June 8, 2026

The Newcastle City Council met in meeting at Newcastle City Hall, 608 Broadway Ave, Newcastle, Texas at 6:00 pm on Monday June 8th 2026, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

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

PRAYER: Dusty Hobbs opened in prayer.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Dickie Baynes

CARLOS BECEIRO- GRANTWORKS- Carlos cancelled

PUBLIC FORUM: N/A

APPROVAL OF MAY FINANCIALS-ACTION REQUIRED – Sarah Riley made a motion, and Chad Owen seconded it. **Approved 5-0**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY- ACTION REQUIRED- Chad Owen made a motion and Sarah Riley seconded it. **Approved 5-0**

DISCUSSION ON APPOINTING NICK MARTIN TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT FOR CITY COUNCIL- Nick signed forms and he took oath and he was appointed to the city council. **Approved 5-0**

DISCUSSION ON JACOB & MARTIN UPDATE- City Council had more questions for Emma, the rep. that came and met with Alice, Dickey Baynes & Joe Gambill about the different grants that they can assist with.**Tabled**

DISCUSSION WITH JESSE BLACKMON ABOUT TAX RATES FOR BUDGET- Jesse give council members a breakdown on how they figure the amount and also explained options on how to increase the rates. The city is looking at ways to create more tax revenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Started 6:51-7:15pm. Discussed dress codes for the utility dept.

Checking on pricing for summer shirts & shorts to keep the guys cooler. Jay Cooper from 4C inquiring about fireworks stand. Some items will have to be presented by Mr. Cooper before we can move forward. Alice will contact him and let him know what the city is requiring him to have.

MAYOR'S UPDATE: The mayor said he spoke with James Jones at Fort Belknap Water Supply about water increases that will be going into effect soon. And James Jones gave him a estimated amount but would not know for sure until October. This is all due to Graham doing another water rate increase.

ADJORNMENT: Sarah Riley made the motion, and Chad Owen seconded it.

Dickie Baynes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary