



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
April 10th, 2017

City Council Approved on April 24th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Reyna, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Whitney, Councilwoman Abbe, and Councilman Beck. All members were present for roll call.

INVOCATION - Councilman Beck gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Diane Donegan said that it took a lot of gall for the City Council & Mayor to ask for a salary after the past year.

Regina Sadberry said that the charter did not allow for City Council or Mayor to receive a salary. She also asked if a background check had been ran during the hiring of new officer Larry Jonap.

Laura Brown stood and explained to the council that the council seats & mayor were all volunteer positions and she didn't feel that they should be paid. She asked the city council to table these items until the new council took over.

Gayle Stroud voiced that she agreed with Laura Brown.

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes - March 27, 2017 - Councilman Beck made a motion to approve the minutes for February 27th, 2017, with corrections to the reports section. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: *(Discuss and take action separately on the following items)*

a. Ordinance 009-17 Denying Proposed Oncor Rate Change - Mayor Reyna did the reading of Emergency Ordinance #009-17. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve Ordinance #009-17. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

b. Resolution 02-17 for Agreement with oncor Steering Committee - Councilman Beck took the floor, and informed the council that after his research on the Steering Committee, it was more of a Lobbyist type committee as the council had previously thought. What they were wanting to do was something that the Public Utilities Commission should be doing. No action was taken by the Council.

c. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 08-17 Closing portion of Bivar Street - Mayor Reyna made the second reading of Ordinance #08-17. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the second reading. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

d. Pricing for Lights at P & M Festival Grounds - No one was present on behalf of the Peach & Melon Festival Committee. Councilman Whitney wanted to know if it would even be possible for the city to put lights in. He said that the Peach & Melon Festival should be responsible for the lighting, and council seemed to agree. No action was taken.

e. Executive Session - The Council may enter into Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Officer Lawrence Jonap -

Council went into executive session at 6:16 pm.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:27 pm.

f. Executive Session - The Council may enter into Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to consult with the City Attorney regarding legal matters relating to the employment of Officer Lawrence Jonap - The Council never went into executive session for this item. This item was skipped.

g. The Council will reconvene into Open Session and may take action regarding the employment of Officer Lawrence Jonap - Chief Rowell took the floor and explained to the public that the state mandates a lot of background check procedures when a police officer is hired, which were all ran on Lawrence Jonap along with a few others, since Rowell knew his story. Along with that, Chief Rowell and Mayor Reyna had driven to Lago Vista to talk to the City and Police Departments about Lawrence Jonap, who had nothing

bad to say about him, and that the incidents that occurred were nothing more than horse play. Rowell had talked to Dublin Police Department too, where Jonap was currently working part time. They had all good to say about Jonap as well. Chief continued that Lawrence had nothing higher on his record than a Class C Misdemeanor. Councilman Beck thanked Chief Rowell and Mayor Reyna for their efforts in researching the matter. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to accept the employment of Lawrence Jonap by the De Leon Police Department. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

h. Establishing compensation for Council Members based upon attendance of Council Meetings - The mayor explained to the council that he had been working with the attorney on compensation for the council members. He expressed concerns about not enough people running for the election, and that not many people had stepped up. According to the attorney, cities of our size have been offering council members anywhere from \$10-\$50, and even though our charter said that the council couldn't receive benefits, with the establishment of an ordinance allowing such, this could be done. Mayor Reyna continued that there was no reason for the city to shut down just because no one wanted to run. Councilmen Beck said he felt that this should be tabled, for the next administration to consider. Councilwoman Abbe agreed that she was very against receiving compensation too, and if that the council were monitoring city business so closely that they would need paid, something wasn't being done correctly in the office. Councilman Whitney said that the council was only an advisory board, and should only set policies. Not manage. Councilman Johnson said that he was against being paid, and that no one should be serving for a paycheck. No action was taken.

i. Establishing salary of Mayor pursuant to Section 3.02 of the City of De Leon Personnel Policies and Procedures - Mayor Reyna explained that this item was on the agenda for the same reason as the previous item, he feared no one would run for the position. He added that several things had been added to the mayor's position in the past year, such as Emergency Management, and the position of City Administrator. No action was taken.

MAYOR REPORT - Mayor Reyna reported to the council that a new officer had been hired, that Victoria had been in a high speed chase earlier that day. He commended Victoria and said that we were very proud of her. He went on to report that Totelcom held an event on the lot next to City Hall for some new technology they were introducing. He congratulated and welcomed Lawrence Jonap to the police force.

US WATER REPORT - None

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - Chief Rowell welcomed Larry Jonap to the Police Department.

CITY SECRETARY REPORT - City Secretary Melenda Harbour talked about the training that her and Assistant City Secretary Sarah Cogburn had attended. It was very educational on social media and website relations. Cogburn added that the water bills had been due today, and that late fees would go on at 10 am the next morning.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences.

Information regarding holiday closings.

- Good Friday

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.

ADJOURN - At 6:47 pm, Councilman Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

CERTIFICATION

I, *Sarah Cogburn*, Assistant City Secretary for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify in a good faith effort, 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 **10th** day of **April, 2017.**


Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the _____ day of _____, 2017.



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Melinda K. Harbour, City Secretary

