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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS  
Monday, January 23, 2023 7:00 PM – City Hall**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**VISITORS: Per list**

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

1. No public comments
2. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to approve the minutes, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.
3. Mayor Pro Tem John Salter informed the council he had been contacted to see if there could be any compromise with the IM Land development regarding engineering for drainage and road concerns. City Engineer Perry Evans summarized the Pre-Development meeting for the council. He and City Attorney Garrett Ferguson explained city ordinances are in place for a reason and variances are not allowed based on expense. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to hold the new development to current city ordinances, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
4. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to postpone the annual TML audit, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
5. Council Member Gina Stockman made a motion to draft a new ordinance to raise the peddlers permit fee to \$100, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
6. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to purchase the new water meter software and reader from Core & Main, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
7. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to purchase 18 new chairs for the council chambers, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
8. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to do nothing regarding the Administrative Warning from the Texas Department of Agriculture because the city is in compliance, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.

9. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to pass Resolution No. 304I regarding the Public Funds Investment Act, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
10. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to pass a resolution designating the Idalou Beacon as the official newspaper for the City of New Deal for 2023, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
11. Council Member Gina Stockman made a motion designating the 2023 paid holidays, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
12. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn calling the General Election for May 6, 2023, second by Council Member Bucky Broadus, motion carried 4-0.
13. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn calling the Special Election for May 6, 2023, second by Council Member Bucky Broadus, motion carried 4-0.
14. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to pass a resolution calling the City General Election to be held jointly with all the cities/schools inside Lubbock County who may need a May 6<sup>th</sup> election, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
15. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to approve the joint elections contract, second by Council Member Bucky Broadus, motion carried 4-0.
16. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adopt the new election equipment, second by Council Member Bucky Broadus, motion carried 4-0.
17. Nancy Obenhaus gave the Economic Development Board report. She presented the council with a Memorandum regarding Road Ranger's Safety Inspection. The Economic Development Board voted to give Road Ranger \$55,000 to assist with the cost of the project with approval from the city council. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion approving the request, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
18. Chief Paul Winn gave the Fire Department report. They are waiting for good weather to service the hydrants. They had 189 calls last year and are banquet planning for March.
19. City Secretary report was given by Brittney Moore. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to pay the bills, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
20. Police Department report was given by Chief Landon Stephenson. He is waiting on the vehicle to be serviced and getting access to the computer. He is also working on organizing the evidence room to separate city property.
21. Water/Wastewater report – Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra was not present for the report. Mayor Pro Tem John Salter expressed his appreciation of Joe and Council Member Bucky Broadus offered to help Joe when needed after hours.
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, police at 8:24pm.

23. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.074 and 551.071 at 9:26pm with a motion made by Council Member Lisa Welborn approving a new computer, updated software, and uniforms for Chief Stephenson but postponing weapons until the next meeting, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0. Council Member Bucky Broadus made a motion to work on putting the white Tahoe, old police car, and unneeded public works supplies up for auction, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
24. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adjourn, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.

\_\_\_\_\_, Brittney Moore, City Secretary