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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, September 25, 2023 7:00 PM – City Hall**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT
VISITORS: Per list**

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

1. No public comments.
2. Council entered a public hearing at 7:01pm to receive comments regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was opened.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to ratify the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget that will raise more property tax revenue than was generated in the previous year, seconded by Council Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.
5. A record vote was taken on adopting the tax rate/levy for the Tax Year 2023 at \$.602824 per \$100.00 of taxable value with the following City Council Members voting in the following manner:
 - Mayor John Salter – Aye
 - Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman – Aye
 - Council Member Derick Miller - Aye
 - Council Member Lisa Welborn – Aye
 - Council Member Kurt Bennett – Aye
6. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman to accept the Pena Development Tracts 1 and 2 Final Plat Review subject to the zoning map amendment, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
7. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to accept Bucky Broadus' resignation from Place 4, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to approve the SAFEbuilt Client Project Approval Form for New Elementary/Middle School, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.

10. Council Member Kurt Bennett made a motion to approve the quote from NDISD HVAC trade class contingent upon a minimum 1 year warranty, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
11. Jacob Blanco presented the Emergency Management Coordinator report via Zoom. He will be meeting with Paige this month to work on the plan and submit it to the state.
12. Jacob Blanco presented the Economic Development Board report via Zoom. They did not meet last month due to sickness. They are doing finishing touches on the marquee and are 3-4 weeks from having it up.
13. Chief Paul Winn presented the Fire Department/EMS report. He discussed moving New Deal Day to spring. All fire hydrants have been painted and there are still a few with issues including one on the south end of Quinlan that is fenced in. He will email an electronic copy of the hydrant list provided. They have their gun raffle and school field trip coming up. He also approved VFIS and TML for renewals.
14. City Secretary report was given by Brittney Moore. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.
15. Police Department report was given by Chief Landon Stephenson. He attended a wide-area search training. He discussed the school zone lights timing and Mayor John Salter said he will speak with the school superintendent Mr. Reed. Chief Stephenson submitted daily logs requested from the council.
16. Water/Wastewater report was given by Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra. He informed the council the service truck was in the shop with transmission problems. He also submitted the CCR report with Brittney's help. Joe also informed the council that the City of Lubbock is requesting access to monitor and control our water tank and valve. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to approve the quote from Deerwood Construction for a fire hydrant and valve installation, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman asked Joe to prepare a document or on call list. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman to accept the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Abernathy, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0. Mayor John Salter asked city engineer Perry Evans to prepare a proposal for expanding and upgrading the sewer system.
17. Council entered executive session per Gov Code 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 7:54pm.
18. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.071 at 8:12pm with no action.

19. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.

_____, Brittney Moore, City Secretary