

**City Council Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Mayor Cardwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced a quorum was present. Those present were Mayor Crystal Cardwell, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Raines, Councilmember Richard Sidebottom, Councilmember Melanie Payne, Councilmember Jennifer Hill and Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, Code Enforcement officer Devon Kennedy and City Admin Staff Michelle Peterson.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Mayor Cardwell led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

3. Mayor Update.

Mayor Cardwell updated regarding the success of the Heart for Parks tree lighting event, stating that they were able to serve around 144 children at this event. Mayor Cardwell updated regarding the details of the giving tree for those in need of items for their children for the holidays.

4. Public Comments

There were not public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consider and act on the following items:

- A. Council Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2024**
- B. Accounts Payables for November 2024**
- C. Financial Statements for November 2024**
- D. Staff Reports- Municipal Court, Building Permits, Code Enforcement, and Public Works for November 2024**

Councilmember Hill made a motion to accept consent agenda item number 5 as a whole. Mayor Pro Tem Raines second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

6. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance No. A-563, an ordinance amending the Newark Code of Ordinances, Appendix A-Fee Schedule, Article A 7.000 Utility Fees, by providing for the increase in the garbage collection fees. Effective December 19, 2024, Republic Services raised the rates for each residential curbside pickup by \$1.32 cents per month.

Councilmember Payne made a motion to consider and act on Ordinance No. A-563, an ordinance amending the Newark Code of Ordinances, Appendix A-Fee Schedule, Article A 7.000 Utility Fees, by providing for the increase in the garbage collection fees. Effective December 19, 2024, Republic Services raised the rates

for each residential curbside pickup by \$1.32 cents per month. Councilmember Sidebottom second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

7. **Public Hearing: Zoning change request from Otavio & Lisa Ramos to Rezone Property ID: 732903, Legal description; A-93 CT Brush 10.3000 Acres from Single-Family Residential District 1 (SF-1) use to Single-Family Residential District 2 (SF-2):**

Mayor Cardwell opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM.

Public Comments were:

David Hachtel of 511 Main Street. Mr. Hachtel expressed his concern over the alleyways on South Street and Chambers Street. Mr. Hachtel stated that it is his understanding that this property was sold to his father. Code Enforcement officer Kennedy stated that there is no documentation stating who owns this property and that this will be a civil matter between property owners.

Laura Pixler of 612 Berke Street expressed her concern regarding the safety of the elderly neighbors who are close or connected to this property. Ms. Pixler suggested requiring the developers to build a high wall to separate from these properties from the new neighborhood.

Ron Ramirez (representing the landowners) of 6180 S FM 730 Azle, Texas. Mr. Ramirez pointed out that the current zoning is single family and allows for homes to be built, but what this zoning change will do is allow for higher density. Mayor Cardwell closed the public hearing at 7:21 PM

8. **Consider and act on Zoning change request from Otavio & Lisa Ramos to Rezone Property ID: 732903, Legal description; A-93 CT Brush 10.3000 Acres from Single-Family Residential District 1 (SF-1) use to Single-Family Residential District 2 (SF-2):**

Council discussed the concern over more density in this area and how it will impact the conditions of the roads and infrastructure of the city. Council stated that they would like more information and plans regarding the development if the zoning is changed.

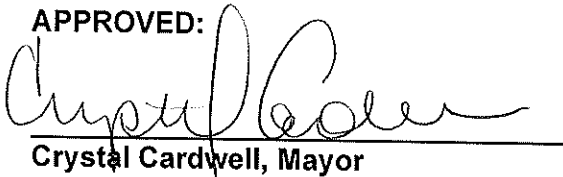
Mr. Ramirez presented some addition information to the council stating that the request for the zoning change is more about geometry and less about how many more houses can be place on the land.

No action was taken.


9. **Meeting adjourned.**

Mayor Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

APPROVED:


Crystal Cardwell, Mayor

1/16/25
Date


Jenni Moore, City Secretary

