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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, APRIL 22, 2019 7:30 PM – City Hall

Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments concerning matters not on the agenda – No public comment.
5. Motion was made by Lisa Welborn to approve the minutes from previous meeting, second by Council Member Marc Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
6. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to adopt the resolution to designate authorized signatures by title (Mayor or Mayor Pro tem) not by name for TxCDGBD Contract No. 7218331, second by Council Member Marc Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
7. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to approve resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights policies for TxCDBG Contract No. 7218331, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.
8. Motion was made by Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter to proclaim May as Fair Housing Month, second by Council Member Marc Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
9. City Engineer Fred Curnett shared pictures of lift station at 1105 S. Auburn and explained functioning of the station and what repairs are needed. Fred sent L. Howard a request for price to replace the 4 stainless steel rails.

The other pump needs to be pulled to see why it's overheating. Fred is getting a price on what it will take to fix and will share with council.

10. City Engineer Fred Curnett shared pictures of sink hole at station 4 which only took digging out because of water in the area.

Sink hole on Monroe needs more extensive repair and the problem occurred because at one time, a long time ago, there was service in the area and by the dump truck driving over the area, the dirt has been compacted and caused the sink hole. The old sewer line was capped and all was cleared with TxDOT.

Fred advised Robert that the sewer line needs to be flushed out and explained how it needed to be done.

11. Council Member Gina Stockman requested clarification from City Attorney Donna Clarke on how to handle Open Meetings Act when attending particular school board meetings, and sports and community events when several council members are present. Donna advised that it would be a quorum if 3 council members are involved at any time. At entertainment events, don't talk about city business and you will be fine. At school board meetings, to be safe, post that there may be a quorum. Be care of what you talk about; two can talk but three cannot. It should be posted at citywide cleanup day because several will be present. Notices of quorums should be posted on the website also.
12. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to change the May council meeting date of May 27 to May 20 due to Memorial Day, second by Marc Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
13. Mayor Pro Tem Gayla Teeter advised that City Seal will not be stretched as printed for council meeting. Motion made by City Council Marc Blanco to approve City Seal, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
14. City Attorney Donna Clarke advised what new items was on the agenda for the Essential Municipal Law Seminar and encouraged attendance. There will be one-half day for zoning and advised that city's zoning for manufacturing homes may be out of date and that she had talked to Sharon about it. Michael asked if this seminar would be beneficial to him and Donna responded yes especially regarding open records for police reports and as ordinance code officer. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter advised for everyone to let Sharon know if you want to attend.
15. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter explained the letter of authorization concerning mosquito aerial spraying. Getting several cities to agree to participate; cities buy chemical which are kept in Plainview; cost is .90 per acre and will spray at night at 300 feet. Chemicals are safe for animals and humans. Michael stated that he wasn't aware this was on the agenda and advised that the school has a mosquito sprayer and a licensed guy who is going to be spraying the school grounds and suggested that this be tabled until he can find out if the city and school can work together on this. The letter of authorization is an inter-local agreement so there is no time frame. Michael will go tomorrow and talk to the school. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to table the acting on the letter of authorization concerning mosquito aerial spraying, second by Marc Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
16. Donna Clarke addressed changes to police chief job description. She will give Sharon copy of changes. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter presented additions to police chief job description and will give Sharon copy of changes. Randy Teeter advised that all city staff should attend NIMS training. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to table job descriptions on Police Chief, Emergency Management, City Secretary, Utility Billing/Court Clerk, and Water/Wastewater Superintendent to allow time to check on changes from previous descriptions, second by Marc Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
17. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter reported old website is down. When searched on google, old one comes up and redirects to new one. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter will contact Jacob. Jacob will be adding photos to the new one. Michael suggested having generic emails for Mayor, City Secretary, Water and for Police. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter will check with Jacob and Sharon regarding setting up emails.

Council Member Marc Blanco left meeting at 8:23 p.m.

18. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter explained that the accounting system wasn't capturing all deposits at the time the council meetings were being held but this can be corrected by printing the previous month and the current month for the council packets. Council Member Gina Stockman advised that getting both reports will work.
19. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter stated that most complaints City Secretary Sharon Trumble was receiving were about pot holes. Gina advised that Moses stated that New Deal was next in line and would probably start week after next. He already has the material ordered.

