April 13, 2026

The Newcastle City Council met in meeting at Newcastle City Hall, 608 Broadway Ave, Newcastle, Texas at 6:00 pm on Monday April 13th 2026, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

Mayor:	Dickie Baynes
Council Member:	Sarah Riley (Absent)
	Chad Owen
	Dustin Hobbs
	Josh Duffield
City Secretary:	Alice Winder

PRAYER: Dusty Hobbs opened in prayer.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Dickie Baynes

PUBLIC FORUM: N/A

DAVID PRATT- He & Jordan Rogers came and presented what is going to take place on the 4th of July on the Young County Courthouse lawn as America's 250th Anniversary celebration. And a Proclamation was signed by the mayor (Dickey Baynes). They encouraged all residents of Newcastle and throughout Young County to attend this celebration.

CORA STOCKTON-Cancelled

APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIALS-ACTION REQUIRED – Chad Owen made a motion, and Dusty Hobbs seconded it. **Approved 3-0**

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES- ACTION REQUIRED- Chad Owen made a motion and Joshua Duffield seconded it. **Approved 3-0**

DISCUSSION ON THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT STILL NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED-ACTION REQIRED-
Josh Duffield said he had been working on it, and he had to have someone make a couple of brackets to complete the playground. The awning needs to be set up, and members discussed several ways to install that and the benches that came with that. Josh is working on this almost by himself, so this is why this is taking so long.

DISCUSSION ON PARK COMMITTEE- City Council did recommend there be more than 2 park committee members. Josh Duffield said they were reaching out to several people and were waiting on a response. He said he would talk to them about it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Started 6:51-7:15pm.

MAYOR'S UPDATE: Mayor spoke to Jarrod Stephens about paperwork on the property behind us. Jarrod has paperwork in process. Because of the legality of it, it is taking a lot longer than we intended. Mayor also updated city council about meeting with John Powell (rep from USDA) and Joe Gambill (grant writer from Graham). We're going to start the process by trying to get a USDA loan to restore the Water Tower. And the mayor talked about the process that took place last week and getting gravel here and working on the south part of town (streets). The streets that were worked on were Austin, Belknap, Commerce, Elgin & Graham. The gravel was 18 loads, and commissioner donated 6 loads and his trucks & time to transport the gravel to the streets. We haven't received the invoice from John McNair that did the spreading of the gravel with his grader. This will be very costly for the city but it's up to the city to fix these roads.

ADJORNMENT: Chad Owen made the motion, Joshua Duffield and seconded it.

Dickie Baynes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary