



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
6:00 p.m. – Monday, July 9th, 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 and Jaye Golden. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: James Beck.
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), Larry Jonap (Peace Officer) and Robert Duncan (Public Works Administrator).
- 3. INVOCATION** - Whitney gave the invocation.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Buddy Welch was present and voiced his dismay over the size of KWS' polycarts as opposed to Waste Connections' green cans. He wanted to know why the citizens of De Leon had less garbage service now for the same price. Charles was present from KWS and argued the garbage cans were in fact the same size, and any difference whatsoever was dimensional. He continued that according to their purchasing manufacturer, the dumpsters were also the appropriate yardage. Welch did not agree, and discussion followed between himself, KWS and Council.
Don Reagan voiced that he agreed with everything Welch had said.
- 5. Mayor Report** – No report.
- 6. Public Works Report** – No report.
- 7. Police Chief Report** - Chief Dyson reported the PD was still hurting and really needed another officer. He spoke of hiring bonuses or sponsoring someone to attend the police academy.
- 8. Emergency Management Report** – Helburg was present on behalf of Emergency Management and reported the burn ban had been extended 90 days, and Comanche County was in desperate need of rain. He added the Emergency Management board had approved Tricia Grimshaw to take over as Emergency Management coordinator at the end of the year.
- 9. Parks Committee Report** – Awbrey reported the tennis court and swings had been fully repaired, and a basketball goal and volleyball net would be installed soon. The repairs had cost roughly \$3,000.
- 10. Library Committee Report** – Denman reported the Library was in good shape to receive funding to cover all telecom expenses, and the summer reading programs had been a big hit in the community.
- 11. City Secretaries Report** – Cogburn reported the most visited pages on the website for the past month was the home page, news, police department, pd hiring ad and City departments menu.
- 12. City Administrator Report** – Denman briefed on the City's financial statement, giving the total expenditures in both funds, projected revenues and then the difference. He said the City had overbudgeted for taxes by \$170,000 last year, and was in the hole about \$21,000.
- 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 – June 11th, 2018** – Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes. Childers seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #09-18 (David Denman) – This item was skipped as the City was waiting on more information from the City Attorney. No action was taken.

B. Resolution #04-18, Designate Signatories 2nd reading – Councilman Awbrey made a motion to approve the second reading. Childers seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

C. Resolution #05-18, Road Closure Golden Saturday 2nd reading – Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the second reading. Childers seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Laura Brown- Junk Vehicles and Brush – Laura Brown voiced her concern about the City's enforcement efforts for junk vehicles and brush. Said she had approached various individuals about some junk vehicles but the situation had not been handled. Chief Dyson responded he had spoken to the individual who's cars were in question a couple of days after Brown had voiced the issue at City Hall, and the person was going to have the vehicles moved within a couple of weeks' time. Brown also addressed the man hole repair on Texas Street in front of Dairy Queen, saying it was a couple of inches out of the ground and was a big hazard and liability. Buddy Welch added he had hit the raised man-hole on his motorcycle and nearly crashed. Duncan answered her question, saying at the time the City didn't have the appropriate part to make the repair and had to use a larger size. The repair was time-sensitive as the road was in danger of caving, so Duncan did not have the time to order the appropriate part. He conclude that to fix the issue completely, road, man-hole and underlying City lines would cost \$40,000-\$50,000. Brown then asked why the Senior Citizens building had never been painted, to which Denman responded the City's TML insurance plan would not allow the City to paint the building. No action was taken on this item.

E. Residential/Commercial garbage charges with KWS – Very brief discussion was made about conversations between KWS and Mr. Denman. No action was taken on this item.

F. Give to Historical Society the extra Library Shelves – Discussion was made of the Library shelves. Laura Brown voiced the Senior Citizens' building was supposed to have gotten the shelves. Childers made a motion to move the shelves to the Senior Citizens' building. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

G. Electric Energy Supplier for June 2019 – Bob Forman of Abilene, representative for Priority Power Management, and Margaret Somereve, representative of TCAP were both present to address the Council. Forman began his presentation by giving a hand-out. He gave a company overview, financial analysis and concluded that Priority Power had over 1,400 clients over Texas. Somereve began by handing out a flyer, and began by giving a company overview and history. She pointed out the entire TCAP board of directors were individuals with Local Government experience. She also covered price and market analysis. It was recommended to the board to wait until the fall to make a decision, as market prices would be down. No action was taken on this item.

****At 7:17 pm, Childers left the meeting.****

H. Emergency Management – Approval of City Admin to vote in Absence of Mayor (David Denman) – Denman talked about the Emergency Management meeting he had attended for the Mayor, who could not attend that morning. Emergency Management had various budget discussions, and Mr. Denman voiced due to his position he had attempted to but could not vote in De Leon's favor. Both Awbrey and Whitney at different times made motions to approve, but each failed for more discussion. Awbrey later made another motion to let the Mayor Pro-tem and City Administrator vote at the Emergency Management Meetings, in the absence of the Mayor. Golden seconds that action. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

I. Emergency Management budget Approval (David Denman) – It was decided this item would be covered in future budget workshops. No action was taken.

J. Partnership with Head start (David Denman) – An agreement was included in the packet between the City of De Leon and Region 14 Education Services, which stated the City of De Leon would work with head start to ensure assistance for various quality services for our area children and their families. Whitney made a motion to enter into the partnership. Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

K. Roll off Contract for City of De Leon Customers (David Denman) – Whitney made a motion to both approve the use agreement for customers with roll off dumpsters, and an amendment to the City’s contract with KWS to allow for the City to offer the roll-off program. Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

L. DIDC Budget Amendments – Awbrey made a motion to approve the proposed budget amendments from the DIDC board. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

M. Move Cemetery Funds into better interest accounts (David Denman) – Whitney made a motion to allow the Cemetery Association to re-invest their CDs however they see fit according to the best interest yield. Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

N. Executive Session- The Council may enter in to Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, City Administrator, David Denman 6 months review – This item was skipped, due to the absence of various members. 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.

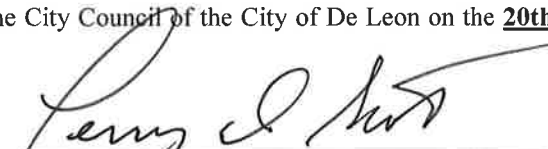
16. ADJOURN – At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

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 **Regular Meeting** by the City Council of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the **9th** 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

