

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Mayor Crystal Cardwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced a quorum was present. Those present were Mayor Crystal Cardwell, Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, Councilmember Jennifer Hill, Councilmember Melanie Payne, City Secretary Jenni Moore, Director of Public Works William Allen, Code Enforcement Officer Devon Kennedy, City Admin Staff Brittany Mayhue, and Michelle Peterson.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Mayor Cardwell led the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

3. Mayor Update.

Mayor Cardwell gave an update on the success of the Cruisin' Days event and stated that \$20,000 was raised for the Fire Department. Mayor Cardwell stated that the park project should be completed in 2-3 weeks. Mayor Cardwell gave updates on the library and stated that upcoming events coming up can be found on the Library's Facebook page.

4. Public Comments.

Ron Pellegrini of 104 Ryan Ct., Aurora, Texas and stated he is the Mayor Pro Tem of Aurora. Mr. Pellegrini stated there is a proposal to put a landfill at Bobo's Crossing and expressed his concerns for the negative ramifications of this landfill. Mr. Pellegrini stated multiple jurisdictions have passed or are working to pass resolutions to oppose this project. Information regarding the proposal is available on the TCEQ website, Permit #2421. Mr. Pellegrini stated that he is asking all cities and citizens to visit the TCEQ website and oppose this landfill project.

Vera Beazley of 528 Berke Street, Newark, Texas. Ms. Beazley stated that she is new to the area and is building a house in Newark. Ms. Beazley expressed concern for the state of the world and the safety of the children.

Eric Perez of 1835 Rogers Rd. Newark, Texas. Mr. Perez stated that his family owns the building that Venice Pizza is in and that they plan to add a mini-mart business into the other part of the building. Their plan is to sell beer and wine and sell Hispanic items as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consider and act on the following items:

- A. Council Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2024**
- B. Accounts Payables for September 2024**
- C. Financial Statements for September**
- D. Staff Reports- Municipal Court, Building Permits, Code Enforcement, and Public Works for September 2024**

Councilmember Hill motioned to approve A through D as a whole. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

6. **Consider and act on a resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, New Braunfels Christian Academy, Inc. and First Financial Bank, N.A., and related matters for a tax-exempt loan.**

Ted Christensen presented the council with the information regarding who this agreement was for as well as how it benefits the city. Councilmember Hill motioned to accept item number 6 to accept the resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, New Braunfels Christian Academy, Inc. and First Financial Bank, N.A., and related matters for a tax-exempt loan. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

7. **Consider and act on a resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Headwaters School, and Independent Bank, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan.**

Councilmember Hill motioned to accept item number 7 to accept the resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Headwaters School, and Independent Bank, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

8. **Consider and act on a resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Hope Media Group and Zions Bancorporation, N.A. DBA Amegy Bank, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan.**

Councilmember Hill motioned to accept item number 8 to accept the resolution approving a loan agreement among the Corporation, Hope Media Group and Zions Bancorporation, N.A. DBA Amegy Bank, and related matters for a tax-exempt loan. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

9. **Presentation from Mayor Rodney Holmes regarding the city's participation in the Wise Regional Water District.**

Mayor Rodney Holmes introduced himself and stated that he is the Mayor of Boyd. Mayor Holmes proposed an invitation to join the Wise Regional Water District. Mayor Holmes explained the Wise Regional Water District, what it is for, what they do and the benefits of joining the district. Mayor Holmes shared the concern and needs for bringing surface water into Wise County in the future. Mayor Holmes stated that each city that joins the water district contributes \$10,000 to help with costs of lawyers and the formation and functioning of the Water District. Mayor Holmes asked the city to consider joining the water district or minimally to pass a resolution in support of the Wise Regional Water District. Public Works Director Allen spoke up in favor of the decision to join the water district. Mayor Cardwell stated that it will be placed on the agenda for next month to pass the resolution in support of the Wise Regional Water District.

10. Discussion, consideration and possible action for joining Wise Regional Water District.

Councilmember Hill motioned on item number 10, to add the resolution to the following months agenda as well as the approving the \$10,000 in joining the Water District. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

11. Discuss, consider, and possible action on awarding a contract for development services to AOKA Engineering.

Councilmember Hill motioned on item number 11 to award the contract for development services to AOKA Engineering. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

12. Discuss and consider on a request from Darla Bethany regarding speed bumps on Hudson Street.

Ms. Bethany was not present. No action taken.


13. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance No. A-560, an ordinance amending appendix a "fee schedule," Article A.7000 "Utility Fees," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newark, Texas, amending section A7.004 "Water and Sewer Rates," amending water and sewer rates for residential and commercial customers; establishing water rates for unincorporated residential customers; establishing rates for bulk water sales; providing for the revision of fees; providing findings incorporated; providing amendment; providing cumulative/repealer clause; providing savings clause; providing severability; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

Public Works Director William Allen informed the council that this was regarding the change discussed in the prior month. Councilmember Hill motioned on item number 13 to approve Ordinance No. A-560, an ordinance amending appendix a "fee schedule," Article A.7000 "Utility Fees," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newark, Texas, amending section A7.004 "Water and Sewer Rates," amending water and sewer rates for residential and commercial customers; establishing water rates for unincorporated residential customers; establishing rates for bulk water sales; providing for the revision of fees; providing findings incorporated; providing amendment; providing cumulative/repealer clause; providing savings clause; providing severability; providing for publication; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

14. Meeting Adjourn.

Mayor Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

APPROVED:


Crystal Cardwell, Mayor


Jenni Moore, City Secretary

11/21/24
Date

