

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Raines opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Raines, Councilmember Melanie Payne, Councilmember Richard Sidebottom, Councilmember Jennifer Hill, Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, City Secretary Jenni Moore, Public Works Director William Allen, Code Enforcement Officer Devon Kennedy, City Engineer Stan Hayes, City Admin Staff Brittany Mayhue and City Admin Staff Michelle Peterson.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem led the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Hill led the invocation.

3. Mayor Update.

No Mayor Update.

4. Public Comments:

Rachel Massey of 230 CR 4850 spoke regarding her opinion and concerns for agenda items number 7, 8, 9, 10 and 15.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consider and act on the following items:

A. Council Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2025

B. Accounts Payables for March 2025

C. Financial Statements for March 2025

D. Staff Reports- Municipal Court, Building Permits, Code Enforcement, and Public Works for March 2025

Councilmember Hill motioned to approve item 5 as a whole. Councilmember Payne second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

6. Presentation and discussion with Abbey Reece from the City of Justin regarding potential regional animal control.

Abbey Reece of the City of Justin spoke regarding an opportunity of partnering regarding regional animal control. Ms. Reece discussed the opportunity to join in and support the feasibility study that they are looking to do. Ms. Reece requested the council to consider approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at a future meeting to express their interest. She also recommended for the city, if interested, to designate a city representative to join the sub-committee to represent the city.

7. Discussion with Municipal Development District President Curtis Cardwell, regarding the goals and objectives the city has for the MDD Board, and possible incentives program for future businesses.

MDD President Curtis Cardwell spoke to the council asking the council to consider goals and objectives for the MDD Board. He asked the council to begin considering areas of opportunity to present to the MDD Board at a future meeting. Mr. Cardwell also informed the council of information received from EDP practices that the MDD

Board consults with regarding the need for an incentives program and the need to renew this program every two years. Mr. Cardwell informed the council that our consultant with EDP practices will charge around \$4500 to get the incentive program started and would be taken from the MDD fund. Mr. Cardwell asked the council to consider discussing ideas and objectives and bring them to the next MDD meeting on May 8th, 2025.

8. **Consider and act on a Resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Brazos Christian School, Inc. and a lender, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan.**

Councilmember Sidebottom motioned to approve the Resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Brazos Christian School, Inc. and a lender, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan. Councilmember Payne second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

9. **Consider and act on a Resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Camp for All Foundation and Regions Capital Advantage, Inc., and related matters for a tax-exempt loan.**

Councilmember Payne motioned to approve the Resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Camp for All Foundation and Regions Capital Advantage, Inc., and related matters for a tax-exempt loan. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

10. **Consider and act on a Resolution approving a loan agreement among the, New Braunfels Christian Academy, Inc. and a lender, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan.**

Council member Hill motioned to approve the Resolution approving a loan agreement among the, New Braunfels Christian Academy, Inc. and a lender, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

11. **Consider and act on Resolution No. 372 expressing intent to finance expenditures.**

Councilmember Butler motioned to approve Resolution No. 372 expressing intent to finance expenditures. Councilmember Payne second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

12. **Discussion and possible action regarding the implementation of Developer Review Fees.**

City Engineer Stan Hayes and Public Works Director Allen explained the benefits of a developer review fee. Councilmember Hill made motion to implement PSAs for future developments. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

13. **Discuss, consider and act on improving, constructing, and equipping the City's utility system.**

City Engineer Stan Hayes and Public Works Director Allen explained the recommendation and benefits of building two – two hundred- and fifty-thousand-gallon elevated storage tanks instead of one – five hundred-thousand-gallon tank. No Action Taken.

14. Discussion, consideration and action on a drainage study within Newark city limits.

City Engineer Stan Hayes and Public Works Director Allen discussed the need and options for a drainage study. Mr. Hayes stated that he would begin work on the drainage study to be able to have a work order for the next council meeting to be voted on. No Action Taken.

15. Discussion with Chris Raines regarding a complaint for a Code Violation at his property located at 526 Post Oak Dr.

Mr. Raines stated he wanted to start a conversation regarding improving the city ordinances. Mr. Raines spoke on the idea of a survey to get the communities opinions regarding what ordinances need immediate attention and create a priority list. Code Enforcement Officer Kennedy spoke regarding the benefits of a survey and bringing the communities opinions on the future of the city.


16. Meeting adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Raines adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED:


Crystal Cardwell, Mayor

5/15/15
Date


Jenni Moore, City Secretary

