May 11, 2026

The Newcastle City Council met in meeting at Newcastle City Hall, 608 Broadway Ave, Newcastle, Texas at 6:00 pm on Monday May 11th 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

CARLOS BECEIRO- GRANTWORKS- Alice had him down for the wrong day. Carlos will be here next month at June's city council meeting.

CORA STOCKTON- Cora was inquiring about possibly having an Easter Egg Hunt here at the park next year, so the residents aren't having to travel nor have to pay. She also was inquiring about how to get to become a member of the park committee.

PUBLIC FORUM: N/A

APPROVAL OF APRIL FINANCIALS-ACTION REQUIRED – There were some questions about the budget since the Budget Workshop will be next month. Alice is supposed to be working on fixing some issues in the General Ledger. Sarah Riley made a motion, and Chad Owen seconded it. **Approved 4-0**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR BOTH APRIL & SPECIAL MEETING- ACTION REQUIRED- Chad Owen made a motion and Joshua Duffield seconded it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON AGREEMENT FOR THE MWH GROUP (AUDITOR) NEEDS SIGNED-ACTION REQUIRED- The mayor (Dickey Baynes) signed the quotes for the amount that the auditors will charge for the next three years (2023-2025) which will be $12,000.00 for each year. Dusty Hobbs made a motion, and Sarah Riley seconded the motion. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON FILLING THE VACANT POSITION ON CITY COUNCIL- It has been hard to find someone that will sit in a seat for city council. Some city council members are still working on trying to find someone that will serve.

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR NEXT MONTH- The Budget Workshop usually

starts on Monday right after the City Council Meeting, which will be June 8th of next month.

DISCUSSION ON THE QUANAH BRIDGE PROJECT- This will be something that will have to be addressed with the county commissioner. The city purchased a tinhorn through J&N. When that project was going to start happening. Later in the year the commissioner came in for a city council meeting and told city council that he had run out of funds so he could not do that project. But the mayor & Dusty are going to investigate this and see what can be done about this. More research is needed. **Tabled**

DISCUSSION ON JERRY STEWART NOT GOING TO MOVE THE BUILDING- The city is getting a grant to replace some of the clay sewer lines that are still out there through out some portions of the town. And the first location they will start at will be behind Jerry Stewart's property in the easement, but Jerry has built a structure with concrete slab on the easement and that will be the first location that will start at. The city had previously asked Mr. Stewart to take the structure down and he had agreed to do so and then later he went to the city hall and said he wasn't going to take the structure down. Now the city must take other measures.

DISCUSSION ON HIRING A PART-TIME HELPER FOR THE SUMMER - The city will begin with posting an ad in the newspaper.

DISCUSSION ON THE UPSTART PROGRAM- The city feels like there's needs in our city that require more attention and projects that will require funds be spent. This program is to help but they charge, and the city is very limited. Because of several projects that the city needs to fund now.

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

MAYOR'S UPDATE: Need to have Hollie Hawkins to get a letter generated and mailed out. And ask her to look around for anyone that might be in violation to the city easement ordinances.

ADJORNMENT: Sarah Riley made the motion, Joshua Duffield and seconded it.

Dickie Baynes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary