



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

City Council Approved on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

**ROLL CALL** - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Terry Scott, Sarah Childers, Jon Awbrey, Bob Whitney, Jaye Golden, and James Beck. All members of the City Council were present for roll call.

**INVOCATION** - Councilman Beck gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Laura Brown addressed the City Council on behalf of the Study Club about painting the Library, City Hall, and old city park equipment.

Michael Reyna addressed the City Council on behalf of the Fire Department, thanking the City for the use of the City Auditorium, and the Mayor and girls at City Hall for helping at the annual benefit.

**CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting May 23, 2017** - Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes for May 23rd, 2017. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All council members are in favor; Mayor Scott abstained. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Scott moved the US Water Report to the front of the Regular Agenda.

**US WATER REPORT:** Johnathan Imes was present at the Council Meeting, from US Water. He reported that all the testing had come back good and clear, and that the auger for the Waste Water Treatment Plant was being shipped from Italy and should be here soon. He also announced that he was resigning from US Water at the end of June.

**a. Resolution #008-17, Upper Leon Board** – Councilman Whitney made a motion to table this item for more information. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. All councilmembers were in favor. Mayor Scott abstained. Motion passed.

**b. Gardens of Memory Purchase agreement** – Councilman Awbrey made a motion to approve the proposed purchase agreement. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All councilmembers were in favor. Mayor Scott abstained. Motion passed.

**c. New Part for Data Logging Meters** – Councilman Beck made a motion to approve the purchase of a new part that was required for data logging the new meters that HD Supply has been sending the City. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All councilmembers were in favor. Motion passed.

**d. Animal Shelter Volunteers** – After discussion, Councilwoman Childers made a motion for the City to accept applications for volunteers at the Animal Shelter, along with their acknowledgment of the Animal Shelter's Rules & Regulations, and signing of an accidentals/insurance liability waiver. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All councilmembers were in favor. Mayor Scott abstained. Motion passed. Councilwoman Childers then made a motion, to amend the original motion to include that all applications filed are subject to the approval of the Mayor, Animal Control Officer, and City Secretary. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All councilmembers were in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**e. City Library in General** –

The meeting went into executive session at 6:45 pm.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:01 pm.

Councilman Whitney addressed the community, explaining the council's interest in making some changes to the City County Library. Whitney continued with a few suggestions, such as applying for more grants, establishing Rules & Regulations for Library staff to follow, creating a Library Committee, and establishing some reading programs for the children. No action was taken on this item.

**f. Improvements to City Recreational Facility/Parks** – Councilman Awbrey took the floor, expressing some concerns about the City Parks. He mentioned maybe putting in a basketball court, replacing some of the old park equipment, or maybe putting in a pool. Baseball fields, or a splash park were also mentioned. Awbrey continued by asking if anyone had seen the City Parks in San Saba or Comanche, and that Comanche had a Parks Committee. Councilman Beck left the meeting at 7:18 pm, for a fire call.

Councilman Awbrey made a motion for the City to begin the process of appointing a Parks Committee. Councilwoman Childers seconds. Whitney, and Golden are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed. Councilman Beck returned at 7:22 pm, shortly after the action had been taken.

**g. Emergency Management** – Mayor Scott addressed the City Council, saying that he had spoken to the head of DPS for Emergency Management, Doug Goush, and that he would like to re-instate Ray Helburg as the Emergency Management Coordinator for De Leon. According to Goush and Helburg, the City was out of compliance, and to send an employee to school for the position would cost around \$50,000, or the City could pay \$8,000 a year and contract with the county and be in compliance. Councilman Beck made a motion for the City to re-instate our Emergency Management with the County, through Ray Helburg. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Golden and Awbrey are in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Councilman Whitney is opposed. Motion passed.

**h. Mobile Home Ordinance #006-11** – Councilman Beck made a motion to table this item. Councilwoman Golden seconds that motion. All councilmembers, and the mayor were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**i. Chamber of Commerce to address Council on upcoming Chamber events** – Gabe Price addressed the City Council, thanking them for the City's help with the Hog Slam & Jam. He reported that it was very successful, and that a lot of people turned out for it. He also asked the Council about decorating down town for the Country Christmas. Budgeting for more Christmas decorations was mentioned. No action was taken.

**j. Resolution #009-17, Closing of Streets for Parade and Golden Saturday** – This resolution was passed as an emergency. Mayor Scott made the reading. Councilman Awbrey made a motion to pass Resolution #009-17, closing the streets for Parade & Golden Saturday. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All members of the City Council, and the Mayor voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**k. Resolution #010-17, Amendment of Sec. 7.01 Policy and Procedures Re: Holiday Pay** – This resolution was passed as an emergency. Mayor Scott made the reading. Councilwoman Childers made a motion to approve Resolution #010-17. Councilman Beck seconds. All members of the City Council, and the Mayor voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**l. Float for council Members for P & M parade** – City Council discussed riding on a firetruck or police truck in the parade. No action was taken.

**m. – Proposed Electricity Renewal with Direct Energy or go out for Bids** – Councilman Whitney made a motion to enter into a two-year contract with Direct Energy, for \$0.03765 per kilowatt hour. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. All members of the City Council were in favor. Mayor Scott abstains. Motion passed.

**MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Scott said that he really didn't have anything to report, just that things were going good in City Hall, and that he was enjoying being Mayor.

**PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN REPORT:** Robert Duncan had nothing to report.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT:** Chief Rowell reported that things were going well with their move, and that they were loving their new office. He continued that they were very appreciative of the space.

**CITY SECRETARIES REPORT:**

- Monthly Reports – Cogburn reported to the City Council that a Facebook video that the City had posted had reached 44,000 views, with a post reach of 96,000. She continued that the EDC was beginning to have their budget workshops to get ready to file their proposed budget with the City Secretary. Harbour reported to the City Council that her, Beck, and Cogburn would be attending a budget class in College Station later that month. She also mentioned implementing a currency acceptance policy.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

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

- Jeffrey Killebrew family

**Information regarding holiday closings.**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

**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.**

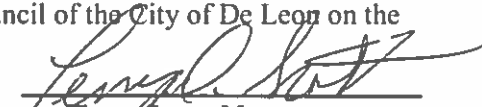
**ADJOURN** - At 8:13 pm, Councilman Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Golden seconds that motion. All Council Members were in favor; Mayor Scott abstains. motion carried unanimously.

**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 13th day of June, 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 11 day of July, 2017.

  
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*Terry Scott, Mayor*

ATTEST:   
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*Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary*

