudson Street. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Councilmember Bob Wells, Councilmember Linda Anderson, Councilmember Chana Massey, Councilmember Doug Anderson, Public Work employees Jody Slimp and William Allen, and City Administrator Diane Rasor.

**II. Invocation** – Councilmember Doug Anderson delivered the invocation.

**III. Workshop**

**1. Discussion and possible action on Roger's Road preparation.**

City Administrator Diane Rasor stated that Danny Lambert, Road Supervisor for Wise County, walked Rogers Road with Jody Slimp and herself. She made a list of all the items needed to be done prior to the County beginning on the road repair. Mr. Lambert stated that the County would not be able to begin until after the first of the year. The plan is to do all the preparation work and then call the County to see if they have spare time to being the road work.

Councilmember Wells recommended authorizing contract labor to help with the preparation. There is money in the budget to pay for the preparation.

Councilmember Massey move to authorize three weeks of contract labor at the rate of \$230.00 per day for two men at eight (8) hours a day; Councilmember Linda Anderson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

**2. Discussion and possible action on the 2012 – 2013 budget and tax revenues.**

The City received a \$275,000 grant to move the effluent from Derrick Creek and the City will need to contribute a \$28,500 match. The STEP grant labor and materials have been bid. The City also received a \$30,000 planning grant with a match of \$3,074.00. City Administrator Diane Rasor recommended having a bond election for road improvements. She suggested repairing Country Living, Deborah, and Sandy Bass for a total of \$227,000 because we will be tearing the roads up to replace water lines on those roads this year. The Council was not in favor of issuing bonds for streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler is asking for \$13,000 for park equipment; however the Council was not in agreement with allocating money for the equipment.

Councilmember Linda Anderson gave a brief report on current code enforcement activities. Staff requested \$7,800 for contract labor for the code enforcement officer and \$7,200 for abatement. Council was in favor of \$15,000 for code enforcement.

Mayor Newby had a list of items needed for water and sewer this budget year. A crane for \$4,200, to pull the pumps themselves instead of contracting out the work and approximately another \$4,000 for a ph meter, a mls meter, a voltage meter, a chain saw for trees.

It was discussed to take the salary and benefits of one of the Public Works employees out of the General Fund under Public Works.

The effective tax rate increased to \$0.5716 from \$0.5226 because the appraised values decreased by approximately \$3,000,000. Since the appraised values are down, actual property taxes will not go up but will stay the same.

Councilmember Wells asked for the bond election budget to be reduced to the \$2,500 since the City is not going to approve the election this year. He also wants to budget an additional \$10,000 for the roof for the Library. The public works needs a new computer, which will be taken out of this year's budget.

**IV. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

**Approved:**

  
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Matt Newby, Mayor

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Date

**Attest:**

  
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Diane Rasor, City Administrator