



MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

6:00 p.m. – Monday, September 10th, 2018

City Council Room – 125 S Texas

City Council Approved on October 9th, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

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

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 - Whitney gave the invocation.

4. OPEN 2018-2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Scott opened the public hearing at 6:07 pm.

Buddy Welch asked where the City was at with the budget, and stated cutting the police to three officers was not a way to grow the town. He said a fully staffed police force was a way to attract businesses, and the current department couldn't handle the load. Scott responded that no decision had been made on the police department.

Betty Grumbles asked about the Free Press' Survey and how the City could approve the budget when there were still so many decisions to make. Whitney answered under law the City had to adopt the budget soon, and amendments could be made through-out the year as needed. Grumbles voiced her favor of keeping the Library open. Expanding the Library's hours to Saturday was even mentioned.

Laura Brown, Buddy Welch and various others in attendance raised questions about the wages in the General Administration's budget. Discussion followed of the Administrator and Secretary's duties with Council responding overall that both positions were vital and progress was being made in the City. Laura continued by asking why Code Enforcement wasn't being handled, and why the mattresses down her street couldn't be picked up. Whitney answered by pointing out he could call the Chief for those things, but his reply would be he was working on a serious case.

Buddy Welch asked if the salaries were fair, and pointed out the City Secretary was being paid more than the hourly officers.

Daisy Young, who had been waiting to address Council, stated she had the same question as Laura Brown concerning the code enforcement and asked if the City would have another tire disposal event. The City Administrator responded saying the City was awaiting TCEQ to raise more funding to host another event.

Rebecca Hurteau voiced concerns the City's budget for the Library was not being utilized nearly enough and most of the expenses were being paid out for County funds. Hurteau said the County was only supposed to reimburse the City \$2 per hour in wages and some expenses, but in the past it had jumped to more, plus all expenses. The City Secretary pointed out that only \$2 per hour was being paid to the City out of County funds.

****At 7:05 pm, Golden exits the meeting.****

5. CLOSE 2018-2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Scott closed the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comments were made.

7. Mayor Report – No report.

8. Public Works Report – The Administrator reported Public Works was down to three employees, and Corey Young had been in charge in wake of the previous Public Works Administrator's resignation and had been managing things well. The crowd then gave Corey Young applause.

9. Police Chief Report – Chief Dyson reported the "no overtime schedule" for the Police Department had worked out better than anticipated. He briefed Council on how the PD's schedule was currently working, and that the Sheriff's Office had been a big help taking small calls.

10. Emergency Management Report – Ray Helburg was present and reported the County’s fire hazard danger was way down thanks to the recent rains, and the burn ban had been lifted.

11. Parks Committee Report – Councilman Awbrey reported for the Parks Committee briefing on the new updates made to the park. He thanked the donors saying the public had been utilizing the basketball, volley ball and softball fields. Denman added the tennis courts were being utilized as well.

12. Library Committee Report – No report.

13. Municipal Court Report – Cogburn briefed the Council on the monetary breakdown of the Municipal Court for the month of August.

14. City Secretaries’ Report – Harbour informed the public and Council about Cogburn’s recent engagement, and that she would be resigning her position in the spring. Harbour stated that the Utility/AP Clerk Raelynn Wendt was training to take over Cogburn’s work.

15. City Administrator Report – Denman covered the City’s financial statements for funds General and Utility. He continued he had been looking for a place to temporarily display the City’s historical marker from Highway 6 East until the highway construction had been completed, and the board seemed to agree it should be placed on the lot just north of City Hall. Denman continued the City’s current health insurance plan for employees was being reviewed, and he was working with TML and the Frasier Agency looking for a new insurance plan.

16. 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 – August 20th, 2018 and August 23rd, 2018 – Whitney made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 06-18, Designating Signatories for City Accounts 2nd Reading – Whitney made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution #06-18. After discussion, Awbrey seconds that motion. Scott and Beck are opposed. Motion failed to pass.

B. Resolution #07-18, TCAP 2nd Reading – Awbrey made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution #08-18. Motion died for lack of second.

C. Resolution #08-18, Upper Leon Appointment Of Directors 2nd Reading – Whitney made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution #08-18, appointing Kiley Abbe to the Upper Leon board of Directors. Beck seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

D. Ordinance 09-18, Schedule of Fees 2nd Readings – Whitney made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #09-18. Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Resolution 09-18, Tx Dot – Rich Truitt – Rich Truitt was present from TX Dot to address the upcoming construction on SH 6 in De Leon. Truitt began by saying more shipments from Panama were being routed down SH 6 instead of the route used in the past, so much of SH 6 was being re-done. Awbrey asked if there was any way the City or Tx Dot could determine which contractor performed the work for Tx Dot. Truitt continued he had found the City to be compensable for expenses of \$65,439.60. Awbrey made a motion to approve Resolution #09-18 authorizing Denman to sign an agreement contributing funds to the project. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion carried unanimously.

F. Chamber of Commerce – Hog Slam and Jam – Rachael Wofford, President of the Chamber was present to address the Council. She asked permission for the Chamber to

have BYOB at the Hog Slam & Jam this year, which was going to be held at the arena grounds. Beck made a motion to allow BYOB at the Hog Slam & Jam. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

G. DIDC End of Year Financial Report – Cogburn presented the DIDC's financial statement as of August 2018 to the City Council. Awbrey made a motion to approve the report. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

H. 2018-2019 Budget Approval – Whitney made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the proposed budget. Beck seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

I. Culverts-Street Fund – Denman took the floor saying in recent past the City had some culvert repairs in driveways and the previous Public Works Administrator's policy had been if the property owner would pay for the supplies then the City would do the work at no charge. Denman asked Council for policy on culvert installation, saying it was state law the City was responsible for Storm Water. Awbrey made a motion for the City to cover all costs of horn replacements as long as the horn replacement was mandatory. Whitney seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; motion passed.

****At 8:10 pm the meeting took a brief intermission.****

****At 8:20 pm the break ended and the meeting adjourned into executive session.****

J. Executive Session- The Council may enter in to Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; City Administrator Duties – No action was taken on this item.

K. Executive Session- The Council may enter in to Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; Chief of Police Duties – No action was taken on this item.

****At 11 pm, the meeting re-opened to the public.****

18. 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.

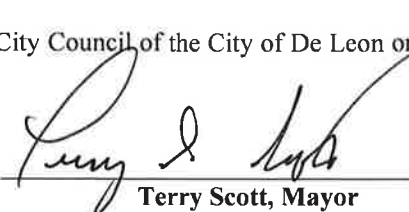
19. ADJOURN – At 11:00 p.m., Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

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 **10th** day of **September, 2018**.


Sarah Cogburn, Assistant City Secretary

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


Terry Scott, Mayor

