



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING
September 12th, 2017

City Council Approved on September 19th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

ROLL CALL - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Terry Scott, Sarah Childers, Jon Awbrey, Bob Whitney, and Jaye Golden. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: James Beck.

INVOCATION – Councilman Whitney gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comments were made.

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – September 5, 2017, and September 8, 2017 – Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilwoman Childers, and Councilwoman Golden were in favor. Motion passed.

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

Public Hearing for 2017—2018 Proposed Budget -

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing at 5:49 pm.

James Beck joined the meeting VIA Facebook Messenger at 6:09 pm.

Laura Brown wanted to know why the proposed budget didn't have page numbers.

Diane Donegan wanted to know why \$32,400 of their budget went to the county. Karen Wilkerson informed her it was for the Senior Citizens paid staff. No action was taken.

Mayor Scott closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm.

Ordinance 010-17, 2018-Budget – Mayor Scott made the first reading of Ordinance #010-17. Councilman Awbrey made a motion to approve the first reading, with a correction to the date in the first paragraph under the caption. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 011-17, 2017-2018 Tax Levy – Mayor Scott made the first reading of Ordinance 011-17. Councilman Awbrey made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 012-17, Fee Schedule – Mayor Scott made the first reading. Councilwoman Childers made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Motion died for a lack of further action. Council asked if this would be the appropriate time for them to make changes and raise prices for services. City Secretary Harbour advised them that was the case. Council asked staff to call around & see what other Cities charged for services, and bring back this ordinance at a later meeting. No action was taken on this item.

Financials – Council reviewed the documentation presented by staff, and seemed in favor of having less, more summarized information. A report by department was mentioned. No action was taken.

Update from Burl Lowery, CPA – Burl Lowery was present, and addressed the council regarding the status of the 15-16 audit. He said he didn't have much of a report at this point, but if he had a good weekend he should have a better idea of where the city stood at next week's meeting. He proceeded to hand out questionnaires to the Mayor, City Secretary, and City Council. He also asked for the mayor's signature on some bank paperwork so he could get copies of certain checks. No action was taken.

7. ADJOURN – At 7:35 pm, Councilwoman Childers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATION

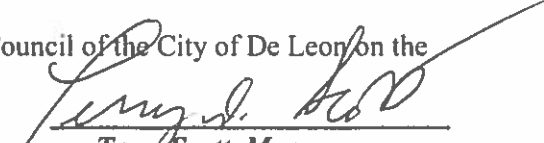
I, *Sarah Cogburn*, Assistant City Secretary for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify in a good faith effort, that the above and foregoing is true and correct of the **Called Meeting** by the City Council of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the

12th day of **September**, 2017.



Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 19th day of Sept 2017.



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Melinda K. Harbour, City Secretary

