

NOVEMBER 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 Tuesday November 12th, 2024, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

Mayor ProTem:	Dickey Baynes
Council Member:	Sarah Riley
	Jeff Altebaumer
	Chad Owen
	Dustin Hobbs
City Secretary:	Alice Winder
Public Works:	Brent Casteel
	A.B. Cheatham

OPENING PRAYER: Dickey Baynes called on Chad Owen to open the meeting with prayer at 6:12pm.

VISITORS: Clint Hopping & Dancey Creel

PUBLIC FORUM: Nick Whitaker says he's not one that does not want the Dollar Store. He thinks this town needs the Dollar Store. This town needs more than just arguing about a Dollar Store coming here.

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

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER 2024 – Financials were approved. Motion was made by Sarah Riley and Chad Owen second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON PARK EQUIPMENT- No one really knows what happened to all the pieces and bolts. Sarah Riley texted Gina Maxwell and asked her if she knew. She said that Kevin & Jim were supposed to be back to complete the project. But it would still be a couple of weeks before they would be back to put everything back together. City Council members are going to reach out to someone about getting this project completed. **TABLED**

DISCUSSION ON WHISKEY CREEK RESEVIOR LETTING WATER INTO THE OLD LAKE- Dickie Baynes needs to get in contact with someone that does scuba diving to see what down there and what we need to get all of that functioning. And see how much that's going to cost. **TABLED**

DISCUSSION ON LETTER FROM FORT BELKNAP WATER INCREASE- MIGHT HAVE TO ADJUST THE CITY'S WATER RATES- After doing the calculations, the city council seems to think that the increase we did in August is enough to make up the increase. Motion was made by Sarah Riley and second by Chad Owen. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT FOR THE CITY & YOUNG COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT ABOUT ANTENNA INSTALLATION (SPACE RENTAL)- the city's lawyer has drafted an agreement between the city and the fire department. JD Bruton was not able to be here for the meeting, but he had stopped earlier and had taken a copy of the agreement, while he was here, he read the agreement and recommended some changes and during the meeting the city council read over the agreement. All agreed the agreement. Alice will contact the lawyer and make the changes so we can meet later and get the agreement signed by everyone. Chad Owen made the motion and Jeff Altebaumer second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON ROLL-OFFS- A Buyboard price list was presented to all city council members and they all looked over it, after much discussion they decided to call KC dumpsters to see if we could get a quote from them. **TABLED**

DISCUSSION ON THE WASTEWATER PERMIT SITUATION- Alice has been in search of the pond certifications and not been able to find anything except for the pond#3 certification. Ronnie Cavitt has been called in and Cory Aspinwall has been contacted also. Nothing was found. Chad suggested contacting Jason to see if he could look in the archives to see if he can find anything. If we can't find anything we may have to hire some engineers to get the certificates done again.

DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE'S THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS- Employees will be off Thursday (Thanksgiving) & Friday.

DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING TURKEYS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES- City will purchase each employee a turkey for Thanksgiving. Chad Owen made a motion and Sarah Riley second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON BATTERIES FOR GOLF CART- After lots of discussion, it was decided to table it because there's too much information still to be considered. Some want lithium batteries, and some want regular batteries. There needs to be more research on pricing and types of batteries. **TABLED**

DISCUSSION WITH THE CODE ENFORCER, CLERK & JUDGE- The clerk (Julia Keith) expressed concerns about several things she has on her mind while preparing to get this enforcement off the ground. She mentioned, Setting the range of the cost court security (after she researched Mike Peterson can't be the Judge and Security at the same time). The city council members set the ranges from \$25.00- \$2,000.00. We need to put this amount in ordinance. And Dickie said if security is what we need to get, we'll get it. Hollie Hawkins will be going out and taking pictures and addresses to locations and Julia will start sending out notices soon. Discussed were also everyone's roles are also, Hollie will be the field person, and Julia will be the administrative part of this process.

DISCUSSION ON WHAT ALICE FOUND OUT ABOUT – TRWA GSI MAPPING- Alice read what TWRA had sent her and the cost. After discussion, this is something we already have. She also confirmed that this service is not free.

Discuss, consider, and adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2025-2026 Community Development Fund. – Chad Owen made the motion and Sarah Riley second it. **Approved 4-0**

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

7:35-8:15pm

Discussion on the guys calculating gallons of water used. Dickie will contact Teinert (contractors at the school) the guys let them borrow the city's meter and while it was in their procession it broke. Leaving the city to have to purchase one.

MAYOR'S UPDATE- Don't have any updates on the Dollar Store. I don't know anymore than I knew from the last time we met.

ADJORNMENT: 8:45pm. Motion was made by Jeff Altebaumer and seconded by Dusty Hobbs.

Dickey Baynes- Mayor ProTem

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary