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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS  
Monday, July 27, 2020—7:30 PM – Fire Station**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**, except Bucky Broadus  
**VISITORS:** per list

Mayor Regina Hobson called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

1. Public comments: None
2. Council Member Gina Stockman made a motion to approve minutes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
3. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco to schedule the budget workshops for 7:30pm on August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
4. City attorney, Donna Clarke, discussed Municipal Judge options with the city council regarding Judge Jan Blacklock Matthews. Donna will discuss fees with Judge Matthews and look over the ordinance for any needed changes.
5. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to accept the Quadient lease agreement, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
6. Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance Inc. presented on different types of debt and payback methods regarding water and road improvements. He suggested to begin with an engineer to help determine the rates. The city council discussed options and finances. They reviewed a bid from Texas Asphalt and will discuss further at the next council meeting.
7. 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, water/sewer superintendent. (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. (3) 551.072 Deliberation regarding real property at 8:15pm.

8. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.074, 551.071 and 551.072 to act on items listed in agenda item #7 (1,2 and 3) at 9:48pm. Council Member Gina Stockman made a motion to compensate Chief Hobson \$3500 for additional duties within the water/sewer department from 5/15/2020 – 7/15/2020, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
9. City attorney Donna Clarke informed everyone the process needed for variances and going through public hearings.
10. City council discussed setbacks, finances, and engineering regarding improvements with water and sewer capacity for the Martin Development Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to table, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to table the Services Agreement, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
12. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to table the standpipe location and electrical service application, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
13. Council Member Scott Miller made a motion to use OJD Engineering, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
14. Council Member Scott Miller made a motion to give Donna and her firm permission to answer the Oncor petition if the Miller's also sign the document, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
15. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to table the city inspector/code enforcement, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
16. Jacob Blanco gave updates from the New Deal Economic Development Board. On behalf of Economic Development, Jacob formally requested 2 loads of crushed asphalt, a 2" water tap and meter, and 8" sewer tap for a total amount of \$7,000 for Kerry Miller. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to approve the request, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0 with Council Member Scott Miller abstaining. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco to appoint Chief Randy Teeter to the New Deal Economic Development Board, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco publicly thanked the board for bringing food trucks to New Deal. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
17. Randy Teeter gave updates from the New Deal Fire Department/EMS including information on pursuing VFIS for insurance. They will be holding a bible study on Tuesday night at 7:00 that is open to the public. Mayor Regina Hobson thanked Chief Teeter for letting the city use the fire station for the meeting.
18. The finance recap and city secretary report were given by City Secretary Brittney Moore. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to pay the

bills and reconsider applying for CARES funding, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.

19. Police Chief Hobson gave the police report.
20. Police Chief Hobson updated the council on the water department and informed them that two new meters were installed with assistance from Oscar Martinez from Abernathy.
21. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco to adjourn, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.

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