

**MINUTES OF THE  
NEWARK CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matt Newby called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2010 in the Newark Library located at 209 Hudson. Those present: Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Chana Massey, Council Member Bandy Hicks, and Council Member Doug Anderson.

**INVOCATION** – Delivered by Council Member Anderson.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None.

1. **Discussed after Item #8.**
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Mayor Newby requested that Item #6 be discussed first.

**6. Discussion and any action on the drainage issue at FM 3433 and Oak Hills Drive.**

Mr. Cary Mellema, 502 Oak Hills Drive, asked the City Council to consider adding two additional culverts at the intersection of Oak Hills Drive and F.M. 3433 in order to improve the drainage. He stated that the culverts were in the original plans, however they were not installed. The Texas Department of Transportation determined it is the City's responsibility to construct the culverts and will not be charged to renew the permit for the construction.

Mayor Newby stated the work could be done for \$3,000 to \$4,000. Council Member Massey suggested correcting the drainage issue at the intersection of Oak Hills Drive and FM 3433 is a good starting place to addressing the drainage problems laid out in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**3. Discussion and any action on the Resolution adopting a written policy allowing consideration of applications for banking services from institutions not located within the City.**

Local Government Code requires a city to establish a policy in order to request banking service proposals from banks outside the city limits. The City Council determined it would be in the best interest of the City to compare the City's current bank charges with other banks in the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to approve the Resolution as the written policy allowing consideration of applications for banking services from institutions not located within the City; Council Member Massey seconded the motion. All approved.

**4. Discussion and any action on authorization of Diane Razor to sign on the City's bank and investment accounts.**

Council Member Wells moved to replace Tabitha Tucciarone with Diane Razor on banking pass codes

and signatures; Council Member Doug Anderson seconded the motion. All approved.

**5. Discussion and any action on the applicants for the part-time clerk position.**

Item postponed until the August 12, 2010 meeting.

**6. Item discussed at beginning of meeting.**

**7. Discussion and action on the July 22, 2010 city council meeting minutes.**

Council Member Massey moved to accept the minutes as presented; Mayor Pro Tem Pixler seconded the motion. All approved.

**8. Discussion and any action of the City Secretary job duties.**

City Secretary Diane Rasor explained this item was added to the agenda due to an open records request; however an ordinance was located determining that the City Secretary is the ex-officio municipal court clerk. Mayor Newby added that Diane Rasor was hired as the City Administrator/City Secretary and would be so titled after an ordinance creating a city administrator position and job duties was passed.

**2. Discussion and review of the 2010/2011 tax levy and rate.**

The Council discussed leaving the tax rate at .5226, the exact same as last year.

**1. Discussion and review of income and expenditures in preparation of the proposed 2010/2011 Budget.**

The Council adjusted the current budget figures in order to reflect the estimated end-of-year figures more accurately.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Matt Newby, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diane Rasor, City Secretary**