FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Newcastle City Council met in regular session at the Newcastle City Hall, 608 Broadway Ave, Newcastle, Texas at 6:00 pm on Monday February 10, 2025, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

Mayor ProTem: Dickey Baynes Council Member: Sarah Riley

Jeff Altebaumer Chad Owen

City Secretary: Alice Winder City Public Works: Brent Casteel

OPENING PRAYER: Dickey Baynes asked Chad Owen to open the meeting up in a prayer.

VISITORS:

PUBLIC FORUM: Tony Widner & Shannon Potts that are with the Young County Museum of History and Culture. They would like to get any kind of picture of documentation of the City of Newcastle as well as any type of history on the coal mines here in Newcastle. Mr. Widner gave a speech on some history that began in Newcastle Texas (very interesting). The city council approved them to go into the volt to see if there's any historical articles in there. And also told us if there is and residents that have any historical articles that they would like to let them have for the museum to contact them. They have a special way to preserve the articles.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2025- All city council approved of minutes. Sarah Riley made a motion and Chad Owen second it. Approved 4-0

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY 2025 – Financials were approved. Motion was made by Sarah Riley and Jeff Altebaumer second it. Approved 4-0

DISCUSSION ON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS RUNNING FOR ELECTION-Dusty Hobbs confirmed he will run again as well as Sarah Riley. Approved 4-0

DISCUSSION ON VOTING DICKEY BAYNES IN AS MAYOR- All city council members voted on having Dickey Baynes as a Mayor. Jeff Altebaumer made the motion and Chad second it. Approved 4-0

DISCUSSION ON SEWER ISSUES ON HIGH STREET- Brent was asked to explain what the issue is on the sewer line on High Street. We've purchased several pieces of equipment to try to help with figuring out what is causing the problem out there. Several ideas were mentioned and Brent said they think they might have the problem isolated, and they are going to dig it up to see if the line is crushed. They are waiting for the Dig Test to come and mark a gas line that runs through there. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON THE CITY AND WASTE CONNECTION'S CONTRACT EXPIRES 2026-

City Council has decided to start getting some bids. Several companies were mentioned. Sarah Riley made the motion and Dusty Hobbs second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON GUYS CHANGING OUT FIRE HYDRANT ON LUBBOCK & BROADWAY DURING THE SPRING BREAK- Brent is going to go see what's wrong with the fire hydrant.

Discuss, consider and adopt a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the 2023 Texas CDBG program, grant agreement number CDV23-0104. Approved 4-0

Discuss, consider, and approve a resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights policies. Approved 4-0

Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month: This proclamation will help to fulfill Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant. Approved 4-0

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

MAYOR'S UPDATE- As of right now, all I know about the Dollar Store is that we've exercised all of our options. They did have the survey completed. From what we can see most of the building is beyond the city limits. We have sent them the building permit and building codes available to them. They have not replied if they have contacted the county. That's all I know in regard to the Dollar Store.

ADJORNMENT: Motion was made by Dusty Hobbs and seconded by Sarah Riley.

Dickey Baynes- Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary

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