



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING
6:00 p.m. – Monday, July 30th, 2018

City Council Approved on August 20th, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Staff members present for said meeting were as follows: David Denman (City Administrator), Melenda K. Harbour (City Secretary), Sarah Cogburn (Assistant City Secretary), James Dyson (Chief of Police) and Corey Young (Animal Control Officer).

3. INVOCATION - Whitney gave the invocation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – Diane Donegan asked what happened to the Library shelves the Senior's Center was supposed to receive after the last Council Meeting, saying she had been told they were burned. Denman responded they had not been burned, they were still in use at the Library and the City boys had not had time them change them out.

5. 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)*

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

A. Request on Animal Control Procedures – Lisa Amick – Amick stood and addressed the council regarding a deceased cat found inside a City trap. She began by thanking Council for having her, and said she was a volunteer who works with the local rescue groups P.A.W.S. and C.A.P.A. She had gotten a call from a concerned citizen on the 24th reporting a dead cat in a trap had been found by the bathrooms at the football field, and looked like the cat had been dead for some time. She pointed out that no animal deserved that fate, and petitioned the Council, along with Laurie Lindsey, to somehow give the Animal Control Officer enough time every day to check traps and maintain the shelter according to City policy. Young voiced he had purchased the trap in June, had it set at the football field and was checking it periodically before it went missing and then re-appeared by the bathrooms. Amick continued the groups were having a hard time getting rescues to take animals from the De Leon shelter, as she felt the sanitation policies were not being enforced and several animals from the De Leon shelter had come down with parvo, hook worm and ringworms. Amick also questioned the City's trapping procedures, and recommended chaining any traps set in the future so they could not be stolen. She concluded by saying herself and Lindsey just wanted to help Corey run the shelter according to policy, for him to be given more time to work as the ACO and petitioned the Council to let the rescues do help do those things.

Laura Brown then addressed the Council, saying the City shouldn't be trapping in this heat and it was on them that the ACO didn't have enough time to run the shelter properly. She said from walking at the track she had seen this animal on various occasions, it was very sweet and friendly, and claimed to have seen it the Thursday before it was found in the trap. Wrapping up, Childers stated that moving forward she felt the Council and rescues agreed that there should be more policy enforcement and oversight, a policy for volunteers, the animals should be taken care of at regular times, and no unsupervised community service should be allowed at the shelter. No action was taken on this item.

B. Air conditioning for Auditorium – Denman stated there was an anonymous donor who was going to pay to have the auditorium insulated, electric and cover all air conditioning repairs. Awbrey made a motion to accept his donation and make the repairs. Childers seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

C. Resolution #06-18 Designation of City Account Signatories 1st Reading – Harbour addressed the Council, saying F&M bank could not issue Mr. Denman a debit card without him being on the signature cards. Thus, an updated resolution was considered. Beck voiced he felt Mr.

Denman should not be allowed on the signature cards, as Council had yet to conduct his six month review. Awbrey made a motion to approve the first reading, adding Mr. Denman to the signature cards. Whitney seconds that motion. Scott, Childers, Golden and Beck were opposed. Motion did not pass.

D. City of De Leon Animal Shelter & Animal Control – Childers and Awbrey asked for an argument to close down the shelter. Mayor Scott said the City was having difficulty finding the time and money to operate the shelter, and continued about the viral social media explosion and online bullying of the ACO. Denman pointed out that by closing the shelter the City would save only \$4,000 instead of \$12,000 because of wages. Childers made a motion to have a key made for volunteer access to the shelter, for the City Administrator to bring revised policies back to City Council, for the City Administrator to create a Volunteer Policy and that no un-supervised community service would be allowed at the shelter. Golden seconds that motion. Awbrey, Whitney and Beck were in favor. Mayor Scott was opposed. Motion passed.

E. Budget Workshop – No action was taken.

7. 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.

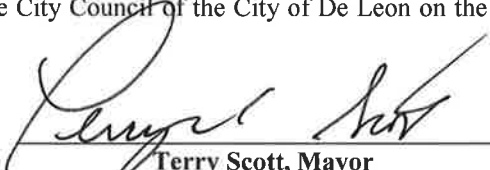
8. ADJOURN – At 10:20 p.m., Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

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 **Called Meeting** by the City Council of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the **30th** day of **July, 2018**.


Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

READ, PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the **20th** day of **August, 2018**.


Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melinda K. Harbour, City Secretary

