



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING  
May 30, 2024

Council Approved on June 10, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Grisham called meeting to order at 6:00pm
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:** N/A

a. **CALLED AGENDA:** *(Discuss and consider the following items)*

- A. Short Term Contract with the Sheriff's Dept. for Law Enforcement in De Leon** - Jan Grisham opened the meeting and stated that the city wanted to consider a short-term contract between the City of DeLeon and the Sheriff's Department. She commended Sheriff Pounds and Judge Davis for an excellent job through the years.

Sheriff Pounds asked if there were any questions from the council.

Emma Gonzales asked the question, "Do other cities in our county get sheriff's coverage.

Pounds responded that they do, such as Gustine, but that DeLeon received about 30% of the sheriff's department attention whereas Gustine only about 5%.

Councilmember Trudy Spears asked the question, "Will we be getting one or two officers to cover DeLeon?"

Pound responded that there would be one officer in the area, and the calls from the City of DeLeon will be answered according to priority, depending on how urgent and what other calls that they were having to answer.

Councilmember Trudy Spears asked the question about reimbursement of money to the sheriff's office for their service. To answer that question, Judge Davis passed out a new contract with a \$30 per hour for reimbursement instead of the \$43 per hour that was previously mentioned in a former contract. Sheriff Pounds stated that this was simply reimbursement and they were not making any money off of it.

City Manager Denman stated for the benefit of the audience that may not have been present at the last meeting, that this was a one-year contract in order to buy time for the DeLeon Police Department to reestablish itself. Sheriff Pounds affirmed that.

Mr. Denman asked Sheriff Pounds to explain how the citations would be handled. Sheriff Pounds responded that the police department tickets will continue be given to the municipal judge and the sheriff's department citations will be sent to the Judge in Comanche. However, a long-term contract, if that ever occurred, would be handled differently.

Sheriff Pounds stated that this contract needed to have benchmarks of possibly 30/60/90 days in order to evaluate its progress.

Council Member Amick stated that on page 2, article 4, 'Period of Services' needed to be amended, as follows, by adding this statement: "For the duration of this agreement, the City and County will evaluate this agreement at intervals of 30 days".

Councilmember Laura Brown made motion to accept the 'Corporative Agreement between the City of DeLeon and Comanche County for the provision of additional law enforcement services' as a one-year contract. Councilmember Trudy Spears seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.

5. 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.

6. ADJOURN: Mayor Grisham adjourned the meeting at 6:22pm

**CERTIFICATION**

I, *David Denman*, City Administrator 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

**David Denman,**  
*City Administrator*

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 10<sup>th</sup> June day of 2024.

  
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*Jay Grisham, Mayor*

ATTEST:  
  
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*Melenda K. Harbour*  
*City Secretary*



The seal is circular with a double-line border. Inside the border, the words "CITY OF DE LEON" are written in an arc at the top, and "TEXAS" is written at the bottom. In the center of the seal is a five-pointed star.