

RL City Council Meeting minutes told October 9, 2017

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on October 9, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding.

Council members present included Roger Alexander, Shaunna Grantham, Joe Longoria, and Janie Munoz. No members were absent. There is a vacant council position due to the death of member, Toni Rainwater. City Secretary Kay Torres was also present.

The meeting began at 6 pm with a quorum present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the invocation was given.

Tom Fletcher, City Fire Marshall, reported that he must go to and pass an Inspector Certification class. They include Inspector 1, Inspector 2, and Codes and Plans. The classes are \$485 each. He also states that he would like to find a class that is before August and at A&M.

Tina Prentice, owner of Ms. T's Flower Shop, notified the council that she is moving her business to downtown building. She states that she will fill out any business permits, as needed.

A motion was made by council member Grantham for approval of the consent agenda items 1 - 5. The motion, seconded by council member Munoz, carried.

Tommy Williams discussed a new business venture and had a question about the "grandfather clause". A business was to close on May 1, 2015. The RV park was closed and the washeteria remained open. When the RV park was reopened after being closed for 4 years, the RV park application was accompanied by an application fee of \$50. The business permit fee paid prior to publication of the ordinance was to be refunded. Mr. Williams elected to apply that fee rather than receive a refund. Permission was requested and approved to trim the tree in the alley behind the RV Park. Mr. Williams advised the council that he was looking to expand his RV park to the area of Austin and 5th Street. He discussed additional business that was possibly coming to Robert Lee. Mr. Williams was advised that his park was not in compliance with the existing ordinance. Upon closing of the RV park, the total water/sewer bill was reduced and reopening of the RV park has caused the utility cost to rise. This item was for discussion only and Mr. Williams was asked to return with his plan and a request to be placed on the November agenda.

Speakers from Critter Shack were on hand to enlighten the council on the benefits of a spay and neuter clinic. Ms. Sharon Halfmann was the principal speaker. She gave examples of the benefits of a spay and neuter clinic and the cost of a clinic versus euthanizing. Education is the key to success. The meeting was adjourned

for convenience reasons at 7:40 pm and reconvened at 7:46 pm.

The postmaster has shown interest in the vacant council position, however after checking with her superiors, she was unable to apply. The position opening was advertised in the local paper. We have received 0 inquiries at this time.

After brief discussion, five individuals were nominated to the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. They included Roger Alexander, Jerrod Pitcock, Tom Sawyer, Jeremy Burns, and Aaron Hood. The motion to nominate was made by council member Longoria. The motion, seconded by council member Grantham, passed.

Council member Grantham made the motion to accept the resignation of Yvonne Devoll and appoint Farrell Jean Washam to the Housing Authority Board, with a term to expire October 1, 2018. The motion, seconded by council member Munoz, passed.

Mayor and Public Works Reports

1) CCWSC has had the contract for over a month and there has been no response.

2) TCEQ inspection better than expected. Main problems were with record keeping and housekeeping. There were fencing problems around the tanks and water tower. These have all been repaired.

3) Meeting with a prospective Public Works Director who is knowledgeable and very capable. There will be a future meeting and negotiation.

City Secretary Report

1) The secretary reported on a meeting with a city secretary in Abilene. Among other subjects she inquired how other cities handled their animal control and code enforcement. Some of the cities had full time animal control, and the police department took care of code enforcement.

The possible B&W RV expansion was requested for a future agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at



Robert Lee City Council Meeting! Robert Lee City Council were joined by a group of concerned citizens at the Robert Lee City Council meeting Monday evening, November 13, 2017. All members of the council were present.

Council Member Roger Alexander moved for a vote of no confidence in the City Secretary. The motion, seconded by Council Member Shaunna Grantham, passed.

Grantham then made a motion to terminate the employment of City Secretary Kay Torres. She cited personnel policy, Section 2, page 19, letter c for dishonesty, letter e for flagrant or persistent insubordination, letter k for repeated failure to meet credit obligations, and letter n for violation of city rules, regulations, policies and procedures. The motion was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. Mayor Leroy Casey advised the council that as a city official, Torres must be paid from the date of the suspension to the date of termination. The motion passed. Torres was suspended last month pending an investigation. Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen has completed the investigation and is submitting his findings to the District Attorney for prosecution.

Council Member Alexander made a motion to research and find a collection firm for the city's past due accounts. Grantham seconded the motion and it passed. During discussion, the council concluded that due to the large amount of current collections of more than \$50,000, the council should have final decision on any firm to be hired.

The city council also voted to schedule meetings at 6 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The meetings are held at Robert Lee City Hall. The next meeting will be Monday, November 27, 2017.

8:23 pm. October 16, 2017

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on October 16, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding.

Council members present included Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, Joe Longoria, and Shaunna Grantham. No members were absent. City Secretary Kay Torres was also present.

The meeting began at 6 pm with a quorum present.

The pledge of allegiance was

recited and the invocation was given by council member Alexander.

Council member Alexander made a motion to discuss the utility billing, seconded by council member Munoz, and the floor was opened for discussion. At this time council member Grantham moved the council to go into executive session to discuss a personnel problem with the utility billing.

The motion, seconded by council member Alexander, passed. The regular session of the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm. The public was asked to leave the council room. The council had to request the city secretary to leave the council room.

The council began executive session at 6:05 pm and ended at 7:08 pm.

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Vision with a Purpose

Small Town Christmas

 Saturday, December 2

 First United Methodist Church

 Family Life Center

 State Highway 208 • Robert Lee

 5:15 pm ~ Santa Arrives,

 Portraits by Erin Oleksiuk Photography

 6:30 pm ~ Hayrides, \$1/person

 Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult

 8 pm ~ Silent Auction Ends

 (Two Handmade Quilts)


 Chili, Stew, & Cornbread ~ \$5/bowl

 Gingerbread Man Cookies by Bev ~ \$1/each

 Lighting Contest Deadline ~ November 30 at 5 pm

 Register at Floyd Pettitt Insurance, 715 Austin St

*Together they have found a friendship,
 raised a family, and built a beautiful marriage.
 You are most warmly invited by the children of*



**William
 and
 Rhonda
 Hood**

to participate in the joyous celebration of their parents'

50th Wedding Anniversary

*A reception will be held on
 Saturday, November 25, 2017,
 from 2 pm - 4 pm
 Pecan Baptist Church
 14081 W. Highway 158 • Robert Lee, Texas
 No gifts please, your presence is enough*