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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, February 26, 2024 7:00 PM – City Hall**

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT except John Salter
VISITORS: Per list

Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. No public comments.
2. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.
3. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to accept the memo regarding the new water transportation rate from the City of Lubbock, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion for Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra to see what road repairs are needed and have City Attorney Garrett Ferguson send a letter to H&B Paving regarding the road repairs needed, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.
5. Council Member Kurt Bennett made a motion to approve the estimate from M2J Services for AC unit repairs, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.
6. Council Member Derick Miller made a motion to approve and post the City Limits and Zoning Maps to the website, seconded by Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.
7. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to increase the Return Check fee to \$40, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.
8. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to postpone the Utilities Delinquency fees for discussion with City Attorney Garrett Ferguson, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.
9. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to not change the Ordinance regarding the Animal Control Ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.

10. Council Member Derick Miller made a motion to repeal and replace Ordinance No 220 in its entirety regulating fireworks and striking sparklers, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
11. Motion was made by Council Member Kurt Bennett to accept the TML Annual Audit, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
12. Council Member Derick Miller made a motion approving the Certificate of Unopposed Candidates for the May 4th, 2024, General Election, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.
13. Council Member Derick Miller made a motion approving the Order of Cancellation for the May 4th, 2024, General Election, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.
14. Jacob Blanco gave the Emergency Management report. He is working on the basic plan and looking at a EOC (Emergency Operations Center) site. He is also working on grants for supplies and will have state issued IDs coming.
15. Jacob Blanco gave the Economic Development Board report. He introduced Jimmie Cornett and asked the council to appoint Jimmie to their vacant position. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion appointing Jimmie Cornett to fill the vacancy for the Economic Development Board, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0. They are moving forward with a park on their land and working on a grant for lighting and workout equipment with hopes of having the park complete by June or July.
16. Chief Paul Winn gave the Fire Department report. They had 15 calls in January, and he reminded everyone it is wildfire season. He also thanked City Secretary Brittney Moore for assistance with insurance on their new F350 and Chief Landon Stephenson for bringing calm to the chaos when working a wreck with them recently.
17. City Secretary report was given by Brittney Moore. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman shared concern with areas of expenses that should be slowed down including police repairs and supplies, fuel expense, office supplies, and pickup expenses. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
18. Chief Landon Stephenson was not present for the police department report.
19. Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra gave the Water/Sewer department report. He is working with City Engineer Perry Evans on the water conservation plan and the wastewater permit. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to accept the bid for \$3172.96 from Western Industrial for irrigation pipe needed for the sewer plant, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.
20. Council entered executive session per Gov Code: 551.074 Personnel matters (A) deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, public works, police, utility/billing, and city secretary at 8:05pm.
21. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.074 at 8:48pm with a motion made by Council Member Derick Miller to purchase a portable meter for \$6,000 with a calibration kit, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn,

motion carried 4-0. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to change the travel procedures 8.03 and add a new item 17.04 regarding per diem, the tax exempt form, meals provided by conferences, cost estimate and conference information in advance for approval, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 4-0.

22. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.

_____, Brittney Moore, City Secretary