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

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**VISITORS: per list**

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

1. No public comments.
2. Council entered a public hearing at 7:02pm to receive comments regarding a zoning map amendment. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was opened.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman accepted the zoning map amendment for 17.559 acres from C-1 (Local Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District generally located at 103 East Hardin, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
4. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
5. Council discussed possible options for a youth sports complex. No action was taken.
6. Motion was made by Council Member Derick Miller to approve the Approach Environmental invoice regarding the groundwater technical report, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to question the discrepancy on the Approach Environmental invoice regarding the Pena plat review and approve up to 15.5 hours, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman to set the December council meeting for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
9. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to set the Christmas lighting contest for December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
10. Jacob Blanco gave the Emergency Management report. He is working with a state representative on the annual basic plan.

11. Jacob Blanco gave the Economic Development Board report. The marquee pole was installed today, and the sign will go up tomorrow. They have plans to have the temporary park up by spring.
12. Paul Winn gave the Fire Department report. He thanked the community for the support in their raffle. They will be hosting a community trick or treat next week. He informed the council that their electric meter was tampered with and requested payment for the hydrants they serviced.
13. The finance recap and city secretary report were given by City Secretary Brittney Moore. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to pay the bills, second by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0. Mayor John Salter informed the council that the school will not be able to install the HVAC system at city hall due to insurance.
14. Police Chief Landon Stephenson gave the police report. The council discussed the report and daily log sheets with him. He informed the council that the Sheriff's Office responded to a dog situation, and he will be attending a basic criminal investigator class.
15. Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra gave the water/sewer department report. He informed the council that having Oscar has helped a lot. They pulled the #3 lift station pump and are working with Spot On for warranty work. They are also working on repairing fire hydrants. They started running the wells to fill the water tank and they are under performing. Joe is getting quotes for camera scoping on the wells and the wastewater flow meter is out. He has also been speaking with the county commissioner regarding caliche on County Road 2700.
16. 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 at 7:57pm.
17. Council returned to open session per Gov Code 551.071 at 8:21pm with Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman making a motion to set the on call pay to \$20 per day for waiting to be engaged and hours worked over 40 per week will be time and a half compensatory time, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
18. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.

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