



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
November 14th, 2017

City Council Approved on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

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

**INVOCATION** – Councilman Whitney gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comments were made.

**CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – Councilman Beck made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilwoman Childers, and Councilwoman Golden were in favor. Motion passed.

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

**\*\*Jon Awbrey arrived at 6:12 pm.\*\***

**TX Dot Street lights on Hwy 6** – Tania Bonilla and Jordan Perry were present from TX Dot, and presented Council with a plan to add 35 new street lights, included with the renovation of highway 6 through town. She said that traffic was going to severely increase over the next few years. She continued that the City had some property in the ditch by the festival grounds, and there had probably been a survey messed up in the past. She said TX Dot might be interested in purchasing the property, to clean up paperwork, and since the City couldn't really utilize it anyway. She continued that TX Dot was going to put sidewalks on both sides of the road, all the way down to Allsup's, then a crosswalk would be put in, and the sidewalk would continue to the Festival Grounds only on the north side of the road. TX Dot would pay all installation expenses, including the price of the poles and lights themselves (which was around \$319,000). All the City had to do was maintain them, and pay a monthly bill. She added that a request had been submitted to headquarters, asking to move the school zone further west, which it should have been in the first place. Mayor Scott and Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary, signed a contract for full maintenance of the lights. Councilman Whitney made a motion for TX Dot to move forward with their plans of installing the lights. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. All were in favor – motion carried unanimously.

**Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Décor** – Gabe Price was present from the Chamber of Commerce, to address the City Council. He talked about how the display last year kept getting vandalized, and he really liked the tree that the City was building for this year. The Chamber had met, and they were willing to buy the lights for the City. Price asked the City Secretary how much lights would cost, and she answered \$350 to \$400. Price responded that the Chamber could handle that, and the Country Christmas auctions would help cover the costs. Mayor Scott thanked Price and the Chamber, and informed Council that all the supplies for the tree outside were donated. The only cost was a little labor. Council thanked Price for his time, and no action was taken.

**Cemetery Assoc. Transfer of money** – Mayor Scott said he wasn't sure why this was on the agenda, but the Cemetery Association was wanting to combine all of their CDs, instead of having multiples. City Secretary advised that Bobby Schuman had wanted that on the agenda. Schuman was not present for the meeting. No action was taken.

**Appraisals of Old Police Department and Lot on E. Reynosa** – Mayor Scott addressed the Council, saying that he had talked with Byrl Cogburn of Cogburn Real Estate about the appraisals. He said the property was 50x50, all the way to Split Ends, and suggested donating the property behind these businesses to the Peach and Melon Festival and De Leon Donut Shop. Councilman Awbrey asked about the legality of donating these properties, and said sometimes you can't donate properties. Councilman Whitney asked the Mayor if he had an issue with the City retaining the property behind the businesses, and selling the old PD building with the property underneath. Councilman Whitney made a motion to retain the property behind De Leon Donut Shop and De Leon Peach and Melon Festival. Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. Motion carried unanimously. After further discussion, Councilman Whitney made another motion to sell the Old Police Department for \$24,000, and 400 W Reynosa for \$7,500 to the De Leon Industrial

Development Corporation. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

**Accel Health Agenda request – Christmas Party** – Jamie Welch was present on behalf of Accel Health, and asked the City Council to allow the attendees of their Christmas Party to bring in their own alcohol. She said they would hire additional security, if necessary. She explained that in the past, many people had brought alcohol in the auditorium, and that the location was perfect for their party, as it was central between Brownwood and Stephenville. Awbrey expressed that if Council did this for one group, they would have to do it for all the others. Golden agreed. Welch mentioned raising the rental and deposit for alcohol related events. Councilwoman Childers made a motion to allow Accel Health attendees to bring their own alcohol. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, and Councilman Beck are in favor. Councilwoman Golden abstains. Councilman Awbrey votes against. Motion passed.

**Police Chief Salary** –

**Mayor Scott declared executive session at 7:40 pm.**

**At 7:53 pm, Mayor Scott re-opened the session to public.**

Chief Dyson gave Council a presentation of his current and past wages. He pointed out that the 2016-2017 salary was done incorrectly, and that it was budgeted for \$44,920.00, because of an excel sheet that was formatted incorrectly. With the raises given to the Police Department, the Chief's salary for 2017-2018 should have been budgeted at \$55,206.84, instead of \$49,861.20.

Councilwoman Childers made a motion to bump Chief Dyson's salary up to \$55,206.84. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Report** – Mayor Scott reported that City Hall was excited about the Christmas display this year, and the tree was hopefully going to be up soon.

**Public Works Report** – Robert Duncan had given out a list of streets that needed repaired, but was not present to address.

**Police Chief Report** – Chief Dyson reported several drug related arrests, multiple problems with the patrol vehicles, that crime had been a little slower in the cold weather, and the PD was still taking applications for an officer.

**US Water** – John Fluharty had emailed a presentation for Council to review, since he could not attend the meeting.

**Emergency Management Report** – Ray Helburg was present from CCEM, and explained to Council that now the City was in the advanced stage of preparedness, and could be eligible for any state or federal grants. He continued that the City had approached him previously about storm shelter grants, and the minimum for putting in a community shelter would be around \$1,000,000.

**Parks Committee Report** – No report.

**Library Committee Report** – No report.

**City Secretaries Report**

- **Monthly Reports** – No report.


**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.**

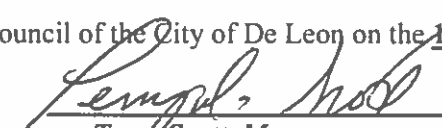
**ADJOURN** – At 8:07 pm, Councilman Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Whitney seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.


**CERTIFICATION**

I, *Sarah Cogburn*, Assistant City Secretary for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify in good faith 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 **14th** day of **November, 2017.**

  
*Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary*

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the **12<sup>th</sup>** day of **December, 2017.**

  
*Terry Scott, Mayor*

ATTEST:   
*Melinda K. Harbour, City Secretary*

