



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
6:00 pm, August 15th, 2017

City Council Approved on August 31st, 2017

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

ROLL CALL - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Terry Scott, Sarah Childers, Jon Awbrey, and Bob Whitney. Council Members not present for roll call are as follows; to wit: Jaye Golden, and James Beck.

INVOCATION – Councilman Whitney gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – August 4th, 2017 - Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, and Councilman Awbrey were in favor. Motion passed.

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

- a) **Rodeo Association request for the Use or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages** – Ronnie Quinn was present to represent the Rodeo Association, and asked for Council’s blessing on the use of alcohol by the public at this year’s event. He said that in the past, the Rodeo Association had allowed the public to bring in cups, but not coolers. Councilman Awbrey made a motion to approve the use of alcohol at the De Leon Rodeo. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, and Councilwoman Childers were in favor. Motion passed.
- b) **Accel Health Proclamation for National Healthcare Week** – Sherry Hill, Jamie Welch, and Jill Evans were present from Accel Health to ask that in De Leon, the week of August 13th-19th be proclaimed Healthcare Week, in honor of National Healthcare Week. Mayor Scott signed the proclamation. No action was taken.
- c) **Michael Bryan request to move mobile home in on E Labadie** –
At 6:25 pm, under this agenda item, Councilman Beck joined the meeting via video conferencing. Ray Cogburn was present from Cogburn Real Estate, on behalf of Michael Bryan. He said that the lot was a 140x140, and approximately 1,456 square feet. Cogburn continued that the mobile home was new, and would pass all City codes. Councilwoman Childers made a motion to approve the request from Michael Bryan. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, and Councilman Beck were in favor. Motion passed.
- d) **Request to move mobile home in on Stagecoach – Ray Cogburn will Represent Owners** – Per Ray Cogburn the owners no longer want a mobile home. No action was taken on this item.
- e) **Police Department Quote for Body Cameras** – Interim Chief Dyson presented a quote from Watch Guard for the body cameras, for \$8,565.00. Councilman Awbrey asked if the City had the money. Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve purchase of the Body Cameras from Watch Guard. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, and Councilman Beck are in favor. Motion passed.
- f) **Opens Bids for New Police Department Truck** –
Bayer Chevrolet – Chevrolet 1500 for \$25,993
Bayer Dodge – Ram 1500 for \$32,795
Bayer Ford – F150 for \$28,992
Bruner Chevrolet - \$25,685
This will be re-visited at the next council meeting. No action was taken on this item.
- g) **Quote on Appraisals for Old Police Department and 400 W Reynosa** – Mayor Scott said that he had talked to Everett Appraisals in Stephenville, and they would do both of the appraisals for roughly \$1,000. Councilman Awbrey made a motion to get the appraisals. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilwoman Childers, and Councilman Beck were in favor. Motion passed.

However, upon further discussion, the Council agreed that \$1,000 was pretty steep for a couple of appraisals. It was decided that the next day, Councilman Whitney would approach Cogburn Real Estate about doing the appraisals. No action was taken.

- h) **1st Reading of Ordinance 10-17 Disabled Parking** – Mayor Scott made the first reading of Ordinance #10-17. The Council was very torn on this ordinance, voicing concerns about enforcing handicapped parking on private property. Interim Chief Dyson also voiced concerns, saying that the Police Department would like to be able to enforce handicapped parking, when necessary. Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance #10-17. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, and Councilman Beck are in favor. Motion passed.
- i) **1st Reading of Ordinance 11-17 Firearms** – Interim Chief Dyson briefed the Council on a recent happening where an individual was shooting birds in the De Leon Cemetery with a pellet gun. Council reviewed the Ordinance, and was not in favor of it. They felt like it would be taking too much freedom away from the public, and also because a firearm ordinance wouldn't cover a pellet gun. No action was taken on this item.
- j) **Sr. Citizens request bids for repairs to North end of Building** – Diane Donegan was present from the Senior Citizens center, saying that the north wall and angler section of the roof was in a bad way and needed replacement. She asked the City Council to go out for bid for the repairs, and painting. Councilwoman Childers made that motion. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, and Councilman Beck were in favor. Motion passed.
- k) **Appointment of Eileen Hayman as Co City Attorney** – After discussion, Councilman Whitney made a motion to appoint Eileen Hayman as Co City Attorney. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, and Councilwoman Childers were in favor. Motion passed.
- l) **Upper Leon rate increase** – City Secretary Harbour advised the Council that Upper Leon planned to go up on their water rates 2.7% in the 2017-2018 budget year. Council opted not to go up on the City's water. No action was taken.
- m) **Update on City Hall Building** – Mayor Scott addressed the Council about a recent inspection of City Hall. The City Hall building did have black mold, and the estimate for repairs was \$19,419. Councilman Whitney made a motion to go out for bids to repair City Hall. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, and Councilman Beck were in favor. Motion passed.
- n) **Update from Mayor** – Mayor Scott presented Ben Rowell with a "Dedicated Service" award, for his 10 years of employment at the City. Rowell was applauded. No action was taken.

At 7:35 pm, the meeting paused for a break.

At 8:04 pm, the meeting went back into regular session.

- o) **2017-2018 Budget Workshop** –
 - Wages:
 - 10-546-001 – In Court, Parsons' 3% salaried raise was removed, per his request. \$18,237.44.
 - 10-550-001 – In Police, Chief's position was budgeted at \$49,861 annually. \$49,861.00.
 - 10-540-001 – In General, City Administrator's position was removed. -\$50,000.
 - 10-556-002 – In Street, Employee #135 was raised from \$11.45 to \$12.01. \$85,492.06.
 - 10-560-002 – In Library, A part time position was budgeted. \$39,921.44.
 - 20-552-02 – In Water, Employee #132 was raised from \$11.45 to \$12.01, putting Water Department wages at \$102,027.68.
 - General:
 - 10-4410 was moved from \$0.00 to \$9,799.00, Library Comanche County in the General Fund.
 - 10-540-102 – Legal expense was moved from \$30,000 to \$15,000.
 - 10-540-110 – Emergency Management was moved from \$8,500 to \$10,124.12.
 - 10-540-130 – Building Repair & Maintenance was moved from \$20,000 to \$40,000.
 - 10-540-901 – Building Improvements was moved from \$61,446.25 to \$0.00.
 - Parks:
 - 10-563-420 – Supplies & Materials was moved from \$250.00 to \$4,500.
 - 10-563-812 – Repair & Maintenance was moved from \$100.00 to \$1,500.00.

No action was taken on this item.

8. **ADJOURN** – Councilman Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10 pm. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, and Councilwoman Childers were in favor. Motion passed.

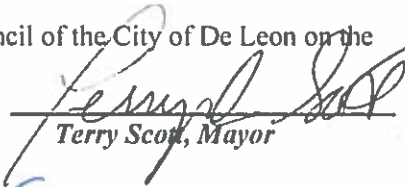
CERTIFICATION

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 15th day of August, 2017.



Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 31st day of August, 2017.



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Melinda K. Harbour, City Secretary

