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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, July 31, 2023 7:00 PM – City Hall**

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT except Bucky Broadus
VISITORS: Per list

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

1. No public comments.
2. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to appoint Kurt Bennett for the Place 5 vacancy, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 4-0. City Secretary Brittney Moore swore in Kurt Bennett to City Council Place 5.
3. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
4. Council Member Derick Miller made a motion to approve the Noise Ordinance and purchase a sound level meter, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
5. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to accept the New Deal ISD Elementary Water Sewer Plan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
6. City Attorney Garrett Ferguson gave an update on street repairs and warranty. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman asked that he email for documentation regarding the 2 year warranty work.
7. The council discussed New Deal Day liabilities and vendor fees. It is currently scheduled for October 28th. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to waive vendor permit fees for the 2023 New Deal Day, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.
8. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to pay the pre-development Invoice #24 and if that area is developed the developer will be responsible for the professional fee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
9. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman to get a bid on the cost of leveling the step at city hall with current ADA standards, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.

10. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion scheduling the budget workshop meetings for August 21st and August 22nd at 6pm, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.
11. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman to offer a monthly health insurance stipend of \$600 for city employees with annual proof of insurance, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.
12. No one was present for the Emergency Management Coordinator report.
13. Avnik Singh presented the Economic Development report. He discussed concern of the permit amount for food trucks. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to change the food permits to \$20 for one day and \$100 for six months, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.
14. Chief Paul Winn presented the Fire Department/EMS report. The first responder walk/run is scheduled for September 2nd.
15. City Secretary report was given by Brittney Moore. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
16. Police Department report was given by Chief Landon Stephenson. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman donated a desk to the police department. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to approve Chief Stephenson's pay increase from \$42,000 to \$45,000 with his certification and retro pay from May 25th, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
17. Water/Wastewater report was given by Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra. He updated the council regarding well #7. The sample was successful and is good to go online. Mayor John Salter informed the council that he will be meeting with the City of Lubbock on August 10th to discuss wastewater options. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to approve the Spot On inspection quote of \$1,426.50, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.
18. 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, police chief and public works (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 8:45pm.
19. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.074 and 551.071 at 9:19pm with no action.
20. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adjourn at 9:20pm, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.

, Brittney Moore, City Secretary