

AUGUST 12, 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 September 9th, 2024, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

Mayor ProTem:	Dickey Baynes
Council Member:	Sarah Riley
	Jeff Altebaumer
	Chad Owen- Absent
	Dustin Hobbs
City Secretary:	Alice Winder

PUBLIC HEARING- NEW TAX RATE

OPENING PRAYER: Dickey Baynes called on Dusty Hobbs to open the meeting with prayer at 6:15pm.

PUBLIC FORUM:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024- All city council approved of minutes. Sarah Riley made a motion and Dusty Hobbs second it. **Approved 4-0**

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2024 FINANCIALS – Financials were approved. Motion was made by Sarah Riley and Jeff Altebaumer second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON DOLLAR STORE UPDATE- One of the locations that were up for discussion was on Hwy 251 and the Dollar Store Rep didn't think it was a good location, so we're still trying to find another location.

DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING A CHLORINATOR FOR WATER SUPPLY- The city is waiting on the engineers to get us a quote.

DISCUSSION ON CODE ENFORCER-The city is exercising several options and hopefully next month we might have a better view of what's going to be better for the town. Sarah Riley made a motion and Dusty Hobbs second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON ROLL-OFFS-Getting bids **TABLED**

DISCUSSION ON SEWER PLANT- For now, the only thing we can do is try to maintain what is going on and see if we will be approved for a grant. The city has decided to purchase some sprinklers for the sewer plant. To help irrigate a little bit better. Sarah Riley made a motion and Dusty Hobbs second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON GENERATOR FOR THE SIREN- The Newcastle Vol. Fire Dept. presented the city with a quote of \$11,500.00 for a new Generac. After discussion the new siren will come with a battery back up and the city doesn't have the funds for a Generac at this time. Dusty Hobbs made a motion and Sarah Riley second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON THE QUANAH BRIDGE PROJECT- The county applied for a grant and they have been approved for fixing some roads, but it is unknown if it will include the Quanah Bridge. Sarah Riley is going to meet with Win Graham and try to find out more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session as Authorized by Texas Governmental Code Section 551.074
7:15pm- 8:00pm

The City Council is going to ask the county if they would like to install an antenna on the city standpipe to help with the signal (reception) issue that they experience. For a small fee.

The City Council has hired a new full-time employee to help A.B Cheatham, his pay will be \$18.00 because of his experience. Brent Casteel will be on as part time help and he will get paid \$20.56 because of losing a license. A.B. Cheatham will need to go get his CSI license a.s.a.p.

MAYOR'S UPDATE- N/A

ADJORNMENT: 8:15pm. Motion was made by Jeff Altebaumer and seconded by Sarah Riley.

Dickey Baynes- Mayor ProTem

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary