

**City of Newark
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2016**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gary Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 in the Newark Community Center located at 209 Hudson Street in Newark, Texas and announced that a quorum was present. Those present were: Mayor Gary Van Wagner, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Wondolowski, Councilmember Chris Raines, Councilmember Hans Wilson (arrived 6:17 p.m.), Councilmember Eric Fleischer, Councilmember Jenny Wilson (arrived 6:08 p.m.), City Administrator Diane Rasor, Director of Public Works William Allen, Library Director Linda Ortberg, Water Operator Jaret Holmes, Court Clerk Sarah Williams and Assistant City Secretary Jeanine Inman.

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

III. Budget Workshop and Action Items

1. Consider and act on Resolution No. 299 authorizing the City to submit an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Community Enhancement Grant.

City Administrator Rasor explained that the City had received a second opinion on the cost of refurbishing the gymnasium. This second estimate shows the City's match to be \$354,790. After reviewing the estimate, Councilmember Raines stated that he believed the gym could be refurbished with the \$500,000 grant and the original \$25,000 match from the City.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to approve Resolution No. 299 authorizing the City to submit an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Community Enhancement Grant; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. Ayes: Councilmember Fleischer, Councilmember Raines, Councilmember Hans Wilson and Councilmember Jenny Wilson. Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski. The motion passed with 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 Abstentions.

Mayor Van Wagner announced that the City Council would now address IV Executive Session agenda item.

2. Discuss and consider appointing members of a Selection Committee to perform procurement of professional services for a 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) and a 2016 Community Enhancement Fund grant. There is no minimum or maximum number of members required by program rules, but at least one member of the Committee must be an elected official.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski moved to appoint Mayor Van Wagner and City Administrator Razor as members of the Selection Committee to perform procurement of professional services for the 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) and 2016 Community Enhancement Fund grant; Councilmember Fleischer seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passes.

3. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor to execute the Federal Grant Program Procurement Policy for a 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Grant (TxCDBG) and a 2016 Community Enhancement Fund grant.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Federal Grant Program Procurement Policy for a 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Grant (TxCDBG) and a 2016 Community Enhancement Fund grant; Councilmember Raines seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

4. Consider and act on allocating funds either out of the current year's budget or the reserve fund to rebuild the Central Lift Station and replace one of City Hall's A/C Units for this fiscal year.

Councilmember Fleischer moved to allocate the funds to rebuild the Central Lift Station and to replace the City Hall's back A/C unit; Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible action on the proposed revenues, expenditures, and capital improvement projects for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

City Administrator Razor went over the proposed revenues, expenditures and capital improvement projects lines. Sarah Williams gave a presentation on the benefits of allowing her to attend a Municipal Court Conference in October. Linda Ortberg gave a presentation on having a Concert Series. Councilmember Jenny Wilson left at 8:25 p.m. There was no action taken on this item.

6. Consider and act on the Proposed 2016 Tax Year Rate.

Councilmember Raines moved to approve the proposed 2016 tax rate of 0.5176 for the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and 0.1115 for the Interest and Sinking (I&S) for a total rate of 0.6291; Mayor Pro-Tem Wondolowski seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Wondolowski, Councilmember Fleischer, Councilmember Hans Wilson, Councilmember Jenny Wilson, and Councilmember Chris Raines. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. The motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

IV. Executive Session – Texas Government Code § 551.074 – A government body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate to: (1) deliberate the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. Evaluation of

Assistant City Secretary Jeanine Inman, Evaluation of Municipal Court Clerk Sarah Williams,
Evaluation of Water Operator Jaret Holmes

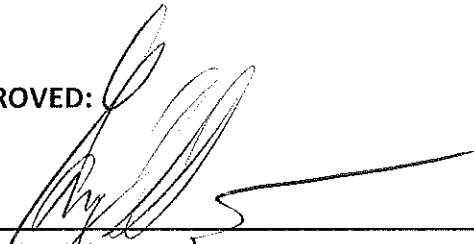
The City Council entered into executive session at 6:48 p.m. and returned to open session at
7:30 p.m.

V. Consider and act on executive session items. No action.

VI. Adjourn.

Mayor Van Wagner adjourned the meeting at 830 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gary Van Wagner, Mayor

9.15.2016
Date

ATTEST:



Diane Rasor, City Administrator