



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

July 25th, 2016

City Council Approved on August 8th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Adams, Councilman Reyna, Councilman Baugh, and Councilwoman Abbe. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Councilman Johnson. Councilman Johnson arrived shortly after, at 6:02 pm.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Adams gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Rowell wanted to know the status of the TML claim on the Chamber, which flooded last November. She explained that over the phone, TML had told her that the claim had already been paid, and she wanted to know where the money was as the chamber had not received any of it to date. She said the chamber needs the money, since they have no furniture for the upcoming festival.

Mitch Long addressed the council, wanting to have two items placed on the next agenda. The first item was regarding a van the the Police Dept had impounded, and the second item was the water runoff from Manchaca.

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting on July 11th, 2016 - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on July 11th, 2016. Councilman Reyna seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Request by Tony Gauna regarding alleyway - Mr Gauna handed in two different letters from his neighbors that appeared to have a neutral view of his purchasing the alleyway from the City. One was from Cuca Scott; the other was from Stephanie Kelly. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion not to abandon the alleyway in question. Councilman Reyna seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #004-16, regarding Golfcarts on the Streets - The council had questions concerning the legality of passing such an ordinance, if it was indeed against State Law to drive golf carts on the streets. Discussion followed; and it was determined that the item should be tabled until the city attorney could explain the legality of passing this ordinance, and also why State Hwy 587 was not included in the list of exluded streets. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to table this item, until an explanation could be given to the council. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Month ending Reports for June, 2016 - Councilman Reyna made a motion to table this item, until the Acting City Secretary Carolyn Martin, returned from vacation and could explain them to council. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #010-16, calling for a November Special Election for City Council place 5 - Councilman Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Repair and maintenance fo the City's roofs - No action was taken.

Permission for City Hall to begin advertisement for the position of Water Clerk - Councilman Reyna made a motion to give City Hall permission to start advertising for the position of Water Clerk. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Possible repeal of Ordinance #009-08, regarding the position of City Administrator - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to not repeal ordinance #009-08. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. The Mayor and Councilman Baugh are opposed. Councilman Reyna refrained from voting. Motion did not pass.

Appointment of an individual to the empty seat on the DIDC board - Councilman Baugh made a motion to appoint the Mayor to the DIDC board. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and take action for the City of De Leon to furnish Water, Sewer, and Garbage services for The Focus Center - Angela Sylva explained to the council what The Focus Center would consist of. She proposed that the center would pay for any water usage over the minimum of 3,000 gallons. Councilman Baugh made a motion for the city to provide water, sewer, and garbage services to The Focus Center. No one seconds; motion did not pass. Councilman Reyna made a motion for the city not to provide The Focus Center with said services. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Councilwoman Abbe is in favor. The Mayor and Councilman Baugh are opposed. Motion passed.

Discuss and take action on possible compensation for city office staff - Mayor Adams moved this item to the bottom of the agenda, to be discussed in executive session.

Review and take action on the Comprehensive Master Plan for Development, Operation, and Maintenance of Parks, Recreational Facilities and Open Space for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Local Parks Grant - Robert and Wendy were present from WTCOG to present the Master Plan to the council. The council seemed in favor of placing the Baseball Complex on the west side of the new playground; however WTCOG pointed out that the location could be decided on at a later date. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the Master plan, with a correction removing Lee Childers name from the cover. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The council then adjourned into executive session, to discuss the next two items which were personnel matters under (551.074 G.C.)

Review and take action on Employment Applications for the Police Department - Mayor Adams made a motion to hire Ed Dyson to the Police Force. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and take action on possible compensation for city office staff - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the payraise discussed in executive session. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR REPORT - Mayor Adams reported that he had spoken with the mayor of Comanche about their water billing process, and had learned that they did not send out late notices. Mayor Adams expressed his interest in discontinuing the City of De Leon's late notice procedure as well, and adding something to the initial billing the stated it would be the only notice. He also mentioned running an add in the paper, notifying the public of such changes.

USW REPORT - John Hardin from US Water presented a clean report to the city council.

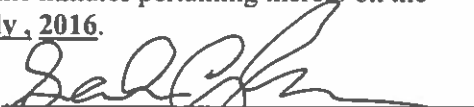
POLICE CHIEF REPORT - Officer Wendt reported that newly sworn in Officer Dycus was doing well as an officer, learning and excelling daily.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY REPORT - No Report.

ADJOURN - Mayor Adams made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Councilman Baugh seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATION

I, *Sarah Cogburn*, City Clerk 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 25th day of July, 2016.



Sarah Cogburn, City Clerk

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 8th day of Aug, 2016.



Jim Adams, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Melenda K. Harbour, Acting City Secretary