



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**September 12th, 2016**

City Council Approved on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

**INVOCATION:**

Mayor Adams gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Betty Grumbles stood and addressed the council regarding her street. She made an apology to the council, stating that due to her health she been unable to attend several meetings. She went on to explain that her family had lived in De Leon on East Almante Avenue for 29 years, and 26 of those years they had been asking to have their street paved. She said she had held off lately due to the recent turmoil in the City, and now because the City was trying to get a new budget passed. She asked if money had been set aside in the new budget for paving streets. She said that their house fills up with dust, and was lowering the quality of life in the area. She also mentioned how she thought it was funny that the minute a business popped up in the area, an intersecting street was paved.

**CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting on August 22nd, 2016** - Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 22nd, 2016. Councilman Reyna seconds that motion. Mayor Adams, and Councilman Baugh were in favor. Motion passed.

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

**Proposed Agreement with the De Leon Volunteer Fire Department, for Services** - Councilwoman Abbe asked the City Secretary, Melenda Harbour, to explain why herself and Councilman Reyna could legally vote on this item. Abbe had concerns about a potential conflict of interest, since her father-in-law was the Assistant Chief, and Councilman Reyna served as President for the Fire Department. Harbour explained to her that the City Attorney had reviewed the laws concerning this, and since the firemen received no benefits, or payment for service personally, that it was not a conflicting interest for them to vote on the agreement. Councilwoman Abbe made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services between the City of De Leon, and the De Leon Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Reyna seconds that motion. The Mayor was in favor. Councilman Baugh abstained. Motion passed.

**2016-2017 Budget** - Secretary Harbour explained to the Council that she needed to make a small change in the new budget, moving \$2,000 from the miscellaneous lineitem to the Agency on Aging lineitem, due to the city's regular payment increasing. Mayor Adams made a motion to approve the City Secretary moving this money in the budget. Councilwoman Abbe seconds that motion. Councilmen Reyna and Baugh are in favor. Motion passed.

**MAYOR REPORT** - Mayor Adams reported that the new City Secretaries were doing great in their new roles, and that he was proud of them. Applause broke. Councilwoman Abbe raised a question regarding Prado's waterbill, saying that she had heard through the grapevine that the city had waived part of their water bill. The mayor explained that they were being charged for only one water meter and one sewer, where previously they had been charged for two. He further explained that there were two buildings on that property, the restaurant and the apartment, but both were only on one meter.

**USW REPORT** - John Hardin from US Water presented a good, passing report to the city council.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT** - None

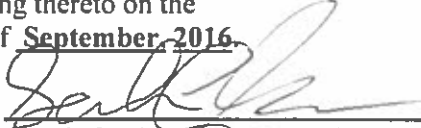
**CITY SECRETARIES' REPORT** - City Secretary Harbour reported that new hire, Jennifer Easley, was doing well and learning a lot in her new role of Utility Clerk. Harbour went on to report that things were going well in the City Hall Office, and that everyone was doing well in their newly assigned tasks.

**PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN REPORT:** No Report.

**ADJOURN** - Mayor Adams made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Councilman Baugh seconds that motion. Councilman Reyna, and Councilwoman Abbe are in favor. 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 12th day of September, 2016.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary*

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 23 day of Sept, 2016.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Jim Adams, Mayor*

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary*

