



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING August 1st, 2017

City Council Approved on August 4th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 5:41 pm.

ROLL CALL - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Terry Scott, Sarah Childers, Jon Awbrey, Bob Whitney, and Jaye Golden. James Beck was present via video conferencing. All members were present for roll call.

INVOCATION - Councilman Whitney gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Rebecca Hurtea was present, and addressed the Council regarding a big pothole in Ayers Street. She said it was so big that you couldn't drive over it, and cars meeting each other would have to wait on each other for that reason. She continued that it was very dangerous, and someone was going to have a wreck soon.

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting July 11, 2017 - Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes for July 18th, 2017. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

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

- a) **Update from Library Committee** – Councilwoman Childers took the floor, saying that the Library Committee needed the City Council to go out for bids. The Council concurred that the Library Committee should go out for bids on their own. The Committee continued that they were thinking of hiring a part-time employee to help Rebecca, and the Council said that they should budget for it. Rebecca Hurtea, Librarian, also briefed the Council saying that Howard Payne had stated that they may be willing to sell their old book shelves for a dollar apiece, since their Library had gone digital. No action was taken.
- b) **Interim City Administration Consultation** – Councilwoman Childers took the floor, saying that she had been in touch with several different agencies inquiring what it would take, and what best practices would be in hiring a City Administrator. She continued that maybe hiring an interim City Administrator Consultant for four months, and having that person inquire further, for a person to fill the permanent position. She said there was one gentleman, a Mr. Archer from Cisco, who may be willing to fill that position. Mr. Archer had mentioned a contract at \$20,000 for 6 months. He would be doing things like performing an audit, preparing the budget, tax rate, and general help with the City's books. Mayor Scott then called a meeting for Friday, August 4th, at 7 pm, to meet with Mr. Archer. No action was taken.
- c) **2017-2018 Budget Workshop** – Heath Matteson, Chief, and Michael Reyna, President, were both present on behalf of the Fire Department. They proposed renewing their contract in September at \$70,000. Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary, asked them to include the Energy Bill in the upcoming contract, as it was left out of the previous year's contract. The City Council then asked the Fire Department to bring them a contract for \$75,000 in September. Ed Dyson, Interim Police Chief, and Larry Jonap, Peace Officer were present on behalf of the Police Department for the budget workshop. They presented 11% raises for the department, and estimates for tasers, a new vehicle, radios, radars, and body cameras. No action was taken.

7. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences – Killebrew, Morris, & Nowlin families

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 – Judge Parsons' Legislative Update in Lubbock

8. **ADJOURN** – At 8:16pm, Councilman Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Golden seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.


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 **Called Meeting** by the City Council of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the
1st 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
1st day of August, 2017.



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary

