

MARCH 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 March 10, 2025, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

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

OPENING PRAYER: Dickey Baynes asked Chad Owen to open the meeting up in a prayer at 6:02pm.

VISITORS: N/A

PUBLIC FORUM: Aaron Gowens came to express his interest in the Dollar Store.

TRADD STRAWBRIDGE- Thanked the city council members for the job they are doing. He was speaking with regard to the letter he received from the city. The letter stated that his gate was obstructing Belknap Street. This letter was mailed to him because the city will need to continue the Belknap Street to provide a resident utility service. His trailer and the gate running across Belknap Street. And he wanted to know why the city cannot provide him with sewer services. This is not possible because of the location of his house and the grade in which the sewer has to flow. He did mention that he had come in here previously to ask if he could have a sewer tap put in and was denied. The City Council did tell Mr. Strawbridge that they would look and see what they could find out about the sewer.

DISCUSSION WITH J.T. SHELTON-V.I.A. REAL ESTATE (D.G. DEVELOPER) – NEED TO APPROVE SITE PLANS- ACTION TAKEN -CANCELLED –

The Dollar Store will not happen. Due to a lawsuit of the proposed location. We, the CITY, did not have a decision in this.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUAR 2025- All city council approved of minutes. Chad Owen made a motion and Jeff Altebaumer second it. **Approved 3-0**

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY 2025 – Financials were approved. Motion was made by Jeff Altebaumer and Chad Owen second it. **Approved 3-0**

DISCUSSION ON PAID HOLIDAYS- Alice Winder (city secretary) brought up the fact that the city is a governmental office, why are all federal holidays not observed by the office. After lots of discussion the mayor and city council came up with a holiday that the office can and will start

observing (be closed) and that holiday will be Veteran's Day. Jeff Altebaumer made the motion and Chad Owen second it. **Approved 3-0**

UPDATE - THE CITY WILL NOT NEED TO HAVE AN ELECTION

DISCUSSION ON THE CITY POSSIBLY HIRING A POLICE OFFICER- TABLED

Discuss, consider, and select administration/management service provider(s) to complete application and project implementation for the FEMA PA funding administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. APPROVED 3-0

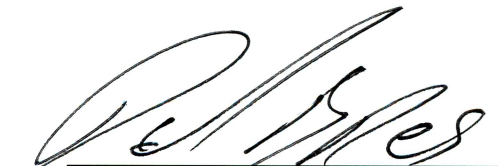
Discuss, consider, and select Engineering/Architectural service provider(s) to complete application and project implementation for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance (FEMA PA) funding administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. APPROVED 3-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session as Authorized by Texas Governmental Code Section 551.074 – 6:56PM-7:30PM.

Stephen Brent Casteel has passed his test so he will get a \$1.00 raise. This will increase his pay to \$21.56. Discussion was brought up again about the sewer running to Mr. Strawbridge but they will have to ask the guys some more questions about the sewer.

MAYOR'S UPDATE- The city had to purchase a new backhoe tire; this was something that had to happen in order for the city workers to continue doing work that needs to be completed. The cost of the tire was \$675.00.

ADJORNMENT: Motion was made by Dusty Hobbs and seconded by Chad Owen


Dickey Baynes- Mayor

ATTEST:


Alice Winder, City Secretary