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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, December 18, 2023 —6:00 PM – City Hall

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

VISITORS: per list

Mayor John Salter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1. No public comments.
2. City Secretary Brittney Moore presented the awards for the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest with 1st Place to 509 S. Monroe, 2nd Place to 1418 S. Aspen, 3rd Place to 210 S. Monroe, and Honorable Mention to 202 W. Justin. She also publicly thanked the sponsors: Xcel Energy, Approach Environmental, Riek and Nancy Obenhaus, and Bobby and Gina Stockman.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
4. Motion was made by Council Member Derick Miller approving the Interlocal Agreement for Police Protection and Detention Services by and between the City of New Deal, Lubbock County, and the New Deal Independent School District, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, motion carried 5-0.
5. City Engineer Perry Evans presented the Wastewater Treatment Expansion Preliminary Review and Costs from Approach Environmental. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to postpone, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
6. City Engineer Perry Evans discussed the Water Conservation Plan Update from Approach Environmental. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to approve the preparation, seconded by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 5-0.
7. City Secretary Brittney Moore informed the council that the family assistance program sponsored by Xcel Energy was dispersed between three local families in need who were very appreciative of the assistance.
8. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman to approve holiday closures including the day after Christmas for 2023, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving

and the Friday following Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for 2024, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.

9. Emergency Management Coordinator Jacob Blanco gave his report. He is meeting with the state coordinator and working on the basic plan for the city. He also informed the council that state IDs will be coming in January for emergency situations.
10. Jacob Blanco gave the New Deal Economic Development Board report. They did not meet last month due to illness. They completed the sales tax, open meeting, and affordable housing training. A city park is the goal for the Economic Development land this year.
11. Chief Paul Winn gave the New Deal Fire Department/EMS report. They had 189 fire calls last year vs 152 this year. He discussed fire hydrants and the fireworks ordinance with the council. City Attorney Garrett Ferguson will send a proposal of a fireworks ordinance for review.
12. The finance recap and city secretary report were given by City Secretary Brittney Moore. After questions from Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman, Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
13. Chief Landon Stephenson gave the Police Department report. Wendy at dispatch will provide a report for the previous full month going forward. He is attending training and trying to contact the owners of abandoned dogs.
14. Public Works Superintendent Joe Ybarra was not present to give the Water/Sewer Department report, but it was provided in council packets which also included his certification for passing his wastewater exam.
15. Council entered 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, public works at 6:45pm.
16. Council returned to open session per Gov. Code 551.074 at 7:25pm with Council Member Lisa Welborn making a motion to terminate services with Russel Moses effective December 31, 2023, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Gina Stockman made a motion to request the spreadsheet discussed from Mike Lowe and have City Attorney Garrett Ferguson review his duties, seconded by Council Member Kurt Bennett, motion carried 5-0.
17. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Derick Miller, motion carried 5-0.

, Brittney Moore, City Secretary