September 14, 2026

The Newcastle City Council met in meeting at Newcastle City Hall, 608 Broadway Ave, Newcastle, Texas at 6:00 pm on Monday September 14th 2026, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

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

PRAYER: 6:05pm Chad Owen opened in prayer.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Dickie Baynes

PUBLIC FORUM: County Commissioner, Allen Craig came to ask if the sheriff dept/ fire dept. could put in a generator & a butane tank in for the antenna reception (repeater) on top of the city water tower this would be just in case the power was to go out during a natural disaster. The sheriff dept & fire dept could continue communications. The mayor said the city would have to do some research to see what the TECQ requirements were for that type of equipment being that close to the water supply. Mayor also recommended fencing be installed by the sheriff/fire dept for security purposes on their equipment.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST FINANCIALS-ACTION REQUIRED – Chad Owen made a motion, and Nick Martin seconded it. **Approved 4-0**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST- ACTION REQUIRED- Josh Duffield made a motion, and Chad Owen seconded it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON APPROVING RV ORDINACE- City Council looked over what the lawyer sent over to be approved. The city council had some editing to do but went ahead and approved what was here for the time being. Chad Owen made a motion & Nick Martin second it. **Approved 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON AMENDING THE DUCK HUNTING DAYS ON THE DUCK HUNTING ORDINANCE-ACTION REQUIRED- The duck hunting ordinance is changed from only hunting 30 mins, before sunrise to noon Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays to hunting 30 mins.before sunrise on any day during authorized hunting season. Josh Duffield made a motion, and Chad Owen seconded it. **Approval 4-0**

DISCUSSION ON MA'S RESTRAUANT INQUIRING ABOUT WANTING TO DO BYOB AT THE 510-HOUSTON LOCATION- City council needs to do some more research and also needing to get with the lawyer to create a ordinance & a permit for the BYOB. **Tabled**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:45-7:00pm Sarah Riley resigned from her city council member position, due to now living out of the city limits. And swore Ginger Clayton to fill her city council position. All voted in favor.

MAYOR'S UPDATE: Suggested we run an ad in the newspaper to hire a part-time helper for Alice. Still waiting on a response from the lawyer on the property behind us. He has a pre-construction meeting Wednesday with the engineer, contractor, water & sewer workers & GrantWorks for the grant we've received to rebuild some on these sewer lines.

ADJORNMENT: 7:10pm Chad Owen made the motion, and Josh Duffield seconded it.

Dickie Baynes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary