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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS  
Monday, May 18, 2020—7:30 PM – City Hall**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**VISITORS: per list**

Mayor Gayla Teeter called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

1. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to approve the Resolution Declaring Duly Elected, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
2. Mayor Regina Hobson and Council Members Place 2 and 3 were sworn in.
3. Public comments: Marcos Blanco requested that the Fire Department and EMS be put back on the agenda monthly.
4. City Attorney Donna Clarke congratulated Mayor Hobson and informed everyone about the Texas Government Code regarding conflict of interest and nepotism. Donna stated that Mayor Regina Hobson will be prohibited from any deliberation and voting regarding to the police department. Council member Gina Stockman made a motion to accept, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
5. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to re-appoint Marcos Blanco as Mayor Pro Tem, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.
6. Appointing Council Place 4 was moved to executive session.
7. Council Member Lisa Welborn made a motion to approve minutes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
8. Austin and Ferrell Martin proposed annexation of 132 acres for residential development and 8 commercial tracts. They are trying to get Sonic and possibly a chicken restaurant. City Attorney Donna Clarke informed everyone the process could take several months. Each variance requested must be addressed separately at a future council meeting. In the meantime, they will start negotiation and plan steps to be taken. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to start the annexation process, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for further discussion with the City Attorney and Martins. The Council gave Donna Clarke permission to work with Austin Martin.

Austin Martin spoke to donating a designated area for the standpipe. The ordinance regarding curb and gutter was discussed. It was previously voted on by council to remove curb and gutter requirements from the ordinance; however, it was not changed. City Attorney Donna Clarke said it can be changed and it will be discussed further at a later meeting.

9. Police Chief Hobson asked that we have a survey done on our 20 acres North of the city landfill to prevent farmers from plowing on our land. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco made a motion to get the survey completed, second by Council Member Lisa, motion carried 4-0.
10. No action taken on annexing of land into city.
11. The city water consultant Michael Lowe informed Donna Clarke the Oncon easement area needs to be surveyed because it is close to two of our water wells. Oncon wants a response on their proposal within 2 weeks. Council approved City Attorney Donna Clarke to contact Gibson Survey after calling the city engineer Perry Evans. Council Member Gina Stockman made a motion to table the item until the next meeting, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
12. Council Member Scott Miller made a motion not to complete the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) application, second by Council Member Lisa Welborn, motion carried 4-0.
13. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to approve the Resolution authorizing new bank signatures, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
14. City Attorney Donna Clarke informed everyone she spoke with Vince Viaille to discuss the costs for street repairs and it would be approximately the same. Every \$1mil would be about \$45k including finance and bond attorney fees. If using general obligation bond, it would require a bond election in November and could add things like water tower, etc. A proposition is needed for each item. Certificate of obligation can lump fees together and there would not be an election unless 5% of the city qualified voters petition to have an election. If there is an election and an item fails it is not eligible for 3 years. Taxes will go up for either option. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to invite Vince Viaille back to the June meeting, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
15. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to follow the Governor's orders as our local disaster guidelines, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
16. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to send certified letters regarding payments on past due accounts, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0. Council Member Gina Stockman made a motion to re-open City Hall to the public effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
17. Police Chief Michael Hobson asked to discuss the Municipal Judge position in Executive Session. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa

Welborn to table, second by Council Member Gina Stockman, motion carried 4-0.

18. City Secretary, Brittney Moore gave the finance recap with overall revenue balance of \$558,571.74 overall expenditures of \$527,013.16 and overall balance of \$31,558.58. Motion was made by Council Member Gina Stockman to pay the bills, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.
19. Economic Development Board President Jacob Blanco informed council Andrea resigned from the board and they have two open vacancies to re-appoint. They will be meeting at 6:00pm on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Rent for a restaurant opening in the truck stop is \$2500 for the first 3 months. They have talked about purchasing the land near Dollar General to develop. No current plans for community day. They would like contact information for Mike Freyburger.
20. Defender Supply is starting production and we should have the police car June 27<sup>th</sup> with 5% down by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion was made to accept by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 4-0.
21. Police Chief Hobson gave the police report. He also stated the fuel pump is off and the tractor is being worked on.
22. There was discussion regarding hiring a possible part time position to assist with mowing and other needs for the city. A family member of a council member was suggested but others stated it would be a conflict of interest. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to table, second by Council Member Scott Miller, motion carried 3-1 with Marcos Blanco voting against.
23. Michael Lowe informed the council the New Deal wells are online.
24. Council entered executive session per Gov Code: (1) 551.076 deliberation regarding security devices. (2) 551.074 Personnel matters (A) deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public office or employee, water/sewer superintendent at 10:32pm.
25. Council returned to open session per Gov Code: (1)551.076 and (2) 551.074 at 11:52pm. Security devices were tabled and Bucky Broadus was re-appointed to Place 4.
26. Motion was made by Council Member Lisa Welborn to adjourn, second by Mayor Pro Tem Marcos Blanco, motion carried 4-0.

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