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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, February 24, 2020 7:30 PM – City Hall**

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

Mayor Gayla Teeter called the meeting to order.

1. Public comment concerning matters not on the agenda, no public comments.
2. Motion was made by Mayor Pro tem Marcos Blanco to approve the minutes, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
3. Clyde Jenkins and Vivian Klecker from USDA spoke to the council concerning possible financing options for road repairs. Discussed new streets and drainage with 40 year loan including a maintenance plan with General Obligation Bonds that would be tax supported. Current interest rates are low right now. Estimated pay out would be \$100,200.00 a year for 40 years on a \$2,411,432.00 Bond. An environmental report would need to be completed on drainage that could be rolled into the bond. The city may be eligible for some green funds on drainage. The city would not need to hire a financial advisor but would need a bond attorney. Council Member Gina Stockman stated the city looked at this a couple of years ago and could not afford to redo all the roads right now. The project would need to be redesigned and look at other options for repairs until more funds are available in the city.
4. Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance spoke concerning possible options for road repairs. First option would be General Obligation Bonds that require a bond election. Second option would be Certificate of Obligation which is tied to taxes and utility bills for repayment. This falls outside of the roll back tax rate. This does have a 5% petition rule. Third option would be tax notes. This requires Ordinance authorization and only a 7 year pay out and can be tied to tax levy with no election process.
5. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to accept the Certificate of Unopposed Candidates for the General and Special Election for May 2, 2020, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
6. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to pass a Resolution cancelling the City General and Special Election for May 2, 2020, second by Mayor Pro tem Marcos Blanco, motion passed 4-0.

7. City Secretary, Sharon Trumble gave an update from Perry Evans, City Engineer that the standpipe location is still undetermined. Also, gave the finance recap with overall revenue balance of \$318,575.37, overall expenditures \$343,432.39 and overall balance -\$24,857.02. Questions asked on bills. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to pay the bills, second by Council Member Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
8. Police Department - report given by Chief Michael Hobson. Chief Hobson informed the council that Ford is not able to keep up with production on the new police vehicle and he is not sure when he will get the new Ford police vehicle. He got an estimate on a new Tahoe for council. Council advised to wait and see how long it will take to get the Ford and let the finance company know what is going on.
9. Water/wastewater –Matthew Long gave council the water/wastewater reports.
10. Council entered into executive session Per Gov. Code 551.074 Personnel matters (A) deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, city secretary office at 8:50 pm.
11. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.074 as listed in item #10 at 9:05 pm.
12. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to set hours for Brittany Moore from 8:00 to 4:30 with a 30-minute lunch and allow flexibility with her hours, second by Mayor Pro tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
13. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adjourn, second by Mayor Pro tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.

_____, Sharon Trumble, City Secretary