



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
6:30 p.m. –Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

City Council Approved on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Terry Scott, Sarah Childers, Jon Awbrey, Jaye Golden and James Beck. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Bob Whitney.
3. **INVOCATION** - James Beck gave the invocation.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –  
**Bob Whitney joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.**  
Gabe Price signed up for Public Comment, saying he was going address something that was bothering him as business owner. He spoke of several businesses closing or that had closed recently, and said as a business owner himself he was realizing the challenges of food trucks. They didn't really bring anything to the community versus brick and mortar businesses, such as taxes and employment. He stated that it was the City's obligation to take care of their local businesses, and as a local business owner there wasn't any way he could compete with a food truck who didn't have personnel expenses, taxes, and the like.
5. **Mayor Report** - None
6. **Public Works Report** – Rob reported three water leaks, progress on the cleanup of the fences at the yard, hauling sand for the volleyball court, various sewer backups, and the wall built inside the police department for their investigations room.
7. **Police Chief Report** - Ed commented on the new investigations room in PD, and said tasers and a security camera were needed which would cost about \$350.00. He had visited with dispatch about the wrecker service for the county, said Walker Wrecker was coming on rotation.
8. **Emergency Management Report:** - Ray started out that various plans were being sent to Austin and distributed out to Cities. Said he was planning to retire at the end of the year, and the Emergency Management board was going to meet about his replacement. He said Tricia Grimshaw was qualified to take the position. She had been his assistant for 10 years, and had helped him open the shelter when it was in the old hospital. Ray then addressed Chief Dyson, saying Emergency Management was putting in for Homeland Security communication grants again, and the SO had expressed a need for new handhelds. He made Dyson aware the PD and Emergency Management could initiate the process.
9. **Parks Committee Report** – Jon Awbrey reported the Chamber had donated \$4,000 to the Sports Association for the new field, and also the committee was looking for new swings for the park and needed to get them in before spring.
10. **Library Committee Report** – Childers asked Mr. Denman if there was a timeline on when the shelving would be put up in the Library. Mr. Denman turned to Rebecca, and Rebecca named several things that were holding her back. Discussion followed on the assembly of the shelves, and IT maintenance. Sarah asked Rebecca for the Erate status, and Rebecca said she was waiting on them at this point, but they had gone with Totelcom's bid. Childers continued she had been working on a few more things for the library such as budgeting two part time positions, a program to bring an interactive science bus to the Library, a summer reading program that Jon Awbrey and Chief Dyson had been working with her on, and GEO cashing which basically is a scavenger hunt to the historical sites around town, which Mr. Awbrey has a list of. At each location will be a reading incentive.
11. **City Secretaries Report** – Cogburn reported stats on the website. Said there had been 1,037 hits to the site last month, and listed the top 10 most visited pages. Harbour reported about an Upper Leon billing error, from which the City would be receiving a credit for around \$50,000. Denman commended Harbour on her efforts for the incident.
12. **City Administrator Report** – Mr. Denman reported to the Council that page 16 of the financials showed the City was doing good with the budget and hadn't over-spent. Council reviewed the financials and asked questions. Whitney said it all does need to come out in the end,

and we haven't received our audit yet. Whitney continued at 6 months behind he was ok but 12 months out heads would roll. He continued that he was happy David was here and he considered it of the upmost importance of having the City's financials in line. Denman reported meetings would begin being held on Mondays as Council had concurred at the last meeting, but that hadn't happened this time as we had scheduled opening of the garbage bids on this date.

**13. 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)*

a. **Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2018 and February 27, 2018** – Whitney made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, with correctional changes to the February 27<sup>th</sup> set. Golden seconds. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Ordinance 03-18 Schedule of Fees** – After discussion, Awbrey made a motion approve the first reading. Whitney seconds that motion. Golden, Beck and Mayor Scott are in favor. Childers had stepped out, and was not present for the action. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

b. **Request to move in manufactured home** – John Weaver – James Beck addressed the City Council on John Weaver's behalf, as Mr. Weaver had other commitments. Beck made a motion to approve his request to move a mobile home into the south-east part of town. Golden seconds that motion. Awbrey, Whitney and Mayor Scott are in favor. Childers had stepped out, and was not present for the action. Motion passed.

c. **Request of Proposals (RFP) for Solid Waste – (David Denman)** – Denman addressed the Council about solid waste services, and directed them to his handouts. First he moved to KNOX Waste – Mr. Knox was present saying he was the salesman for their company, and proceeded to name the area towns they serviced. He said \$208 could be removed from their bid due to new developments. Waste Connections' proposal was next, and Doug Jones was at the meeting as a representative to address the City Council. Denman said Doug and two other reps come to see him last week. No one was present to represent Republic. Beck asked Denman about the trash blowing out of the trucks, and Jones answered the wind couldn't be stopped, and all customers were required to keep their garbage bagged. Childers said she favored the Waste Connections proposal as it gave 26 free loads per year, and Knox only offered 8. Mayor Scott brought up an incident where the garbage company had repaired Mr. Hibbitt's curb after running over it, and they had done a good job. Jones with Waste Connections said they would negotiate however necessary – they would paint the dumpsters and add reflectors. Whitney made a motion stay with Waste Connections. Childers seconds that motion. Mayor is in favor. Awbrey, Golden and Beck are against. Motion failed. It was decided the subject would be moved to April's agenda. No action was taken.

d. **Cemetery Bids – De Leon Cemetery – GOM Cemetery – (David Denman)** – The bids received for the De Leon Cemetery are as follows, with rates listed as per month:

Dawson Lawn Service for 7 months: \$3,650

Dawson Lawn Service for 5 months: \$1,750

Jeremy Debord for 7 months: \$1,800

Jeremy Debord for 5 months: \$400

Jeremy Debord for 10 months, plus two months free: \$1,800

Amanda Hicks 7 months: \$2,300

Amanda Hicks 5 months: \$1,500

Don & Gloria Moreno: \$1,650 (did not specify growth or dormant season.)

Debord was asked why he placed a bid for 10 months, and he said the reason was whoever did the 5 month bids were going to bid low. Last year he was mowing until November, so he was certain the City would need at least a 7 month contract for a good price. Beck made a motion for Debord

to maintain cemetery, at his 12 month offer (2 months free). Whitney seconds motion. All were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The bids received for the Gardens of Memory Cemetery are as follows, with rates listed as per month:

Dawson Lawn Service for 7 months: \$2,550

Dawson Lawn Service for 5 months: \$1,550

Awbrey made a motion to reject the bids. Beck seconds. All in favor; motion carried. Council concurred the City would go back out for bids for the Gardens of Memory.

**e. Amending Vendor Ordinance 014-12 and 00-415 – (David Denman) –** Denman briefed Council on the proposed ordinance, saying that after discussion with Ed he had made a couple of changes since it had been sent out. This ordinance would repeal both the current solicitor ordinance and vendor ordinance. Discussion continued, and a variety of things were mentioned such as color coded placards, taxes on CAD for businesses, lanyard fees and requiring a permit issued from the health department. No action was taken on this item, at a request for further research.

**f. Resolution 01-18 to approve the DIDC's amendments of their by-laws-(David Denman) –** Whitney made a motion to approve resolution #01-18. Beck seconds. All were in favor, motion carried.

**g. Rodeo Committee Contract – alcohol use and cost (Rodeo Committee)** Mr. Kimmell was present on behalf of the rodeo, and informed Council this year's rodeo was on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of September. He asked if the grounds were in City limits, and then continued they would like the option to bring coolers in if it was decided to do something different this year. Harbour made sure council knew that the City could set the fees for the coolers. Kimmell continued there were 350 participants signed up last year, and a couple of awards were won by the committee. Beck asked questions about the fees, ticket counts, and advertisements. Whitney wanted to know why the Council had to approve this contract at all. He had scheduled the 4h events in Comanche in the past. Awbrey moved to approve the contract as it was, and any changes could be approved later. Jaye seconds. Motion failed for more discussion. Awbrey made a motion to approve the contract, and visit the changes at a later date. Childers seconds. All were in favor. Whitney then stated a desire not to have the alcohol in the contract. Whitney made a motion to allow the rodeo to have alcohol at the rodeo. Golden seconds. Awbrey abstains. Motion passed.

**h. Court Security Committee – Judge Parsons** Judge Parsons addressed the Council regarding the newly required committee, and informed them of recent legislative changes. Judge Parsons was given consent to create his committee, and Golden volunteered to be a member. No action was taken.

**i. Acceptance of donated property on Stagecoach Dr. lots 5-13** –It was understood at the meeting the properties brought in \$21,000 last year in taxes. No action was taken.

At 9:40 pm, Mayor Scott called for executive session in the proper fashion citing Personnel Matters: City Administrator, City Secretary and Police Department Employees.

**j. Executive Session – the Council may enter into executive session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, City Administrator**

**k. Executive Session – the Council may enter into executive session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, City Secretary**

**l. Executive Session – the Council may enter into executive session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, Police Department Employees**

At 11:08 pm, the meeting re-opened to the public. No action was taken.

#### 15. 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.

16. **ADJOURN:** At 11:08 pm, Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

**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 **13th** day of **March, 2018.**



Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the **9th** day of **April, 2018.**



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary

