



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2016

City Council Approved on January 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Johnson, Councilmen Reyna, Councilmen Baugh, Councilwoman Abbe and Councilmen Childers. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Councilmen Beck. Also present was, Eileen Hayman, Assistant City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Councilmen Childers gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(Limited to Five minutes per person)*

No public comments

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA: *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

Approval of Minutes – Called meeting for December 14, 2015

Approval of Minutes - Called meeting for October 19, 2015

Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmen Childers seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA: *(Discuss and consider the following items)*

Removal of Place Three Councilmember per City Charter

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

Mayor went into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor reconvened into regular session at 6:39 p.m.

No action taken on this item. *(needed 2/3 vote on this item and did not have a full council present)*

Request from Anna Wells regarding closing of right-of-way on East Short

Councilmen Reyna made a motion to approve the closing of right-of-way on East Short. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from De Leon Meditation Garden regarding a gift deed

Mary Ann Stewart said she understands that they can't get a deed, but she asked about a 99 year lease and Karen advised that the council could not do that, but for a period of 20 years now. Eileen stated that this is correct, but that since it was a dedicated Park facility that there would have to be a request for a public hearing, give detail of the plans proposed, have hearing, show that no other practical purpose and the rest of the park wouldn't be hindered and the group would have to post notice of the hearing in a local paper at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing and must run in the paper at least for two (2) consecutive weeks. Councilwoman Abbe wants to know if there is another way to do this. Mary Ann wanted to know if there was something that we can do anything faster. Eileen said that she would have to research the statue from Parks and Wildlife if council wants me to. Council will meet on this topic again February 22, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Request from De Leon Industrial Development Corporation, EDC Board, regarding terminating the 4A EDC Board

Toney Prather was present to address the council on behalf of the EDC Board asking the council to reconsider their vote from last meeting to do away with the EDC tax. Toney said that the little bit that they have provides low interest loans and we provide the equity; we have yet to have a loan go bad on us. We also purchased the TXDOT Building and leased it to Crop Production, we purchased the Quonset Hut and lease it to Stikbows, the board has purchased the "Welcome to De Leon" signs, purchased this Library building, to bail out the city, and then the Library pays rent

for the space, we paid for some of the downtown paving and we had a large roll in getting the Allsup's land purchase. We need cash in hand to purchase land and build a spec building. I think that lack of awareness is because we used to have city representative on the board and we currently we don't now, but we have a vacancy that needs to be filled. Councilwoman Abbe asked if Daniel was a representative, because Daniel stated that we didn't need the EDC.

Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to resend previous vote to abolish the EDC. Councilmen Reyna seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to nominate Councilmen Childers to the vacancy on the DIDC Board (EDC). Councilmen Reyna seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from De Leon Sports Association regarding property located at the corner of Reynosa and Moseley

DSA representative, Brad Sanders, stating that the DSA would be interested in this property located on the corner of Reynosa and Moseley for the purpose of practice fields.

Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to resend the previous vote to put the land out for bids and allow the DSA to use the land for baseball/softball practice fields. Councilmen Baugh seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #001-16 Abandoning Alleyway Property in the City of De Leon being out of Block 12 of the Original Addition to the City of De Leon, Texas and lying between Almante Avenue on the South, Travis Street on the West Bivar Avenue on the North and McKinney Street on the East; Finding that the described alleyway property is no longer necessary for use as public thoroughfares; releasing any and all public rights to use the tracts as public right-of-ways; authorizing and directing the conveyance of the alleyway property to the adjacent property owners by deed without warranty; and providing for a severability clause

Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve Ordinance #001-16. Councilmen Reyna seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #001-16 Ordering the General Election to be held on May 7th, 2016, for the purpose of electing at large council members for Mayor, Place 1 and Place 2; for the purpose of electing at large council member for unexpired term of one year for Place Four; approving joint election with DISD, approving joint election with CCMC; joint election with the county and contract with the Comanche County Clerk for election services including electronic voting, designating polling place and containing other provisions relating to the subject

Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve Resolution #001-16 with changes to wording of Place Four. Councilmen Childers seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolución #002-16 Resolución de la ciudad de de leon, texas, para proporcionar una eleccion general que sera el dia 7 de mayo 2016, con el proposito de elegir el gran consejo de miembros para Mayor, Lugar 1, y el Lugar 2, para el propósito de electiting en gran miembro del Consejo para la vacante de un año para colocar cuatro; para aprobar comun eleccion de de leon i.s.d., para aprobar como una eleccion con el centro medico del condado de comanche (hospital) y contrato con el condado de comanche para los servicios de la elccion incluyendo, la votacion electronica, designar el lugar de votaacion y obtener otras provisiones referentes a el tema. Esta Resolución dado por el consejo de la ciudad de de leon, texas

Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve Resolution #001-16 with changes to wording of Place Four. Councilmen Childers seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #003-16 Designating Board Members to the EDC Board

Councilmen Reyna made a motion to approve the nominations for the (EDC) DIDC Board as follows: Brandon Holland, Kevin Caraway, Tim Beaty and Lee Childers. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #004-16 Establishing and Authorizing Signatories for the City of De Leon Christmas Downtown Decorating Fund Bank Account

Councilmen Lee made a motion to approve Resolution #004-16. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment to Denver Rainey regarding invoice presented for work done on the city hall building
Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to not pay and request that he be at the next meeting on February 8th. Councilmen Reyna seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR REPORT:

- Grass rental at RV Park was discussed at \$300 with dump fee
- Red Oak Roofing will put a lien on City, because West End is suing Red Oak for not being paid; City Admin./Sec. has sent this letter of lien to the City Atty.
- North Lot, Bob Whitney is wanting to do a Horticultural Club and wants to make a park or something there
- HB for cities over 100,000, you must have audio/video recording of the Open Meeting, I will have Karen check into this for us
- Karen is also looking into codification for the ordinances

US WATER REPORT:

No report given

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

We did get the equipment installed in the trucks and the warrant system has been uploaded and is working with the system. There were 19 violations, 15 citations, 0 juveniles, 2 minors and the amount assessed was for \$3706.30. The Racial Profile Report for 2015 is as follows: 269 violations, 1 arrest, 3 arrest and citations, 7 were African American, 0 Asians, 62 Hispanics, 0 searches, 200 Caucasians and 0 NA.

The Police Department purchased a meal to be prepared and took to Officer Wendt for the funeral.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Financial Report- Ending December 2015 was \$1,808.88 to the good

Utility Report- total collected for December 2015 was \$124,897.12

Court Report- total collected for December 2015 was \$2,464.00

Accounts Payable- total collected for December 2015 was \$176,323.04

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

- **Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences-** Jon Aubrey bragged on Corey for helping me with the cat that I had picked up. Mayor Pro-Tem stated that he had received a compliment on Officer Baker regarding the death on Miles Street.
- **Information regarding holiday closings –** City Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **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 –** Texas Rangers MLB Appreciation Day will be on January 28th at the High School Auditorium

ADJOURN:

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, *Karen Wilkerson*, City Administrator/Secretary for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify 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 11th day of January, 2016.



Karen Wilkerson,
City Administrator/Secretary

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 25th day of January, 2016.



Ron Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Wilkerson, TRMC
City Administrator/Secretary

