



**MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 13th, 2017**

**City Council Approved on February 27th, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:15 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; Councilman Johnson.

**INVOCATION** - Councilwoman Abbe gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - **Bubba McCurry** was present at the meeting, and said that he had been asked to come by Eddie Prado, since Mr. Prado is the Land Lord where Bubba's sewer has been backing up. Bob Whitney asked Bubba if this had turned out to be on the city's side after all, he said he wasn't sure.

**Corey Criswell** was present, and introduced himself to the Mayor, Council, and City Secretaries. He said he was taking an Open Government class, and needed to attend a meeting. He said he was also here on Eddie Prado's behalf - he said he wanted to see if the city was going to make Eddie pay to tear up a State Hwy or not.

**Gabe Price** got up, and thanked the City of De Leon for "all you do" he said with the May Election there were changes coming. His first concern was the riffraff that seemed to be popping up all over town. He mentioned a man who had been walking all over town barefoot and shirtless that had all the merchants on edge. He had walked by Mr. Price's store several times, while his little daughter had been sitting outside, and that kids play outside on the sidewalk and write all over it with chalk. He also thanked the city for pulling it back together, after the recent drama that occurred last year under the previous administration.

**Amy Mathis** was present on behalf of Cath & Halls Rescue, and advised the council that they had transported a cat to Dallas out of the city's shelter. She expressed a concern about needing more rescues and volunteers involved.

**CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes - January 23, 2017, February 1, 2017, and February 3, 2017** - Councilman Beck made a motion to approve all the minutes simultaneously. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Councilman Whitney is in favor. Motion passed.

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

**a. Accept Resignation of Joe Locke to Upper Leon Board** - The mayor reported to the Council that Joe Locke had emailed him saying that since he was serving on the hospital board, he wouldn't be able to serve on the Upper Leon Board of Directors, and that he was very sorry. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to accept his resignation. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. Councilman Whitney is in favor. Motion passed.

**b. Resolution #001-17-Appointing Director to Board of Directors of Upper Leon River Municipal Water District** - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to appoint Ernie Escamilla to the Board, and approve resolution #001-17. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilman Beck is in favor. Motion passed.

**c. Bids for city Cemeteries maintenance** - City Secretary Harbour explained to the City Council procedure on going out for bids. Councilman Whitney made a motion for the City to go out for bids for the Maintenance of the De Leon Cemetery, and Gardens of Memory Cemetery, for a two week period. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Councilman Beck is in favor. Motion passed.

**d. Eddie Prado, replacing sewer line under Highway on Sipe Springs Road** - Eddie Prado was present, and made a presentation to the Mayor, City Council, and City Secretaries, regarding his backed up sewer at 1048 West Sipe Springs. The Public Works Administrator was not present, and did not answer when a phone call was made for him to come in. Eddie brought a letter from Black Plumbing that was worded somewhat confusing; but seemed to indicate that the issue was on the customer's side. He said he had problems with his sewer ever since they moved to town, in 1983. He was told by the City at that time that it was because of his trees, so he replaced his line all the way to the main. He said the mayor and Rob had gone out there last week, and that Rob thought the problem was at the boot, so Eddie dug a big hole to fix it

over the weekend. He continued with when that turned out not to be the problem, the next thing Rob said was that he thought it was tree roots, and then the mayor called Eddie and asked him to call Black Plumbing and have them run their camera down the line. Eddie said he was told by the mayor that if the problem was on the city's side, the city would repair the line, but Eddie would be responsible for the cost of hiring Black Plumbing. It turned out that Eddie's line was crushed, but under a State Highway, with the main on the other side of the highway from Eddie's house, which was mapped out on his presentation. Eddie had several houses in the area, and one of them was on the new main, which was also discussed to bring down to 1048, but nothing else was ever mentioned about it. The Council seemed in favor of working with Eddie, so he was told by the mayor that he would be getting an answer from him and Rob before 5 pm the next day. No action was taken.

e. Executive session under Gov't code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to consult with City Attorney regarding Police Department matters - At 6:54 pm, the council moved into executive session. They re-convened at 7:13 pm. No action was taken.

**MAYOR REPORT** - Mayor Reyna explained to the council that he would be out of the office later that week, for some classes which included Emergency Management, since the city is responsible for that currently.

**USW REPORT** - None

**PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT** - Chief Rowell reported that the Police Department was currently working on some felony cases, other than that it had been pretty quiet.

**CITY SECRETARIES' REPORT** - City Secretary Melenda K. Harbour reported that late fees were going to be posted tomorrow, and to please come pay your bill. Also that no one else had filed to run for Council at that time. Assistant City Secretary Sarah Cogburn added that the Court was going to be having Pre-Trials on March 7th, and that there were quite a few lined up.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

**Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences.**

- Mayor Reyna recognized the Basket Ball teams.

**Information regarding holiday closings.**

- Presidents' Day

**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.**


- TML Classes in Granbury

**ADJOURN** - Councilman Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Councilman Beck is 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 **Called Meeting** by the City Council of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the

**13th** day of **February, 2017**.

  
*Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary*

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017

  
*Michael Reyna, Mayor*

ATTEST:   
*Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary*

