

**MINUTES OF THE  
NEWARK CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2010, 7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Matt Newby called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2010 in the Newark Public Library, 209 Hudson Street, Newark, TX 76071. Those present were Mayor Matt Newby, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Pixler, Council Member Bob Wells, Council Member Chana Massey and Council Member Doug Anderson. Council Member Bandy Hicks was absent.

**2 Invocation**

Council Member Anderson gave the invocation.

**3. Discussion and possible action on improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.**

City Engineer Gary Burton explained the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) denied the City's renewal request for the wastewater treatment plant permit due to an alternate option for the City's affluent not being presented. The City will be allowed to continue to operate the sewer plant under the current permit while locating and moving the discharge.

Mary Kay Thomas, Amazing Grants, recommended amending the application for the \$350,000 grant received recently to repairs need at the sewer plant right now. The \$275,000 grant currently in the application process could be used for moving the discharge to a new location. Ms. Thomas is applying for a STEP grant from the State which will fund another \$350,000 with no match money from the City required. The STEP grant will pay for the engineering and administration for moving the wastewater discharge to a new location. There are no restrictions on this grant except it needs to be used for wastewater improvements and benefit the entire City.

There are two alternate location options for the wastewater discharge. The shortest distance is to Unnamed Tributary. The plan is to install an 8" pipe which will allow the City to expand the sewer system to meet future needs. However, a 6" pipe will suffice for now and lower the cost by approximately 10%. The second option is to discharge the affluent into Moss Creek, which is further but will allow the City to serve Walsh Ranch when it develops. Either option will require Rogers Road to be torn up in order to run the sewer line to the location.

Mayor Pro Tem Pixler moved to start the application process to move the discharge to the Unnamed Tributary and authorize Gary Burton to submit the permit for moving the discharge; Council Member Wells seconded the motion. All approved.

**4. Discussion and action on the Newark Police Department, including to possibly name an interim police chief or to disband the department in favor of Wise County Sheriff's Department covering the City with or without an Interlocal Agreement for additional law enforcement protection.**

Mayor Newby stated the City currently does not have an adequate amount of police coverage. Mayor Pro Tem Pixler is concerned about the cost of starting a police department again if the City shuts the current one down. Council Member Wells doesn't think the start up cost will be any more than the

current cost of keeping the police department. Wise County Sheriff's Department will take over policing the City if the Police Department is disbanded. They will investigate crimes, which is currently not happening. The Sheriff's Office also offers an Interlocal Agreement for additional police coverage.

Officer Troy Crow stated that if he is allowed to put together a department with reserve officers, the level of coverage and investigation will be adequate. He believes he can do this all within the current budget. The Council requested time to study Officer Crow's proposal and consider this item at the December 16, 2010 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

**APPROVED:**

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**Matt Newby, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diane Rasor, City Administrator**