



MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
January 23, 2024

Council Approved on February 20, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**-Mayor Grisham called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. **ROLL CALL**-Members present for roll call were as follows: to wit: Mayor Grisham, Councilwoman Gonzales, Councilwoman Spears, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Klepac and Councilwoman Amick.
3. **INVOCATION**- Councilwoman Spears gave the invocation.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** *(Limited to Three minutes per person)*- Frank Haardt, Steve Mitchell and Mike Huddleston requested to speak on item B. Trent Thomas spoke regarding the annexation, his place borders it to the east, what is the city responsible for, what is the city going to get out of it and liable for? Lastly Mr. Thomas stated he just wanted to be heard. Karim Falsa also spoke regarding the annexation, it is unwise to do the annexation, center the growth around the town, not outside of town. He went on to say that the property for annexation is prime land, don't use it for housing, it would cause a lot of problems.
5. **Mayor Report**: Mayor Grisham stated we were elected for all of the citizens to do good for the city, thank you all for coming. Our town needs streets, workers and we need money, we are on the bottom of the tax pool. She also stated that she would love to see more citizens attend every meeting not just for one item.
6. **Public Works Report**: Public Works director Thompson stated they have been busy with water leaks, numerous citizens called with leaks, the city had 5 leaks all fixed but one. Tx Dot and Big Creek are going to be paving, they are supposed to pave part of Johnson St up to the school. Councilwoman Klepac asked if Thompson had a finalized date for Hwy 6, he stated this year sometime but he was told the same last year.
7. **Police Chief Report**: Chief Cotton went over stat sheet, they had a lot of things going on during the holidays, with only 3 officers they do the best they can.
8. **Emergency Management Report**: N/A.
9. **Parks Committee Report**: N/A
10. **DD Report**: Jerry Leonard spoke on behalf of DD, he briefed council on the DD upcoming events, attached to minutes.
11. **Chamber of Commerce**: N/A.
12. **Library Report**: N/A
13. **Municipal Court Report**: Council was given a handout from the Judge explaining the monies brought in by the court.
14. **City Secretaries' Report**: Secretary Harbour gave a reminder regarding election time, filing period is from January 17, 2024 to February 16, 2024. The places for election are Mayor, Council Place 1 and Council Place 2.
15. **City Administrator Report**: City Administrator Denman went over financials, he explained that the goal is 25%, the reason the police department is over in line item for overtime is because of all the extra hours the police department has put in. Councilwoman Gonzales asked about uniform supplies, Clerk Garza stated that was for the new officer's uniforms for the academy. Councilwoman Brown asked about Senior Citizens oven, A/C and heater, Denman confirmed it had been replaced. Councilwoman Klepac had a few questions regarding the financial. First, she asked about the donations for the animal shelter, Secretary Harbour stated its on line item 4211 and will show up on next months financials. Secondly, she asked about payroll was there 2 or 3 in the month of December. Secretary Harbour stated that there were 2 payrolls long with longevity. Thirdly, she asked about the parks electric cost, is it usually around \$700, Clerk Garza stated yes it stays around that doesn't fluctuate much.
16. **CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA**: *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*
 - Minutes: December 11, 2023 and December 21, 2023 - Councilwoman Gonzales made a motion to approve minutes with corrections. Councilwoman Spears seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.

17. **REGULAR AGENDA**: *(Discuss and consider the following items)*

- A. **Resolution #001-24, Approval of increased expenditures on downtown renovation project on N. Houston St and East Gonzales – Via Nick Kirk Engineer from Jacob Martin** - Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve Resolution #001-24. Councilwoman Gonzales seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.
- B. **Possible annexation of a portion of Highway 6 and Greg Hammit property (tabled from last meeting)** – Mr. Hammit stated this will be a 3-phase project over a 10–12-year time span, homes will be a minimum of 1400 sq ft up to 1800 sq ft homes at the cost of \$350,000. He doesn't have to go through the city to get this done, doesn't want a split vote or upset anyone but he would like to go through the city. This whole project is to help De Leon prosper. Councilwoman Gonzales asks would there be other builders besides you, Mr. Hammit said yes, it's not exclusive to just me. Toney Prather stated no one ever mentions what the city will get out of this, according to his figures the city will be paid back \$30,000 in taxes over a 4-year period, the city could get good money throughout the years. Councilwoman Spears stated she had spoken to the fire chief and there are some concerns of safety, according to the map there is only one way in and one way out, Mr. Hammit stated that would be a Tx Dot issue. Councilwoman Brown mentioned the residents who work in Stephenville will still spend their money there, she didn't see any advantage. Steve Mitchell spoke next, he stated money will come in but what about the houses already for sale that are in town and available, what about the wildlife, flooding issues, and the road conditions. Frank Haardt asked what City regulations on types of homes will there be? Will the other contractors have to follow same rules? Mr. Denman stated the City would have to create an ordinance for those regulations. Mayor Grisham then suggest we table the item to compile more info. Councilwoman Amick made a motion to table the annexation. Councilwoman Brown seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.
- C. **Resolution #002-24, Bullet Resistance Shield Grant** – Councilwoman Amick made a motion to approve Resolution #002-24. Councilwoman Gonzales seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.
- D. **Resolution #003-24, Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant** – Councilwoman Gonzales made a motion to approve Resolution #003-24. Councilwoman Spears seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.
- E. **Resolution #004-24, Video Manager, Body Camera Server Grant** – Councilwoman Spears made a motion to approve Resolution #004-24. Councilwoman Gonzales seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.
- F. **Resolution #005-24, Handheld Radio Grant** – Councilwoman Gonzales made a motion to approve Resolution #005-24. Councilwoman Spears seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.
- G. **Ordinance #001-24, General Election – English** – Councilwoman Spears made a motion to approve Ordinance # 001-24. Councilwoman Brown seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.
- H. **Ordinance #002-24, General Election – Spanish** – Councilwoman Gonzales made a motion to approve Ordinance #002-24. Councilwoman Spears seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.

- I. **EXECUTIVE SESSION;** The Council may enter into Executive Session under Govt Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), By phone – Possible development agreement for land approximately 4.83 acres of the A01704 David Windsor Abstract and 24.35 acres of A00620 Green Acres Lee Abstract – Start Time: 7:43pm
End Time: 8:10pm
- J. **Results from Executive Session** – No action was taken

- **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:** -
- Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences-
- Information regarding holiday closings
- Honorary recognition of City officials, employees, or other citizens
- Reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the City or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or City employee.

18. **ADJOURN:** Mayor Grisham adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm

CERTIFICATION

I, Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct of the regular meeting by the City Council of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the 23rd day of January, 2024

Melenda K. Harbour,
City Secretary

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 27th day of February, 2024.



Jay Grisham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary

