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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, September 26, 2022—7:00 PM – City Hall**

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

VISITORS: per list

Mayor Pro Tem John Salter called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

1. Public comments: No comments
2. Council entered a public hearing at 7:31pm to receive comments regarding the proposed 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was opened.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget, second by Council Member John Salter, motion carried 5-0.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn made a motion to ratify the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget that will raise more property tax revenue than was generated in the previous year, second by Council Member Alex Saenz, motion carried 5-0.
5. A record vote was taken on adopting the tax rate/levy for the Tax Year 2021 at \$.708430 per \$100.00 of taxable value with the following City Council Members voting in the following manner:
 - Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn – Aye
 - Council Member Jenny Sosa – Aye
 - Council Member Alex Saenz – Aye
 - Council Member Bucky Broadus – Aye
 - Council Member John Salter – Aye
6. Jerry Carvajal with GrantWorks gave a presentation of Section 3 reporting requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG Contract Number 7218331). Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn made a motion to approve the form, second by Council Member John Salter, motion carried 5-0.
7. Scott Hay with eHT requested an amendment in the Engineering Contract with a \$30,000 increase. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn made a motion to postpone, second by Council Member John Salter, motion carried 5-0.

8. Fermin Ramirez with ATLAS firm presented the FY20 Financial Audit and stated 2020 was a good year. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn to approve the audit, second by Council Member Alex Saenz, motion carried 5-0.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Council Member John Salter, motion carried 5-0.
10. The council discussed an email update from Perry Evans on well #9.
11. Motion was made by Council Member John Salter to keep the utility disconnect time as is, second by Council Member Bucky Broadus, motion carried 5-0.
12. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn made a motion to set the payroll check time to 4pm on payday, second by Council Member John Salter, motion carried 5-0.
13. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn for holiday closures on December 23rd-24th, December 31st, and January 3rd, second by Council Member Bucky Broadus, motion carried 5-0.
14. Council Member John Salter made a motion to approve Ordinance Amendment #69G changing the months for the commercial customers average sewer usage, second by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
15. Chief Hobson gave an update on ordinance violations. He has mailed letters for weeds and will send a letter to Ft. Worth for the railroad and contact the railroad police on weeds.
16. Council Member John Salter approved City Secretary Brittney Moore to continue administering the CLFRF grant and for Caleb to use the funds for repairs and improvements at the booster pumps, lift station, and well #7, second by Council Member Bucky Broadus, motion carried 5-0.
17. Jacob Blanco recapped the Economic Development Board meeting. They are trying to find someone out of town to maintain the commercial lot. Their next meeting will be October 12th at 7pm.
18. Chief Randy Teeter gave the Fire Department report. They are receiving funds from the Texas Forest Service, the county, and COVID funds for new turnout gear and masks. The walk/run went smooth and had a great turnout. The gun raffle will be October 23rd at 7pm.
19. The finance recap and city secretary report were given by City Secretary Brittney Moore. Council Member John Salter made a motion to pay the bills, second by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
20. Police Chief Hobson gave the police report.
21. Public Works Superintendent Caleb Darling gave the water/sewer department report. Gary Averett is working on the booster pump. He is taking his wastewater test on October 7th. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn asked Caleb where he was on working with Mike Lowe on reports. Caleb also stated he is focusing on stakes for the upcoming winter.
22. Council entered executive session per (1) 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 and (2) 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 superintendent, police chief, and city secretary at 10:26pm.

23. Council returned to open session per Gov Code 551.071 and 551.074 at 12:20am with Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn making a motion to issue Shawn Fuller a citation, second by Council Member Alex Saenz, motion carried 5-0. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn to re-open agenda item #20 to further discuss the police report regarding dogs, second by Council Member Alex Saenz, motion carried 5-0. Council Member John Salter made a motion for Chief Hobson to check on a chemical purchase and purchase a larger cage, second by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
24. Motion was made by Council Member John Salter to adjourn, second by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.

_____, Brittney Moore, City Secretary