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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW DEAL, TEXAS
Monday, October 25, 2021—7:30 PM – Fire Station**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, except Bucky Broadus and Alex Saenz
VISITORS: per list**

Mayor Regina Hobson called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

1. Public comments: No comments
2. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Council Member John Salter, motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion was made by Council Member Jenny Sosa to purchase \$150 in candy for the Trunk or Treats and split it between the churches and fire department, second by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.
4. The council discussed the TCEQ Notice of Violation regarding the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report.
5. Chief Hobson gave the council an update on the dogs at-large. He borrowed a trap from Abernathy and is trying to trap at 705 S. Auburn. Hale Center came and tried to dart the dog but missed. Chief Hobson stated he would bring an ordinance amendment to the next council meeting regarding animals and feeding strays. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn to postpone to the next meeting, second by Council Member Jenny Sosa, motion carried 3-0.
6. Jacob Blanco gave an update for Economic Development Board. They were unable to meet recently due to no quorum. Next month Judge Menton, Jamie Looney, and Jacob Blanco will be up for re-election. He also asked City Secretary Brittney Moore to check on signature requirements for their bank account. They are waiting to re-schedule their next meeting.
7. Chief Randy Teeter gave the Fire Department report. He gave council a copy of the agreement between the city and fire department. He stated the fire department feels like they are picked on, they want to get along with the city and the city is responsible for the insurance and utilities. Council Member John Salter asked Chief Teeter about his concerns and explained the budget concern that was discussed and resolved at the budget workshop. Chief Teeter also asked that the Fire Department be involved with the fire flow when there is new commercial development.

8. The finance recap and city secretary report were given by City Secretary Brittney Moore. Council Member Jenny Sosa made a motion to pay the bills, second by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn, motion carried 3-0.
9. Police Chief Hobson gave the police report. He went to Oklahoma for a car part, so his mileage is higher. He discussed an arrest from his report and has emailed the judge for clarification on 2 weeds violations. Council Member Lisa Welborn asked for an update regarding the weeds with the railroad. Chief Hobson stated he has contacted them, and their tractor is down. He discussed with the fire department about possible mitigation burns and stated he delivered a citation to 802 S. Aspen.
10. Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn congratulated Caleb Darling on his wastewater certification. Public Works Superintendent Caleb Darling gave the water/sewer department report. He is working with Site Pro and L. Howard on their projects. Caleb stated he has had Mike Lowe and several companies come out to look at our booster pumps.
11. 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 and (2) Gov Code 551.074 Personnel matters (A) deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, police chief at 9:01pm.
12. Council returned to open session per Gov Code 551.071 and 551.074 at 9:09pm with Council Member John Salter making a motion to postpone until the next meeting, second by Council Member Jenny Sosa, motion carried 3-0.
13. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Welborn to adjourn, second by Council Member Jenny Sosa, motion carried 3-0.

_____, Brittney Moore, City Secretary