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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS  
Monday, May 20, 2024 7:00 PM – City Hall**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT** except Kurt Bennett  
**VISITORS:** Per list

Mayor John Salter called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to accept the Resolution Declaring Duly Elected, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
2. City Secretary Brittney Moore swore in Mayor John Salter and Council Member Place 2 Lisa Welborn.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to appoint Derick Miller as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
4. Karissa Garza shared her concern of prairie dogs on the east side of the interstate.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Derick Miller to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
6. Quentin Hight with Appaloosa Development proposed use of city water for the Lost Lagoon RV Resort. Mayor John Salter explained variances and a development agreement will be needed. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to allow city water usage for the Lost Lagoon RV Resort's 258 pad sites, restrooms, main office, restaurant, and snack bar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.
7. Jacob Blanco presented the Emergency Management Coordinator report. He met with Everbridge to discuss broadcast for emergencies and will have a request for the upcoming budget.
8. Jacob Blanco presented the Economic Development report. They are moving forward with requesting to rezone their land and City Attorney Garrett Ferguson will look at zoning requirements. They are also looking at grants for exercise equipment. Their next meeting is scheduled for 6pm on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the fire station.
9. Jacob Blanco presented the Fire Department/EMS report. They had three structure fires this month.

10. City Secretary report was presented by City Secretary Brittney Moore. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to pay the bills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.
11. Chief Landon Stephenson did not have a monthly police department report but offered to email the April calls for service to the council. He introduced Cindy Tapia with Abernathy Code Enforcement and Animal Control to discuss the processes they follow.
12. Water/Wastewater report was presented by Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra. He submitted a priority list and informed the council there were not any hydro-vacs available to rent. Council Member Gina Stockman made a motion to purchase the hydro-vac, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn approving Oscar Martinez's Texas Water Utilities Association (TWUA) conference in Corpus Christi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.
13. Council entered executive session per Gov Code: (1) 551.074 Personnel matters (A) deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, public works, police chief, city secretary, and utility/billing (2) 551.071 Consultation with attorney (B) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas (i.e., the ethical rules governing lawyers) clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act. This exception covers a broad range of legal matters, including contracts, and is not limited to pending or anticipated litigation at 7:44pm.
14. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.074 and 551.071 at 7:58pm with a motion made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to schedule work sessions for 6pm on June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0.
15. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to adjourn at 8:55pm, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.

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