March 16, 2026

The Newcastle City Council met in meeting at Newcastle City Hall, 608 Broadway Ave, Newcastle, Texas at 6:00 pm on Monday March 16th 2026, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

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

PRAYER: Chad Owen opened in prayer.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Dickie Baynes

PUBLIC FORUM: N/A

DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSIONER- ALLEN CRAIG ABOUT HELP WITH THE ROADS- Allen Craig stated he could not come in and grade all of our roads. And he commented that the guy (John McNair) who worked the roads this last month did a really good job. But he did say he could help and gave the council members 2 options: (1) He can haul materials to the city at $350.00 per load or (2) The city can create an account with Zack Burkett and pay for the gravel, and he would just haul it in here for the city at NO cost. The mayor confirmed with Allen Craig that this will include the 10 loads for free that he agreed to upon a pervious discussion that they had over the phone and Allen agreed. The commissioner also agreed to maintaining the surrounding roads that are his responsibilities. He did ask for plenty of notice for any hauling of gravel. Dick Baynes will call Allen Craig because some questions that came up.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY FINANCIALS-ACTION REQUIRED Sarah Riley made a motion and Chad Owen seconded it. **Approved 4-0**

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES- ACTION REQUIRED Sarah Riley made a motion and Joshua Duffield seconded it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON, IF THE CITY WANTS TO MAKE A DONATION OF ITEMS TO THE EASTE EGG HUNT AT THE FORT- The city decided to donate $250.00. Chad Owen made the motion, and Dusty Hobbs seconded the motion. **Approval 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON HAVING A CITY-WIDE SPRING GARAGE SALE IN APRIL- The city decided to have a Spring citywide garage sale on the weekend of April 18th. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON DOING A YARD OF THE MONTH- Last year we didn't have one after stating we were going to have a yard of the month because of several misunderstandings on who was supposed

to do it. This year Dusty Hobbs said he would oversee this project. He's going to try to get some sponsorship so we can do more but the yard of the month will be from April – July this year.
Approved 4-0

DISCUSSION ON A LOAN OPTION FOR THE WATER TOWER RESTORATION-
City Council had lots of questions about this, and Alice is supposed to call the grant writer to get some things cleared up. **Tabled**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

MAYOR'S UPDATE: Mayor said he spoke with the gentleman doing the paperwork on the property behind us and he has it on his desk and is almost ready to do the process on it. He also spoke about trying to find a way to come up with some road revenue for the road work that will be an expense now. He talked about making sure we are enforcing the 16-5 ordinance (property owners & renter/ tenants). He also stated that Ryan Holden will be helping with the city wide clean up in May this year.

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

Dickie Baynes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary