



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING
November 16th, 2017

City Council Approved on December 12th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Pro-tem Beck called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

ROLL CALL - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Terry Scott, Sarah Childers, Jon Awbrey, Bob Whitney, Jaye Golden, and James Beck. All Council members were present for roll call.

INVOCATION - Mayor Pro-tem Beck gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comments were made.

CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA: *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests an item to be removed and considered separately)*

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

Property on S Coke St - Beck addressed the Council, giving them a history of the recent happenings with the removal process of Tracy Hamilton and family from S Coke. He asked them to review the letter the attorney had sent Mrs. Hamilton, which was included in their packet. Councilman Whitney wanted to know if the City Council had voted to or talked about accepting the property, and expressed that he did not feel like the City should own property, as it would not pull taxes. Pro-tem Beck explained that Mayor Scott had spoken with the City Attorney about procedure for this project, and she had sent a written notice to the renters. Beck asked the Mayor to elaborate. Mayor Scott gave a summary of his discussion with the City Attorney; and then added that he had consulted with her because he didn't want anyone to get in trouble or sued. He also added that Tracy had not been able to find her rental agreement with the previous owner of the property. Pro-tem Beck asked Chief Dyson to play the video from his body cam of the incident. After Council watched the video, Beck said the reason himself and Councilman Awbrey had called the meeting was to discuss the timeline that the family had been given to move out of the house. Several members pointed out that Bobby Schuman should not have been present, and Mayor Scott agreed. Chief Dyson pointed out that he was there when they got there; and they really couldn't help that, since he didn't know they were going. Mayor Scott added that he had told Bobby to stay off of the property, until they were gone. Councilman Awbrey asked the Mayor if 10 days would be enough time for him to move out of a house he had lived in for 12 years, and Mayor Scott answered that it would be. Councilman Whitney asked Councilman Awbrey what he thought Council should do. Dyson asked if he could say something, then said that by law the renters had to be given 72 hours to vacate the property, regardless. After the 3 days, the landlord could contact the JP's Office to begin the eviction process. Mayor Scott said to give them 6 months, 3 days, or 3 years and that it didn't matter to him. Beck recommended giving them until 01-15-2018. Council seemed in favor of that idea. Councilman Whitney pointed out that he didn't like how the letter from the attorney threatened to make the renters pay for the City's Attorney Fees, if they had to be evicted. Another member pointed out that had to be in there, in case the City decided to hold them liable for the fees at a later date. Councilwoman Golden made a motion to give them until the 15th of January 2018. Mayor Scott seconds that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN - At 5:34 pm, Councilman Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Golden 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 **16th 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 **12th** day of **December, 2017.**



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary

