



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING

June 20th, 2016

City Council Approved on June 27th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Adams, Councilman Reyna, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Baugh, and Councilwoman Abbe. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Councilman Childers.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Reyna gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Brown expressed that she did not feel that previous administrations had followed Article 13 of the City Charter, regarding road maintenance. She was assured that the maintenance of city streets would be monitored by city council.

Lindsey Kerley asked who the city attorney represents, and if the attorney had the cities best interests at heart. She was assured that that was the case.

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

At this point, at the request of Councilman Reyna, the Mayor moved item F. to the front of the regular agenda, to be discussed first.

Deliberate and take action on the Resignation of Place One Council Member/Mayor Pro Tempore Michael Reyna - Councilman Reyna withdrew his resignation, stating that in the best interest of the community, he would remain on the council until his position could be filled at an election or until his term expired. Applause broke out from the crowd. No action was taken.

Discussion of status of De Leon City Council, De Leon Police Department, and the City of De Leon generally - Mayor Adams asked Chief Rowell to report to the public about the current PD situation; Rowell reported that the entire PD had withdrawn their resignations, and that the PD was currently working with TCOLE to get back on patrol, that since the city is considered a functioning government. He reported further that the only thing needed by TCOLE to recommission the PD, was a copy of the minutes from this meeting. Linda O'Donnell asked if this meant that the police department would be coming back. Chief Rowell assured her that would be the case, once TCOLE had recommission the PD. Betty Grumbles thanked the PD for withdrawing their resignations, and spoke of the community moving forward together. A man sitting in the row behind Grumbles stated that he seconds what she had to say. Diana Paredes wanted to know if the PD would be remain active from now on; she was assured that that was the plan, but that no one could be certain of the future. Linda O'Donnell wanted to know if the Mayor and the PD would be working together in the future, and the mayor assured her that that was the plan. Applause again broke from the crowd. A woman then asked the council if the issues had been resolved, and the mayor responded that the council still had most of the agenda to discuss. Councilman Reyna advised that the council would be working together in the future to resolve the issues at hand; and councilman Johnson added that he had withdrawn his resignation as well. Kristina Gardener then asked the mayor if he planned to work with the council in the future. He assured her that that was the case. A woman in the crowd then wanted to know if Ron should be allowed to vote. It was made known that his resignation was not effective as of this meeting, since it had not been 8 days since he had handed in his written resignation. No action was taken.

Deliberate and take action on appointing an acting or interm city secretary - Councilman Reyna made a motion to find and hire an interm city secretary for a 6 month probationary period, for the purpose of training clerks Melenda Harbour and Sarah Cogburn for the secretary position, to assist in getting a budget in place, and to handle the duties of the position for the time being. Reyna proposed that at the end of the 6th month period, city council would re-visit apointing a city secretary, and possibly evaluate Harbour or Cogburn for the position. Councilman Baugh seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Abbe suggested checking with WTCOG for an interm city secretary. Councilman Reyna

then made a motion to appoint Melenda Harbour as temporary city secretary, until an interm could be found. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously. Jaye Golden asked the council if the city would be taking applications for the position of city secretary. She was advised that that would be looked at at the end of the 6 month probationary period of the interm city secretary. A woman then asked if the city would have two city secretaries, it was clarified to her that the two city clerks would be receiving training for the position. A second woman asked who was going to be doing the hiring. She was advised that it would be the members of the City Council Administration, and Mayor.

Deliberate and take action on a resolution authorizing the change in designated signatories for all financial accounts, all fund accounts, all investment accounts, and Visa debit cards with any and all financial institutions - Councilman Baugh made a motion to appoint Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tempore Michael Reyna, and Acting City Secretary Melenda Harbour as the designated signatories for all city accounts. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Deliberate and take action on contacting Governor Abbott to request permission to hold an emergency special election prior to the uniform election date of November 8, 2016 - Mayor pointed out that as Councilman Reyna had withdrawn his resignation, and Councilman Johnson would soon officially do the same as he has stated such earlier in the meeting. The city would hold a quorum, and there was no need for an emergency election. No action was taken.

Deliberate and take action on an ordinance calling a special election to fill vacancies on the City Council - The mayor advised that for the same reason no action was taken on the previous agenda item, no action was necessary on this item. No action was taken.


Deliberate and take action on the resignation of Place Two Council Member Ron Johnson - Councilman Johnson withdrew his resignation, citing his responsibilities to the community. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

CERTIFICATION

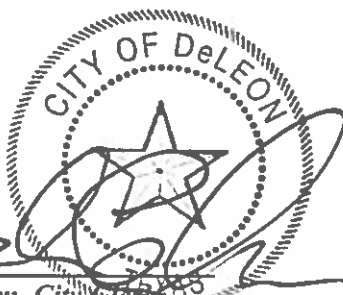
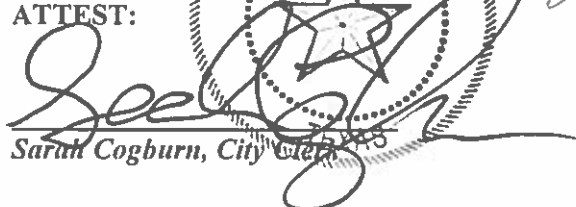
I, *Sarah Cogburn*, City Clerk for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify in a good faith effort, that the above and foregoing is true and correct of the called meeting by the City Council of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the 20th day of June, 2016.


Sarah Cogburn, City Clerk

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 27 day of June, 2016.


Jim Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cogburn, City Clerk