Mayor Pro Tem Gayla Teeter gave the finance recap with overall balance of 550,127.52 in revenue, \$456,229.59 in expenses, with a balance of \$93,897.93. Council Member Gina Stockman stated that the problem lies in water and sewer. Questions asked concerning credit card bills for Sharon Trumble and Robert Thomas. Motion made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to pay the bills, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 3-0.

21. Mayor Pro Tem Gayla Teeter advised that TX Economic Development Board okayed all the Historical Dedication requests that are being made as long as the promotion was also outside the city. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to use Economic Board funds to pay Regina Hobson with Hobson Sweet Treats a deposit of \$230.00 for cake and cupcakes at the Historical Dedication/New Deal Day June 1, 2019.
22. Andrea advised that the purchase of flag poles included shipping. Will have 3 flags with lighting (Texas, USA, and City). Michael explained arrangement. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to use Economic Board funds for payment for flag poles up to \$2,500.00, second by Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter, motion carried 3-0.
23. Motion made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to use Economic Board funds for t-shirts for Historical Dedication/New Deal Day with funds received going back into the New Deal Economic account, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 3-0.
24. Mayor Pro Tem Gayla Teeter advised that water bill addresses could not be used for mail out of post cards due to confidentiality. Post cards can be mailed out under a generic address. Funds for postage is allowed. Council Member Gina Stockman asked how the event was going to be advertised. Andrea advised through the media, newspaper, New Deal Communicator, website, AJ, Trends & Friends and it is already out on Facebook. Motion made by Council Member Gayla Teeter to use Economic Develop Board funds to send out post cards for Historical Dedication/New Deal Day, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.
25. Motion made by Council Member Gina Stockman to purchase flags up to \$2500.00 with purchase of New Deal Economic Development funds, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.
26. Michael advised that he is still waiting on paperwork from TxDOT and is going to have to get with him and will get it lined out. Motion made by Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter to approve road closure for June 1 for Historical Dedication/New Deal Day, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.

20. New Deal Economic Development Board Report – Andrea advised email wasn't to remove member from board but wants directive. She attends the 3rd meeting and then doesn't know where we are at. Donna advised that it needs to be written it up from bylaws. Write a letter to her, see what response you get and she can be invited to this meeting as well. Donna referred her to bylaws. Donna advised she can't review letter; she represents the city. In bylaws, absent from meetings or failure to perform; how is council best served. Write to city council with reasoning for looking at any changes to the board. Andrea advised that they have substantial donations coming in. They are inviting vendors and not charging them this year.
27. Police Department Report – Michael still on light duty. Hopes to get released – still physical therapy. Watching school zones because having complaints. Has Emergency Management schools lined up. Now is hostage negotiated certified. Asked Janise if Sharon sets up dumpsters for cleanup day – response, yes she has always made the arrangements.
- Grant for car -- Wasn't given all information for grant process on vehicle. Was left hanging because wasn't told that he needed documentation with him when he presented. Out of 12 he was #11 on list. Not saying not going to get it; the State may come up with a little more later. The ones that were ½ city and ½ grant were approved quickly and he was asking full \$50,000 for vehicle. Getting any is unknown until the end of the year. Will have 140,000 – 150,000 miles by that time.
28. Water/Sewer Department Report – Robert gave vehicle and water report. Chlorine was a little high and Mike is checking it out.
- C. Upgrade handheld – Tabled.
- D. Quotes for new tractor – Tabled.
- E. Help – Robert said would be nice that he is struggling to keep hours down to 40. Michael can't help because he is on injured time. Carrying about 45 hours from last week. Council Member asked if help would be part-time and Robert said you tell me what you want. Stated that he had been going with Stanley every week. Council Member Gina Stockman asked if we needed to talk to Michael about mowing and shredding. Robert expressed concern about the calls he has to respond to. Problem with part-time is can't hire more than 4 months. Tabled
- Robert stated tractor is down to 3rd gear but can deal with it. Council Member Gina Stockman mentioned needing a fund to rotate dollars – 5 year/10year plan for grants to help out.
- Robert will try to get with Judge Menton for another load of material for another alley. Need to do another alley behind the church.
29. Motion was made by Gina Stockman to adjourn, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.