## JUNE 10, 2024

The Newcastle City Council met in regular session at the Newcastle City Hall, 608 Broadway Ave, Newcastle, Texas at 6:00 pm on Monday JULY 8th, 2024, with the following members present:

## MEMBERS:

New Mayor: Josh Bennett Council Member: Sarah Riley

Dickey Baynes (Absent)
Jeff Altebaumer
Chad Owen

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Dustin Hobbs
Alice Winder
Bront Castel

City Secretary: Alice Winder Public Works Director: Brent Casteel

**OPENING PRAYER:** Josh Bennett called on Chad Owen to open the meeting with prayer at 6:13pm.

VISITOR: Dean Fites

PUBLIC FORUM: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 2024- All city council approved of minutes. Jeff Altebaumer made a motion and Dusty Hobbs second it. Approved 4-0

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2024 FINANICIALS - Financials were approved. Motion was made by Sarah Riley and Chad Owen second it. Approved 4-0

## DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLLY GETTING THE LAKES SURVEYED- Tabled

DISCUSSION WITH PARK COMMITTEE- No one from the park committee was present. We will ask the park committee to try and be present next month. Meanwhile between both we can continue to check the park and together keep it cleaned up. Approved 4-0

**DISCUSSION ON A CALL ABOUT THE DOLLAR STORE:** Josh Bennett spoke with the Dollar Store representative, and they will continue communicating to see what they can come up with.

DISCUSSION ON TAXATION SEMINAR JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> (FRIDAY)- Alice Winder (city secretary) plans on attending the seminar.

DISCUSSION ON INCREASE RATES FOR WATER & SEWER- The water rates will increase 4% and sewer will increase 5%. Motion made by Chad Owen and seconded by Sarah Riley. Approved 4-0

**DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING A CHLORINATOR FOR WATER SUPPLY-** Dusty will be in communication with the engineers. Spoke with James Jones (Bear) with Fort Belknap and they agreed with what the city's needs are. There's lots of things that need to take place. Tabled

DISCUSSION ON PRICE INCREASE FOR SEWER & WATER TAPS TO \$1500.00 AND INCREASE ON RE-CONNECT FEES- After discussion city council decided to go up to \$2,000.00 on water taps and \$1,500.00 on the sewer taps. And re-connection fees will go up to \$125.00, Motion was made by Sarah Riley and seconded by Jeff Altebaumer. Approved 4-0

**DISCUSSION ON TML- CYBER FORM PRICE-** TML has sent an increase for cyber-attack. The city council needs to ask Jason Grubbs what his thoughts are about this. Alice is supposed to get in touch with Jason and have us a response next month. Motion was made by Chad Owen and seconded by Sarah Riley. **Approved 4-0** 

DISCUSSION ON CODE ENFORCER-Jeff Altebaumer asked Matt Girdley (Code Enforcer) to come and speak. Mr. Girdley did explain the involvement of this process and he did have some questions for the city council. He said he would be willing to help. The City Council has decided to ask him what his rates will be. Jeff Altebaumer will be in contact with him. Approved 4-0

DISCUSSION ON A PROTOCOL FOR BOIL WATER NOTICE- The city council has come up with a protocol for a boil water notice. Approved 4-0

DISCUSSION WITH FORT BELKNAP ABOUT WATER QUALITY OF WATER- A Fort Belknap representative (James Jones) came in and explained their process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session as Authorized by Texas Governmental Code Section** 551.074

MAYOR'S UPDATE- N/A

ADJORNMENT: 9:00pm. Motion was made by Chad Owen and seconded by Jeff Altebaumer.