



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**March 27th, 2017**

**City Council Approved on April 10th, 2017**

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

**ROLL CALL** - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Reyna, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Whitney, Councilwoman Abbe, and Councilman Beck. All members were present for roll call.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Diane Donegan wanted to know how many people had been invited or notified of the candidates forum. Diane said she was thinking of cancelling the forum, because she was not happy of how it had been handled and set up. She said not even many people knew about it.

Donna Gibson wanted to know why the city had accepted an \$1,800.00 bid from Jeremy Debord for the De Leon Cemetery's maintenance, when George Boen had entered a bid for \$1,600.00.

**CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes - February 27th, 2017** - Councilman Beck made a motion to approve the minutes for February 27th, 2017. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

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

**a. Second Reading of Ordinance #07-17, Closing a portion of East Short Avenue** - Councilman Whitney asked Public Works Administrator Rob Duncan if the city had any water or sewer lines in that area, or future development plans for such. Rob said there were no lines in that area, and he was unaware of any future development plans. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance #07-17, which was made by Mayor Reyna. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

**b. Estimate for WWTP repairs** - Jonathan Imes was present from US Water Corp., and presented the city council with an invoice for a new auger which was for \$5,772.00. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the invoice for the new auger. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

**c. Auditorium Rental Contract** - Councilman Beck made a motion to approve the Auditorium Rental Contract for City Hall's use, with a clarification about drinking and smoking were prohibited, and some typo corrections. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion passed.

**d. Estimate for new Police Department Computers** - Upon recommendation of the mayor, Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to give the old laptops to the PD that were originally used for Council Meetings. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All are in favor; motion passed.

**e. Ken Harris with Oncor on Rate Change** - Ken Harris addressed the council, requesting that they deny the Oncor rate changes, so all cities could have the same rate. This item was tabled until the next meeting, for more information.

**f. Resolution #02-17 for Agreement with Oncor Steering Committee** - This item was tabled for further information.

**g. US Water Full Maintenance Contract** - US Water was represented by Jonathan Imes and his supervisor, who presented Council with an estimate for \$8,038.21 a month for complete maintenance & liability for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Abbe asked Rob what his thoughts were on US Water taking over complete maintenance of the plant. Rob didn't seem in favor, and asked that US Water be dismissed as he had someone else lined up to maintain the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Jonathan gave some examples of inefficiency at the plant. No action was taken by the city council.

**h. 1st Reading of Ordinance #08-17 Closing portion of Bivar Street** - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #08-17, which was made by Mayor Reyna. Councilman Johnson seconds that motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**i. P & M Melon Festival requesting Lights in Parking Lot at Festival Grounds** - Jeff Buckley and Ronnie Quinn were present from the Tractor Pull and Rodeo Associations. They explained that they were in need of lighting in the arena parking lot, and had had a falling out with the company they were using.

Rob raised a concern about Parks & Wildlife restricting the use of underground utilities in a park area. This item was tabled for more information.

**j. Resolution #03-17 Changing Signatures on the City of De Leon Forfeiture Funds Account** - Chief Rowell explained to the City Council that this bank account was where the monies went from impounded vehicle sales. Councilman Whitney made a motion for the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Chief himself to be the designated signatories on this account. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All are in favor; motion passed.

**MAYOR REPORT** - Mayor Reyna reported to the city council that the city had made their last payment to Gene Russell for his paving construction, and that it was very generous of him to allow us to make payments on it. Councilwoman Abbe asked a question about having a contract with Air Evac for our citizens and charging them on their monthly bill. Gabe Price was in the audience, and said he had a friend who had a service like that, but he had combined Air Evac, Care flight, and all the other helicopter services. Gabe was asked to get the City Secretary his phone number. Gabe continued that the Chamber liked the idea of meeting in the council chambers, and for the City to move the Police Department next door. The Council seemed to like the idea of having the Police Department next door to City Hall.

**US WATER REPORT** - Jonathan Imes from US Water presented Council with the attached report.

**PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - No Report

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT** - Chief Rowell explained to the council that Allan Wendt had left the Police Department, and for replacing his position Ben had received two applications so far.

**CITY SECRETARY REPORT** - City Secretary Melenda K. Harbour reported that Water bills had gone out earlier that day, and that they could be expected in the mail soon. She continued by informing the public of the dates for early voting.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences.

Information regarding holiday closings.

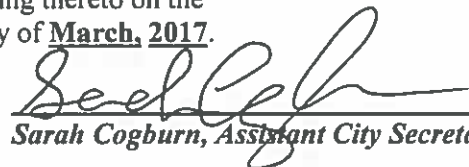
Honorary recognition of city officials, employees or other citizens.

Reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the City or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or city employee.

**ADJOURN** - Councilman Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. 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 27th day of March, 2017.

  
*Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary*

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
*Michael Reyna, Mayor*

ATTEST:

  
*Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary*





March 12, 2017

Summary Report – February 2017

Items Addressed:

- 1.) Maintained Distribution Disinfection Levels (2.8 mg/l Avg.).
- 2.) Collected & Submitted Bacteriological Samples (3 samples – All With Negative Results).
- 3.) Collected Disinfection-By product Distribution monthly Samples.
- 4.) Collected Required Nitrate/Nitrite Monthly Distribution Samples.
- 5.) Completed Required TCEQ Compliance Data for Process Control. Testing and Monthly Reporting for WWTP & Distribution Systems.
- 6.) Bleach tank at plant seems to be holding, ready soon to pump out the water and replace with bleach.
- 7.) Generator Leaking oil, recommend new pan gasket.
- 8.) Distribution block for bar screen wash down split. Will cost \$120.00 to get repaired.
- 9.) Flushed all Dead end mains (19).
- 10.) Collected Weekly WWTP Required for reporting Samples, all within TCEQ Reportable Parameters.
- 11.) Completed & Submitted the Daily /Monthly Report for Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Thanks for Using US Water,

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