



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Scott, Councilwoman Childers, Councilman Awbrey, Councilman Whitney. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Councilwoman Golden, Councilman Beck.

INVOCATION

Councilmen Whitney gave the invocation

PUBLIC COMMENT (*Limited to Five minutes per person*) Diane with Sr. Citizens Center spoke regarding the Depot, she stated that she believes its not a good idea to move the depot and asked council to please consider leaving it where it is, it would benefit the City more where it is.

Public Works Report – David Denman City Administrator spoke on behalf of Rob Duncan Public Works Administrator. At the old City park swimming pool area some improvements are being made, adding possibly a volleyball court and basketball court. Two of the Public Works employees have attended school to get their licenses for WWTP since we started handling the plant on March 4th. The dirt work at the baseball fields has began with county hauling the dirt and the City providing the dirt.

Police Chief Report – Chief Dyson stated he had hired a new officer and he is doing very well and seems very eager to learn

Emergency Management Report – Ray Helberg stated that he had finished the Annex report on warnings, he also explained Code red emergency system and stated to go to the City Website and click link and follow the directions.

Parks Committee - David explained he was very happy with the progress as he had stated in the Public Works Report.

Library Committee – discussed the utilities upstairs and that the Fire Marshall did not pass it, the upstairs needs to revamped and new exit and all repairs will cost too much this budget. Discussion on possibly using one of the back rooms of the Library for the program, or possible use of Auditorium and start and finish the program at the Library.

City Secretary Report – Melenda stated that the Auditor should be at the City this week to finish up audit. Last day to file for election is Friday February 16th. David explained the new layout for financials with 2 different percent columns, said they look good for the year so far.

City Administrator Report – The Chamber of Commerce elected new President Rachel Wofford. Discussed the Hog Slam and jam with possibly of it being next to City Hall in grassy area and new dates being in May. Updated the council on the Hwy 6 project.

Regular Agenda

Old Business – Ordinance 03-18 Schedule of Fees – Rebecca spoke on the fines at the library. She thinks raising the fines will reduce the number of citizens that visit the library. She explained the current process for late fees and lost books. Mr. Awbrey stated that he doesn't believe we should raise the rates. Rebecca stated that Comanche Library which is a county funded library also does not charge fees. Dublin charges .25 a day for late fees. Councilwoman Childers made a motion to table for further research. Councilman Awbrey 2nd that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Change of Grant Writer - Councilwoman Childers made a motion to change to Howco for 1 year. Councilman Whitney 2nd that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Possible appointment of Pat Chesser as City Attorney – Mr. Denman recommended Chesser with high regards, stated he also has several recommendation letters. Councilwoman Childers agreed with Mr. Denman. Mr. Chesser was present for the meeting, he stated his passion is helping cities and non-profits Councilman Whitney made a motion to appoint Pat Chesser as City Attorney. Councilwoman Childers 2nd that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

A sample request of proposals (RFP) for Solid Waste – Mr. Denman went over project outline and asked for permission to go out for proposals for new garbage company. Councilman Awbrey made a motion to request proposals for solid waste. Councilwoman Childers 2nd that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Renovation of Train Depot by volunteers - Councilman Awbrey spoke on this matter. He stated he has 10-12 volunteers working once a month to renovate. They are making great progress and needed the approval to continue working. He stated it will be a great downtown venue. Mr. Denman added that he had changed worker comp insurance to cover volunteers. Councilwoman Childers made a motion to approve volunteers to continue work on Depot. Councilman Whitney 2nd that motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Amending Cemetery Contract – Mr. Denman stated that the current contract is up for renewal, currently we are paying \$1800.00 a month. His recommendation was to go out for bids with split amounts, first 6-7 months at a higher rate and 5-6 months at a lower rate, splitting the summer and winter seasons. Councilman Whitney expressed his concern regarding this proposal. He stated he is not for it because the workers make up their cost in the winter months. Mr. Denman went over option 2, going out for two separate bids one being for 7 months and the other 5 months. Councilman Whitney made a motion to go out for two separate bids. Councilman Awbrey 2nd that motion. Councilwoman Childers abstained. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

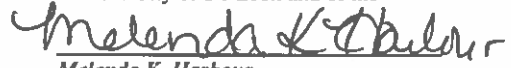
- Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences
- Information regarding holiday closings
- Honorary recognition of city officials, employees or other citizens
- Reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the City or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or city employee

ADJOURN:

At 7:44 pm, Councilman Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilwoman Childers seconds that motion. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

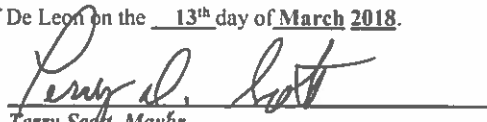
CERTIFICATION

I, *Melenda K. Harbour*, City Secretary for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify 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 13th day of February 2018.



Melenda K. Harbour,
City Secretary

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 13th day of March 2018.



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melenda K. Harbour
City Secretary

