



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**City Council Approved on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: James Beck.

**INVOCATION** – Mayor Scott gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Amy Mathis addressed the City Council on behalf of Comanche All Pets Alive, saying that the donation jars that had been left over town for the Animal Shelter had raised \$105.00. She said she would be contacting Corey to give him the money.

Bob Whitney addressed the City Council and Community as a citizen, saying that property taxes were going up for the county this year, and he had protested. He admonished the council to spend the taxpayers' money wisely.

**CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting June 13, 2017** - Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes for June 13, 2017. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. Councilwomen Childers and Golden were in favor; Mayor Scott abstained. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes – Emergency Meeting June 27, 2017** – Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes for June 27, 2017, with a correction adding Jaye Golden's name to the roll call. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Councilman Awbrey, and Councilwoman Golden were in favor; Mayor Scott abstained. Motion passed.

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

**a. Resolution #008-17, Upper Leon Board** – Mayor Scott made the first reading of Resolution #008-17. Bob Whitney took the floor, and said that he had talked to Upper Leon, and Bob Huddleston was already on the board. City Council just needed to re-appoint him, by resolution. Councilman Whitney made a motion to re-appoint Bob Huddleston to the board. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. Councilwomen Childers and Golden are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**b. Creating Library Committee** – Councilwoman Childers took the floor, saying that she had been vigorously recruiting members for the Library Committee. She said so far, she had lined up Gayle Stroud, Amber Draeger, Angie Krug, Rebecca Hurtea, and Bob Whitney. She said that their first committee meeting was scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Whitney made a motion to establish the Library Committee. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Councilwoman Golden, and Councilman Awbrey are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**c. Creating Parks Committee** – Councilman Awbrey took the floor, and he began by asking Councilman Whitney if he would be on the committee for the horticultural side things. Whitney agreed to be on the committee. Awbrey continued that on the board that would put himself, Bob Whitney, Joe Locke, Jeff Sproles, Gabe Price, Chelsea Buckley, and Chuck Miller. Price would represent the Chamber, Buckley would represent the Peach & Melon Festival, and Miller would represent De Leon ISD. Councilman Whitney made a motion to create the Parks Committee. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. Councilwomen Childers, and Golden are in favor. Mayor Scott abstained. Motion passed.

**d. Cemetery Association Committee** – Bobby Schuman was present, on behalf of the De Leon Cemetery Association. He addressed the Council, going over policies and procedures that had been used in times past. He said that there was a CD in the bank that was supposed to pay for the operation of the De Leon Cemetery, and that the committee was trying to reform and get active. He said that John Weaver, and Earl Sadberry so far had agreed to be on the board, and now three members were needed from the City. Councilman Whitney made a motion to appoint John Weaver, Earl Sadberry, Terry Scott, John Awbrey, and James Beck to the Cemetery Association. Councilwoman Golden seconds that motion. Councilwoman Childers, and Councilman Awbrey are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**e. Request from Tim & Ariane Perez to move Mobile Home in to town** – After deliberating with Tim & Ariane, council determined that this mobile home was a replacement under City Ordinance. They informed the couple to get in touch with staff for inspection and codes. No action was taken.

**f. Request from Beatrice Reyna regarding Water Bill** – City Council reviewed the Ordinances and Resolutions for the policies of the Water Department. After review, Councilwoman Childers made a motion to require 25% down of Beatrice's bill on the due date, and the remainder in 60 days. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilwoman Golden, and Councilman Awbrey are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**g. Request from Kori Kolb regarding Water Bill** – Councilman Awbrey made a motion to require 25% down of Kori's bill on the due date, and the remainder in 60 days. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilwomen Childers, and Golden are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**h. Status of Old Police Department Building, located at 108 W Reynosa** – Toney Prather, President of the EDC Board was present and informed the City Council that they were interested in acquiring the Old Police Department Building, and 400 West Reynosa. Councilman Whitney made a motion to have the Old Police Department building, and 400 West Reynosa appraised for potential sale. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Councilman Awbrey, and Councilwoman Golden are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**i. Status of City-owned property at 400 W Reynosa** – No action was taken.

**j. Appointment of Building Code Inspector** – Councilwoman Golden made a motion to table this item. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Councilmen Whitney, and Awbrey are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**k. Resolution #011-17, Forfeiture Account Signatures** - Mayor Scott made the first reading of Resolution #011-17, which would be placing Ed Dyson, Mayor Scott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Beck on the signature card. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Councilwoman Golden, and Councilman Awbrey are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**l. Budget Workshop Dates** – Councilwoman Childers made a motion to have the first budget workshop on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm. Councilwoman Golden is in favor. Councilmen Awbrey, and Whitney are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**m. Appointment of Eileen Hayman as Co-Attorney with Lois Rockefeller** – Councilwoman Golden made a motion to table this item. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Councilmen Awbrey, and Whitney are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**n. Executive Session** – At 7:08 pm, Mayor Scott called the City Council meeting into Executive Session.

- Under Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the City Administrator.
- Under Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the Chief of Police.
- Under Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of a possible new position of Code Enforcement Official.

At 8:03 pm, the meeting was moved back into open session. Councilwoman Childers made a motion to table the City Administrator Position. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. Councilman Whitney, and Councilwoman Golden are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

Councilman Whitney made a motion for the City to move forward with the hiring process for Chief of Police. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Councilwoman Golden, and Councilman Awbrey are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

Councilman Awbrey made a motion to not create the position of Code Enforcement Official. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Councilwoman Childers is in favor. Councilwoman Golden, and Mayor Scott abstain. Motion passed.

**7. MAYOR REPORT** – Mayor Scott reported that the Study Club had painted the park equipment, and thanked them saying it looked great. He continued that himself and Councilman Whitney had figured out which trees needed to be cut down in the old City Park, and would be working on that project in the very near future.

**8. US WATER REPORT** – John Fluharty had emailed Sarah Cogburn the US Water report, apologizing because he wouldn't be able to make it. Cogburn read the report to council.

**9. PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN REPORT** – No Report

**10. INTERIM POLICE CHIEF REPORT** – Ed Dyson, Interim Police Chief addressed the council, saying that De Leon had been a busy little town. He said the Police Department had been working on

budget, and had budgeted for a new truck. He continued that they also had been dealing with several different cases, including mental health, suicides, building tagging, and deadly conduct. He also added that the new Police Department building didn't have a sufficient area for evidence storage, and that one would need to be built or added to.

**11. CITY SECRETARIES' REPORT** – Cogburn reported that Jennifer Easley, Utility Clerk, would be gone to class next week in Austin, for court school. Harbour reported that Late Fees would go on to all unpaid bills the next morning, that Cogburn had agreed to scan in all city ordinances to the website after hours.

**12. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORD. REPORT** – Ray Helburg, Emergency Management Coordinator for Comanche County, was present and reported to the City Council that there had been a budget meeting with himself, Judge Arthur, Mayor Scott, and the mayors from Comanche and Gustine. He presented an agreement for Mayor Scott to sign, saying that it had been discussed at their budget meeting. He then asked if the City was utilizing Code Red for their City business, and that if they weren't they should be.

**13. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences.

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.

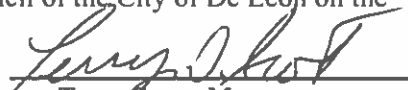
**14. ADJOURN** – Councilman Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Councilwoman Golden seconds that motion. Councilman Awbrey, and Councilwoman Childers are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**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 11th day of July, 2017.

  
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*Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary*

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

  
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*Terry Scott, Mayor*

ATTEST:   
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*Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary*

