

Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11, 2025
6:30 pm

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Mayor Cardwell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and announced a quorum was present. Those in attendance were: Mayor Crystal Cardwell, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Raines, Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, Councilmember Jennifer Hill, Councilmember Richard Sidebottom, Councilmember Melanie Payne, City Secretary Jenni Moore, City Admi Staff Brittany Mayhue and Michelle Peterson.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Mayor Cardwell led the pledge to the flag and invocation.

3. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2025 at the rate of \$0.600000 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed value on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Newark, Texas.

Mayor Cardwell opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 pm. There were no comments and closed the hearing at 6:32 pm.

4. Discuss, consider and act on an Ordinance A-572, levying and adopting an ad valorem property tax rate for tax year 2025 at the rate of \$0.600000 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Newark, Texas to provide revenues for current expenses, interest and sinking fund requirements, and maintenance and operations; and providing due and delinquent dates, penalties and interest.

Councilmember Hill made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.600000, which is effectively a 58.09% percent increase in the tax rate. Mayor Pro Tem Raines second the motion. All approved, the motion passed.

Jennifer Hill: For
Nathaniel Butler: For
Melanie Payne: For
Chris Raines: For
Richard Sidebottom: For

5. Discuss, consider and act on a Resolution Number 377, acknowledging that the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget requires raising more revenue from property taxes than the previous fiscal year and ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 377 of the City of Newark ratifying the property tax increased revenue in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. Mayor Pro Tem Raines second the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

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Meeting Adjourn.

APPROVED:


Crystal Cardwell, Mayor


Jenni Moore, City Secretary

9/18/25
Date

