

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 25, 2010**  
**Location: Newark Public Library**  
**209 Hudson**  
**Newark, Texas**  
**7:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Newby at 7:01p.m.

Council Members Present; Mayor, Matt Newby; Councilman Bob Wells; Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler; Councilwoman Chana Massey and Councilman Jerry Davidson

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

1. There is a problem with the sewer plant. It has been taking on a lot of inflow into the system. A repair to a manhole should fix the problem.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Fence at 898 Rogers Road –**  
The Mayor requested to table this item for discussion in the future as it is not a dire situation.
2. **Future of the Police Department –**  
Use the funds allocated for Chief Fienes pay that he is no longer collecting, to hire a full time officer. Ensure that we have an officer who will be trained to eventually take the Police Chief position. Also add the vehicle purchase funds back into the police budget.
3. **TCEQ requirements –**  
The Mayor requested to table this item for discussion at the March meeting.
4. **Appointing Council Place 3 –**  
No action as the council has decided not to appoint anyone for this seat.
5. **Alternate power source for the Sewer Plant –**  
After discussion, it was decided that more research needed to be done on the options before a decision can be made.
6. **Sponsorship for Police vehicles, City website and sign for City Hall –**  
It was suggested that we solicit local businesses to sell advertising space on our City website, Police vehicles and a future City sign. Councilwoman Chana Massey agreed to conduct further research on this item.
7. **Chisholm Trail Marker Project –**  
Councilwoman Chana Massey asked to table this discussion for the future when the Newark Town Square is discussed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Renaming the Library –**  
Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler made a motion to rename the Library, calling it the Godfrey Pegues Newark Public Library. Second to the motion by Bob Wells. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.
2. **Consider Resolution 240 to order the general election –**  
Councilman Jerry Davidson made a motion to accept resolution as presented. Second to the motion by Laura Pixler. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.
3. **Consider Interlocal Agreement with Wise County for the rental of voting equipment –**  
Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler made a motion to accept the ILA with Wise County. Second to the motion by Chana Massey. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.
4. **Consider the Joint Election Agreement with NISD –**  
Councilman Jerry Davidson made a motion to accept Joint Election Agreement with NISD. Second to the motion by Bob Wells. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.
5. **Purchase software to rebuild the City Employee Handbook –**  
Councilman Bob Wells made a motion to accept the cost of \$399.00 to purchase the Thompson Employee Handbook software. Second to the motion by Chana Massey. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.
6. **Consider ordinances for Liquor Beverage Sales –**  
Councilman Bob Wells made a motion to accept the ordinances presented from Bridgeport, concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages subject to review by the city attorneys, including adding the reference to the Sexually

Oriented Business Ordinance A-214, and prohibiting bars and explicit books. Second to the motion by Chana Massey. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.

7. **Upgrades to the Lift Station on FM 718 –**

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler made a motion to repair the lift station with the bid provided by Evans Electric Service, and use the funds from the CO account to pay for the repair. Second to the motion by Chana Massey. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.

8. **Removal of the Community Center Building –**

Councilwoman Chana Massey made a motion to place the building on Renee Bates Auction. Second to the motion by Bob Wells. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.

9. **Sale of the Community Center lots -**

Councilman Bob Wells made a motion to sell the 2 lots to the Newark Volunteer Fire Department for \$12,500.00 contingent upon the removal of the Community Center building. Second to the motion by Jerry Davidson. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.

10. **Library Book Donation Sale –**

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler made a motion to have the Library Book Donation Sale on March 27, 2010. Second to the motion by Chana Massey. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried

11. **January 21, 2010 Minutes –**

Councilwoman Chana Massey made a motion accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second to the motion by Bob Wells. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.

12. **Consider and authorize payment of regular monthly bills –**

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Second to the motion by Chana Massey. Vote: 4:0 The motion carried.

**Executive Session, 8:50 PM: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 authorizes a governmental body to conduct an executive session, or closed meeting, to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.**

**The City Council reserves the right to convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act Sec. 551.071 for consultation with the City Attorney regarding any posted agenda item.**

1. Discussion regarding the medical benefits for the City Secretary.
2. Discussion of the employment and duties of the Chief of Police.
3. Discussion of the employment and duties of Office Troy Crow.

Reconvene in Regular Session 9:48 PM

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Approved as to form:

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Matt Newby, Mayor

**I, hereby certify the attached to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2010.**

**Tabitha Tucciarone**  
City Secretary