



**Minutes of a Regular Public Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019**

Council Approved on July 2, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. **ROLL CALL**
Councilmembers present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Mayor Scott, Councilman Awbrey, Councilman Harlin, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Armstrong, Councilman Welch arrived at 5:35. All members were present
3. **INVOCATION**
Invocation given by Councilman Harlin
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** *(Limited to Three minutes per person)*
David Cisneroz stated that the Tax money would be very helpful this year with advertisement, they are hiring a company out of Comanche and that will cost about \$7,000. He also stated that is cost a lot to host the festival usually comes out to about \$40,000, with advertisement, scholarships for Queen, cost to livestock association to park cars, and cost for getting tractor pull crew in.
Rose Taylor was present to discuss the poor condition of the De Leon Cemetery, she stated that the dead flowers have been on graves for over 2 months, there is trash everywhere, she had picked up liquor bottles and had to move limbs to do the cemetery walk.
5. Mayor Report: N/A
6. **Public Works Report:**
Mr. Denman--Making some progress on damaged streets, put some gravel on N. Bell to try and improve the street. We have had several complaints on condition of the pavement, we need lots of culverts around town. Mr. Johnson helped with bridge on Mc Kinney St, going to put concrete in the hole and then gravel on top of it to help secure it. We had flooding at City hall, insurance agent stated that it was not caused by wind or hail but due to a small drain getting excessive water, we caulked around the drain to help prevent more flooding. We had an employee resign (Vint Rameriz), Denman did the exit interview. Community Rehab going on this week and the City provided free roll off containers and a few dumpsters for this event. Buddy Welch commented that we need to check into getting a mosquito sprayer.
7. Police Chief Report: N/A
8. **Emergency Management Report:**
Trish Grimshaw was present and stated that First Net has priority in disaster, she talked about the class for public officials its to teach public officials of there roles in disasters. She stated that FEMA does not cover paved roads.
9. **Parks Committee Report:**
Councilman Awbrey—We may have more and a larger opportunity for tennis in De Leon, wants to possibly partner with the school on getting tennis courts back in shape, City could maybe help with lights and getting foundation back in order. Heather Armstrong is looking for grants to help give families more things to do at the City Parks.
10. DDT Report: Felt Terrill: N/A
11. **Library Committee Report:**
Rebecca Hurteau--Summer Reading program is underway and going very well. Heather Armstrong has volunteered her time for this. Ages 10-18 involved in a summer reading program for every 100 pages read their name get put in a drawing for Schlitterbahn tickets. The TAME science trailer will be at the Library on Wednesday from 9:30am to 1:30pm.
12. **Municipal Court Report:**
Raelynn Wendt went over court report
13. **City Secretaries' Report:**
Melenda K. Harbour—Rabies Clinic is set for June 29th, Budget Class on Thursday for Raelynn and myself at TML
14. **City Administrator Report:**
David Denman—Went over financial report, City is looking good financially, not as many employees and not spending much money is helping. Looking into getting a contractor to do culverts since we are so far behind, showed a diagram of the culverts for the new school entrance. Waiting on the engineer to give us a drawing of the road.

15. **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 Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

a. **Approval of Minutes –May 17, 2019**

Councilman Harlin made a motion to approve minutes with correction. Councilman Welch seconds that motion. All present were for; Motion carried

16. **REGULAR AGENDA:** *(Discuss and consider the following items)*

Old Business

A. **De Leon Cemetery Contract**

Councilwoman Brown stated that she has more complaints on the Cemetery that streets, she gets at least 2-3 times a day. Very seldom did she see anyone there working on it, trees had not been trimmed, dried grass all over the graves, major weed eating needing done, limbs all over the cemetery. She stated that the contract states trimming along fencing and it has not been done. We need someone who can do this full time not part time. Councilman Welch stated that the weather has held progress up some but shouldn't not have been since February. Council woman Brown made a motion to terminate contract with Jeremy Debord and get someone full time. Discussion on the motion was Councilwoman Armstrong asked if we could afford someone full time and Brown stated yes we were paying Debord \$1800 a month. Councilwoman Brown stated that Amanda Hicks had come to her and was very interested in taking this Cemetery contract, she handles GOM Cemetery and does a very good job on it. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present for were for; Motion Carried

New Business

B. **Resolution #06-19 , 2019 Road Closure P & M Festival Parade and Golden Saturday**

Councilman Awbrey made a motion to approve Resolution #06-19. Councilwoman Brown seconds that motion. All members present were for. Motion carried.

C. **Agenda Request Landon Morris flood compensation**

Landon Morris was present and stated he had bought property in late February, he thought he had everything turned off in the house. The City came out and turned water on, he got a phone call the next morning saying his house was flooding. He asked does the City not have protocol to follow when turning on the water? If so the protocol was not followed. The valve to the washer was stuck and wasn't off. He asked for his deductible to be covered by the City which is \$4300. Councilman Welch asked why didn't you go by and check when you knew the water was going to be turned on. Morris stated that he didn't go by because he thought the City would follow protocol and make sure it wasn't running or leaking. Council man Welch made a motion to table to out more facts. Motion failed. Councilwoman Armstrong made a motion to cover ½ of the deductible. Councilman Harlin seconds that motion. Mayor Scott, Councilman Harlin, Councilwoman Armstrong and Councilman Awbrey were in favor: Councilman Welch and Councilwoman Brown abstained. Motion Carried.

D. Agenda Request Jeremy Debord Demolition Derby at Festival Grounds
Jeremy Debord was present and asked for approval from council to proceed on getting more details and dates for a future Demolition Derby at Festival Grounds. He had talked to Cooks Insurance to cover the insurance on the event and had also spoken with Chief Dyson for security. He stated that the profits would be donated back to the City. Councilman Awbrey made a motion to let him pursue the possibly of a future derby in De Leon. Councilman Awbrey seconds that motion. All members present were for: Motion Carried

E. Executive Session- The council may enter into Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; Prospective Applicants for Public Works Positions

Mayor Scott began executive session at 7:51pm
Reconvened in Regular Session at 7:51pm with Mayor Pro Tem Awbrey presiding in Mayor Scotts absents. Councilman Welch made a motion to hire Dean Thompson for the public works employee. Councilwoman Armstrong seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; Motion Carried.

Another meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 14th to discuss hiring another New public works hand.

17. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

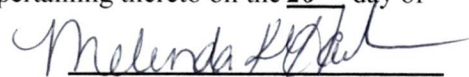
- Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences
- Information regarding holiday closings
- Honorary recognition of City officials, employees, or other citizens
- Reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the City or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a City official or City employee.

18. ADJOURN:

Councilman Welch made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:03pm. Councilman Harlin seconds that motion. All members present were in favor; Motion Carried

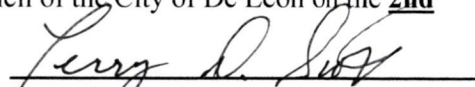
CERTIFICATION

I, *Melenda K. Harbour*, City Secretary for the City of De Leon, Texas, do hereby certify that 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 20th day of June, 2019.




Melenda K. Harbour,
City Secretary

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the 2nd day of July 2019.



Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melenda K. Harbour
City Secretary