



MINUTES OF A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING  
5:30 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2019  
City Council Room – 125 S Texas

City Council Approved on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
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.
3. **INVOCATION** – Whitney gave the invocation
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Limited to Three minutes per person*) – Jacalyn Adams spoke in support of Laura Garza, she stated the City moto is Busiest Town Friendliest People and Laura could be a poster person for De Leon. She greets everyone with a smile and good word of encouragement, her past does not define her, God defines her. We all have a past and she has paid for hers. She was honest about her past, she deserves grace, forgiveness and the position at City of De Leon. Danny Burnett spoke in support of Laura Garza, she has had 20 years of trail and tribulation, the citizens of De Leon want her to be able to move on and understand her past. Laura loves the City of De Leon very much.  
Grace Everhart stated that Laura Garza is a great addition to the City, she does not let her past affect her, she has a great personality. Everhart stated that if she would've had a position open, she would've hired Laura.  
Alexis Garza stated that her mom is trying to move forward and not let her past define her. She wants a better life for her family.  
Patty Griffin stated she has known Laura since she was little, she doesn't know a stranger. If she had the opportunity to hire Laura she would have. Griffin stated that she called Laura when she heard she was hired and told her she was very proud of her. I hope you give her this opportunity to the job, I believe she will be excellent.  
Daisy Young stated that Laura is an awesome person, she trust's her and she has a great personality. She is trying to move forward and give her family a better life. I believe she deserves a second chance.  
George F stated she is a great girl, she has been baptized and repented of her sins. In the bible its states forgiveness and not to throw stones at someone if we have faults ourselves. She will be a great asset to the City, she always has a smile on her face and is a great friend.  
Pauline Villarreal stated that Laura would be a great asset to the City  
Marie Glover stated that every job Laura has worked at she has been a great asset to them. She made a mistake and has paid for it. Glover stated she supports Laura and believes she will be excellent, that the City shouldn't look at her and label her but should look at her and see what's good for the town.
5. **CALLED AGENDA:** (*Discuss, consider, and act on the following items*)  
\*\*\*At 5:58 p.m. the meeting was adjourned into executive session\*\*\*
  - A. **Executive Session** – The City Council may convene into a closed executive session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov't Code, in accordance with the authority contained in the following section, Section 551.074 Texas Gov't Code (deliberate the appointment, employment, or dismissal of a public employee) to discuss the following: Approval of hiring the employee to serve as the City utility billing clerk.  
\*\*\*At 6:38 p.m. the meeting re-opened into regular session\*\*\*
  - B. **The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to take any action deemed necessary as a result of the Executive Session, including the following: Council may consider the approval or disapproval of the hiring of the employee to serve as the City utility billing clerk-** No action was taken

\*\*\*At 6:39 p.m. the meeting was adjourned into executive session\*\*\*

C. **Executive Session-** The council may enter Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; Prospective Police Department Employee.

\*\*\*At 8:00 p.m. the meeting was re-opened into regular session\*\*\*

D. **Prospective Police Department Employee** – Councilman Whitney made a motion to hire Cotton for 90 days, must be rehired afterwards. Councilman Beck seconds that motion. All members present for in favor: motion passed.

6. **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.

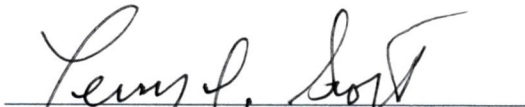
7. **ADJOURN:** At 8:02 p.m., Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

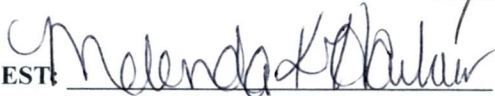
**CERTIFICATION**

I, Melenda K. Harbour, 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 **18<sup>th</sup>** day of **March 2019**.

  
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Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary

**READ, PASSED and APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of De Leon on the **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **April 2019**.

  
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Terry Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Melenda K. Harbour, City Secretary