



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
December 12th, 2016

City Council Approved on January 9th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Reyna, Councilman Whitney, Councilwoman Abbe, and Councilman Beck. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Councilman Johnson.

INVOCATION - Councilman Beck gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No Public Comments.

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2016, December 1, 2016 - Council Woman Abbe made a motion to approve the minutes for December 1st, 2016, but not the minutes for May 23, 2016, as those minutes were not available for the council to view. Councilwoman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilman Beck is in favor. Motion passed.

*******BRIEF BREAK FOR RECEPTION******* - The meeting broke at 6:06 pm for the reception. At 6:15 pm, the meeting was restored to regular session.

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

Bill Painter possible reimbursement for dog impoundment - Mr. Painter was not present at the meeting - Kristina Gardener had called at 4:45 pm saying that a family emergency had come up. Corey Young explained the situation to the council, telling them in detail exactly what had taken place. Councilman Beck made a motion not for the city to reimburse Mr. Painter his Animal Shelter Fees, and that his beef was with the Sheriff's office for calling Corey in the first place. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilwoman Abbe is in favor; motion passed.

ISO Rating for the City of De Leon, by DVFD - Jack Abbe, Assistant Fire Chief for the DVFD explained to the Council what an ISO Rating was, and that one was required of the City every 10 years. Abbe explained that Mike Pietsch, of P.E. Consulting Services Inc., had said that they would charge the city \$5,000 less if they would get it done with the Comanche Fire Dept. (\$10,000 total) and that the City could pay it out at \$5,000 a year, taking two years to complete. Jack Abbe proposed to the city that the VFD would be willing to pay half of the first payment, (\$2,500) and that the city would be responsible for the other \$7,500. After discussion, Councilman Whitney made a motion to move money from Building Repair and Maintenance, to Miscellaneous to cover the expense. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Councilman Baugh is in favor; motion passed. Jack Abbe was told to give Mr. Mike Pietsch permission to begin preparation for updating the City of De Leon's ISO Rating.

Possibility of City Marshall - Ben explained to the council his understanding of a City Marshall. Council appeared to be in favor of the idea, and asked Ben to come back to the council at a later date with more information. No action was taken.

Leona Terrell Property Taxes - Harbour addressed the council regarding the situation of the taxes on the property at 400 W Reynosa, explaining to them that the city had received a collection notice from the Tax Office's agency. City Staff had been in contact with the Tax Office, awaiting a pro-rated bill with a corrected balance. No action was taken.

Accounts Payable Procedure - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to have the Mayor, and one Councilmember approving Accounts Payable bills until 1-1-2017. Beginning 1-1-2017, Council is to review all bills before payment. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilman Beck is in favor; motion passed.

Utility Accounts with Residential and Commerical Service - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to have only one rate per meter throughout the city, and for businesses and residences on such shared meter, the commercial rate would be charged. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilman Beck is in favor; motion passed.

Policy Regarding Overcharge for Garbage Service - Council concurred that a customer's bill was their own responsibility to keep up with, and that no credit would be issued in situations such as these. No action was taken.

Proposed Charter Amendment - Council had a lengthy discussion with City Attorney Eileen Hayman, going over what they wished to see in the proposed charter amendments. No action was taken.

MAYOR REPORT - Mayor Michael Reyna reported to the council the situation on payment to the paving company for recent changes to city streets.

USW REPORT - No report

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - Chief Rowell reported that the Police Department was still working on getting caught up from being decommissioned last month, and that the sheriff's office had responded to roughly 150 calls in their absence.

CITY SECRETARIES REPORT

- Monthly Reports - Harbour went over the financial situation of the city roughly with the council, and over the holidays for the end of the month.

ADJOURN - Mayor Reyna adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm


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 12th day of December, 2016.



Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 9th day of January, 2017.



Michael Reyna, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary

