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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS  
Monday, October 22, 2018-- 7:00 PM – City Hall**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, except Mayor Peter Clausen  
VISITORS: per list**

Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter called the public hearing to order.

1. Public comment concerning matters not on the agenda – No public comments.
2. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to approve the minutes from previous meeting, second by Council Member Marcos Blanco, motion carried 5-0.
3. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to have Vasquez paving repair the pot holes under warranty and to hire someone else to fix the new pot holes, second by Council Member Marcos Blanco, motion carried 5-0.
4. Motion was made by Council Member Marcos Blanco to pass a resolution to adopt a Hazmat Mitigation Action Plan, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
5. Marcos Blanco gave the update on the city website due to Jacob Blanco unable to attend. Marcos said that the credit card had been denied and the old and new website was not linking together. City Secretary, Sharon Trumble said the credit card was charged and billed to the city in March.
6. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to pay the bills, second by Council Member Wade Smith, motion carried 5-0.
7. Andrea Griffin gave the update on New Deal Economic Development, informed the council their next meeting will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. Said they will do another event next year and will start later in the day. The board will talk to Tech Café and Jack & Jill Donuts about possible business.
8. Police Chief Michael Hobson gave the police department report. Stated he is working on city cleanup on houses. Handed out a copy of an email from Mayor Clausen to Chief Hobson and said he had talked to Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter about discussing this under his report item on the agenda. On Friday, he was contacted by Mr. Noland concerning a phone call from Mr. Noland about working security on city time. Chief Hobson contacted

Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter concerning the issue. Chief Hobson informed the council "Everything I do is off time working for the school and protecting the kids". Said the issue of having videos on his phone was not public knowledge. Mr. Jimmy Noland, school superintendent informed the council he asked Chief Hobson if he would put the app on his phone and lap top to monitor the camera system in the schools only if needed. Chief Hobson said this would be beneficial if an active shooter was in the building and that he doesn't sit around and watch videos. Chief Hobson also said he was called again by Mr. Noland and Mr. Noland went to see Ms. Cooper. At that point Mr. Noland wanted to make a formal complaint against the Mayor. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter said she also spoke to Mr. Noland and he wanted to make a formal complaint against the Mayor. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said Mayor Clausen spoke to her and she recommended that the city and school work be kept separate. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said Chief Hobson needs to put in his 40 hours a week for the city. Chief Hobson said he is available 24 hours a day to the sheriff office dispatch where all his calls go through because Janise and Sharon are not dispatchers. Chief Hobson said if he has an issue with me working moonlight hours, he should go to the school principal and not Mr. Noland. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said she felt that someone needs to monitor his work schedule. Chief Hobson said City Attorney Donna Clark called the office to speak to him about a citation. Janise left a note for him to call the city attorney and did not give out his cell number to the city attorney. Mr. Noland stated "You need to go up to the mayor to advise the mayor not to go to the school. The ladies at the school deserve better than that. Y'all don't want to help the school then so be it. We granted special parking spots for the police officer. I ask the city council to look at that. This is the first time I have been in a city council meeting in 25 years. The school has citizens." City Attorney, Donna Clarke said she was asked her opinion and she gave her opinion. Mr. Noland said he is "taking a county wide program on the 26<sup>th</sup> to help build bridges with the school. This city has one police officer and if I call Chief Hobson, he will come up here." Chief Hobson said in February he will have worked for the city 5 years. Every police officer has worked New Deal games to make sure no one gets hurt. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said working games is not an issue. Chief Hobson said while he was at the school Mayor Clausen's wife was working at the school in Ms. Cooper's office. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said she did not have any of the details. If the chief is hired by the city you are a full-time police officer for the city and security for the school is after hours. Chief Hobson said he helps the elementary kids to help them be more comfortable with law enforcement. This email hit me hard, scheduling and job duties are already in the manual for the police department. Chief Hobson said he felt this was a threat to him and a direct hit on him. Council Member, Gina Stockman said this should have gone to the entire city council and this is embarrassing. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said this was not on the agenda and did not know the council was

going to be discussing it tonight. Robert Thomas, water/wastewater department employee asked who he works for the city council? Council Member, Marcos Blanco stated, "Mr. Noland this is embarrassing, and this pisses me off". Council Member, Marcos Blanco asked the city attorney what is the procedure? Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter said she did not want the mayor over stepping his authority. City Attorney, Donna Clarke advised the council this was not on the agenda and was a personnel matter not a report as listed on the agenda. She also informed the council her phone is always open to city council members if you have a question. Generally, the city has their own police officer and the school has their own security. Chief Hobson said he works 24 hours a day 7 days a week and he doesn't turn in time sheets. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said you do take a vacation and get sick leave, there just needs to be some accountability. Chief Hobson said the report he gives shows what he has done and the days he works. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said her recommendation was to update job descriptions and do a two-week schedule at the end of each working week since everyone else turns in a time sheet on pay periods. Mayor Pro tem Gayla said job descriptions should be worked on by the council. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said she has never worked anywhere she did not turn in a time sheet. Randy Teeter asked why is this an issue suddenly? Robert Thomas said you never know what is going to happen. Chief Hobson said a day off where he has a schedule never works, things change all the time. Council Member Gina Stockman said that Chief Hobson and Robert need to not work overtime and use flex time. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter requested discuss of scheduling be on the next agenda. Randy Teeter said he doesn't want to know when Chief Hobson is working. Chief Hobson said he would never do anything unethical in jeopardizing his job. City Attorney, Donna Clarke said she could not give recommendations to Chief Hobson that she works for the city. City Attorney, Donna Clarke reminded Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter that they were discussing items not on the agenda. Council Member Lisa Welborn requested this be placed on the next agenda and to have Janise come in. Mayor Pro tem Gayla Teeter asked Sharon to relay to Janise to give out Michael's phone number to the city attorney.

9. Robert Thomas gave the water/wastewater report to the council. Stated the water loss on the report shows 0. Informed the council that on Saturday the sewer tank had caved in and all was under water and he had contacted the electrician. Robert also told the council the city tractor and backhoe are not going to make it much longer. The JD Tractor has no power and leaks. The wells and sewer pond must be mowed. He priced one used tractor at \$21,000.00 which has enough power to do what the city needs. Said we need to replace the tractor first and the backhoe later. Robert asked the council about getting shirts with his name on them. Council agreed to Robert getting shirts with his name and city name on them.
10. Motion was made by Council Member Wade Smith to adjourn, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.

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