

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2025
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Mayor Cardwell called the meeting to order and announce a quorum was present. Those present were Mayor Crystal Cardwell, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Raines, Councilmember Melanie Payne, Councilmember Jen Hill, Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, City Secretary Jenni Moore, Public Work Director William Allen, Code Enforcement Officer Devon Kennedy, City Admin Staff Brittany Mayhue, and City Admin Staff Michelle Peterson.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Mayor Cardwell led the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

3. Mayor Update.

No Mayor Update.

4. Public Comments.

Vera Beazley of 528 Berke St. spoke regarding electricity co-op and then spoke about concerns for safety of children and the community.

Glenn Hazelwood of 13200 Charlotte Ann Lane, Haslet spoke regarding his son being on the Excel Baseball team that practices at the city ballfield. Mr. Hazelwood thanked the city for allowing their teams to use the ballfield and stated how appreciative he was of Public Works Director Allen for his attentiveness and kindness in dealing with their questions and concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consider and act on the following items:

- A. Council Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2025**
- B. Budget Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025**
- C. Accounts Payables for July 2025**
- D. Financial Statements for July 2025**
- E. Staff Reports- Municipal Court, Building Permits, Code Enforcement, and Public Works for July 2025**

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

REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

- 6. Ordinance No. A-570, authorizing and ordering the issuance of City of Newark, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025; prescribing the terms and form thereof; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; awarding the sale thereof; and making other provisions regarding such certificates, including use of the proceeds thereof; and matters incident thereto.**

Councilmember Hill motioned to approve Ordinance No. A-570, authorizing and ordering the issuance of City of Newark, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025; prescribing the terms and form thereof; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; awarding the sale thereof; and making other provisions regarding such certificates, including use of the proceeds thereof; and matters incident thereto. Mayor Pro Tem second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed at 7:12pm.

7. Discussion, consideration, and action on the 2023-2024 Annual Audit.

Councilmember Payne motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Audit.

Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

8. Discussion, consideration, and action on Developers Agreement with ODT Holdings, LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Raines motioned to give the mayor authority to approve the Developers Agreement with ODT Holdings, LLC when all criteria is met.

Councilmember Hill second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

9. Consider and act on Resolution No. 375, a resolution setting dates, time and place for (2) Public Hearings on the proposed annexation of certain property.

Councilmember Payne motioned to approve Resolution No. 375, a resolution setting dates, time as September 18th, 2025 at 7:00 pm and the Newark City Hall Council meeting for (2) Public Hearings on the proposed annexation of certain property.

Mayor Pro Tem second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

10. Discuss, consider and act on awarding the bid contract for Water Well #14.

Mayor Pro Tem motioned to award the bid contract for Water Well #14 to Brawlers Venture, LLC out of Decatur, Texas for the amount of \$385,000 plus alternates.

Councilmember Payne second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

11. Discuss and act on a request from the MDD Board for the purchase of exercise equipment for the park.

Councilmember Hill motioned to approve the request from the MDD Board for the purchase of exercise equipment for the park, not to exceed \$15,000 from the MDD Fund. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a joint agreement creating the West Fork Public Utility Agency.

Mayor Cardwell explained the purpose and need for the West Fork Public Utility Agency. No action was taken.

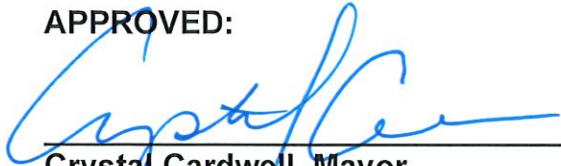
13. Discuss, consider and act on Resolution No. 376, A resolution authorizing advance funding agreement for City of Newark maintenance of railroad pavement markings and signs.

Councilmember Hill motioned to approve Resolution No. 376, A resolution authorizing advance funding agreement for City of Newark maintenance of railroad pavement markings and signs. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

14. **Meeting adjourn.**

Mayor Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED:



Crystal Cardwell, Mayor



Jenni Moore, City Secretary

9/18/25

Date

