



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING

6:00 p.m. – Monday, August 20th, 2018

City Council Room – 125 S Texas

City Council Approved on September 10th, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL - Council members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Terry Scott, Jon Awbrey, Sarah Childers, Bob Whitney and James Beck. Council members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Jaye Golden.

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), Rebecca Hurteau (Librarian) and Corey Young (Animal Control Officer).

3. INVOCATION - Beck gave the invocation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Michael Reyna addressed the Council concerning his interest in the position at the Police Department and concluded saying he would like to attend the Police Academy. Reyna gave a touching presentation expressing his passion for the town, speaking of the citizens and his children. He added he had spent four years in the marines.

Don Reagan addressed the Council regarding the budget saying he felt the budget workshop held on the 6th was illegal, and that he felt it strange at the beginning of the meeting the administrator had spoken hopes of hiring police officers, but at the end of the meeting he voiced the City planned not to hire any more officers unless taxes were raised. He continued the Court and Library Departments, Police Officer position and street repairs might could be funded by a cut in the administrator's pay, and said the town needed a bigger police force. He said in towns of comparable size the average pay for an administrator was \$56,000.

George Vera stated he agreed with Don Reagan, and continued the City needed a bigger police force asking who was going to protect the City when no one was working. He also felt the City should get it together, mentioning first the fall-out a couple of years ago where the police force was lost completely twice and now this. He asked who was running the City. Whitney responded all of the Police Officers were working 40 hour shifts, and there was always an officer on call.

5. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Denman addressed the City's financial status, saying the City was looking at being \$44,000 in the hole at the end of the year due to overbudgeting for taxes. Whitney asked if the City's bank account was actually going to go into the negative, to which Denman responded it was not. Harbour indicated the City's bank account was in good standing.

Denman also informed the Council that Public Works Administrator Robert Duncan had resigned from his position, and it was vital to have two persons on staff with a water license. Jacob & Martin Engineering had offered a contract for \$1,500 per month to have one of their engineers in the area to help with sampling for sixteen hours per month.

6. 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 – July 9, 2018, July 30, 2018, August 6, 2018, August 13th, 2018 – Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes. Childers seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget Workshop – Denman presented the proposed budget to Council. Rebecca Hurteau, Librarian asked if she could speak on the Library’s budget and Mayor Scott allowed her the floor. Hurteau began by saying the proposed budget would cut her work hours to the point that she would lose her benefits and a large amount of her pay. Hurteau continued she would be forced to leave town if the City did indeed replace the one full time position with two part time positions, which would happen should the proposed budget be passed. Much discussion followed, and Whitney made a motion to accept and finalize the budget. Motion failed for lack of second. At the end of the Council Meeting, this item was re-opened and Whitney made a motion to approve the proposed budget for filing with the Municipal Clerk. Childers seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Childers, Whitney and Beck were in favor. Awbrey voted against. Motion passed.

B. Electric Provider Supplier Resolution (David) – Denman handed out an email he had received from Bob Foreman with an update concerning pricing for electricity, saying it appeared prices had gone up a little since last month. All members present then voted in favor of passing the first reading of a resolution to join TCAP as a member and appoint Denman to serve on behalf of the City to select a contract for electricity services. Motion passed.

C. Resolution #06-18, Signatories for City Financial Accounts – Childers, Awbrey, Whitney and Beck were in favor of approving the first reading of Resolution #06-18. Mayor Scott was opposed. Motion passed.

D. Animal Shelter Rules – Discussion was made between Council and members of various rescue groups concerning the proposed rules which included animal euthanasia after fourteen days. Attendees showed concern over the fourteen day rule, that cleaning the shelter was not mentioned and expressed interest in being included in the policy making process. Whitney advised the attendees to select someone from the City Council to help them write the policies, and Council agreed that this item would be again addressed at a later date. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

E. 2018-2019 Tax Rate – Council decided to maintain the effective tax rate for the 2018-2019 year. No action was taken on this item.

F. Resignation of Bob Huddleston, Upper Leon M.W.D. Director unexpired term ending 5/31/2020 – Council considered a heartfelt letter from Mr. Huddleston, which did not cite a reason for his resignation. Councilman Whitney made a motion to accept Huddleston’s resignation. Childers seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed. Beck then asked what the procedure was for selecting members to be appointed to the board, and Council felt there should be more citizen involvement in selecting the board-member. Whitney then stated that Kiley Abbe was interested in Huddleston’s position on the board, and after discussion Childers made a motion to appoint Abbe to the Upper Leon Municipal Water District Board of Directors. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

G. Appoint Kiley Abbe as replacement for Bob Huddleston – No action was taken on this item.

H. Alternative person for Dispatch Board in Addition to Chief Dyson (Mayor/City Admin) – Chief Dyson was given the floor, saying the Dispatch Board needed an alternative member to fill his position in case he could not be present for a meeting. Whitney made a motion to appoint the Mayor and City Administrator as alternative members to the board. Childers seconds. Denman interjected asking for clarification on the motion, saying he needed to know specifically from Council that in the case of Chief Dyson’s absence whether himself or the Mayor would attend the meeting. Council determined the Administrator should be the first alternative and Mayor the second alternative, and Whitney and Childers withdrew their motions. Whitney made a motion to appoint the City Administrator and Mayor as alternatives for the Chief, in that order. Awbrey seconds that motion. Childers, Awbrey, Whitney and Beck were in favor. Mayor Scott refrained from voting. Motion passed.

I. Ordinance #09-18 Schedule of Fees – Harbour took the floor and advised the Council the City’s intention to go up on water rates. The increase proposed was to cover a 3% increase from Upper Leon, and consisted of going from:

- \$36.88 to \$37.99 on residential inside and \$1.00 to \$1.03 per every 100 gallons after 3,000;
- \$50.90 to \$52.43 on residential outside and \$1.98 to \$2.04 per every 100 gallons after 3,000;
- \$42.91 to \$44.20 on commercial inside and \$1.98 to \$2.04 per every 100 gallons after 3,000; and
- \$58.45 to \$60.20 on commercial outside and \$1.98 to \$2.04 per every 100 gallons after 3,000.

Council discussion also included raising the auditorium rates from \$75.00 to \$150.00, and including the fees for roll-off services in the ordinance. Whitney made a motion to change the price from \$75.00 to \$150.00 concerning both the deposit and rental fees. Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present were in favor – motion passed.

Awbrey then made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #09-18. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

At 7:45 pm, Childers left the meeting.

J. DIDC Budget Amendments – Cogburn briefed the Council on the DIDC’s budget amendments, saying purchases of property and multiple business loans had thrown the DIDC’s expenditure budget deeply into the negative. The DIDC board had moved to amend the Business Loans & Promotions \$8,500, Advertisement \$1,400, EDC Coordinator Fee \$350 and Miscellaneous Expenses \$340. Whitney made a motion to approve the DIDC’s budget amendments. Beck seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

K. DIDC 18-19 Proposed Budget – Cogburn presented the proposed budget to the Council, covering the revenues and expenditures. Awbrey asked if the board received any money from the City, to which Cogburn responded they did not as the DIDC was funded by sales tax. Whitney made a motion to approve the DIDC’s proposed budget. Beck seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

At 7:52 pm, Childers re-entered the meeting.

L. Roof Bids for Senior Citizen Building – Denman took the floor and began presenting the proposed bids to Council which are as follows:

- Mid Tx Roofing for \$11,200 (roofing only);
- A7M Roofing for \$14,467.10;
- RD Construction for \$15,705;
- Star Roofing for \$17,047.52; and
- Paul Williams for \$23,082.

Denman brought to Council’s attention that a bid had also been received from Cobar Roofing, but had been disqualified as it was not sealed, it was sent in by email and the final price was not summarized. After discussion, Childers made a motion to award the bid to RD Construction for \$15,705. Beck seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

At 7:58 pm, Mayor Scott called for a break in the meeting.

At 8:10 pm, the meeting re-convened then entered into executive session.

M. Executive Session- The Council may enter in to Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, City Administrator, Job Duties –

At 9:25 pm, the meeting re-opened to the public. No action was taken on this item. At this time in the meeting, the City Council re-visited the Budget Workshop item.

8. 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.**

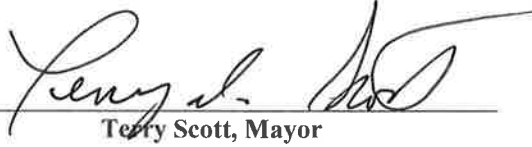
9. ADJOURN – At 9:29 p.m., Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

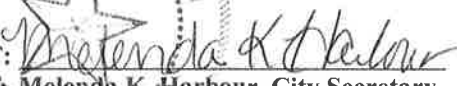
CERTIFICATION

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 **20th** day of **August, 2018**.


Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

READ, PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the **10th** day of **September, 2018**.


Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary

