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The Auditor attended the meeting to present the audit to the Council Members. The findings were the same as the previous year and include: lack of segregation of duties, General Ledger did not accurately reflect the City finances, internal controls were not effective, the City was over budget, and funds were spent that were not budgeted for. Tracy Grantham made a motion to accept the audit report as presented and she was seconded by Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The Personnel Policy was updated to how the city is currently running. Sections that were updated included: On call, internal controls were added, how vacation is calculated was changed, uniforms were updated, and payroll was updated. Becca McGuire made a motion to table the item until the next meeting and was seconded by Grace Todacheeny. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held to decide whether to approve the listed accounts for the Bulk Water Rate, so they will not be included in the tiered system. The accounts have a normally high usage with the nature of their business. A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to approve of the accounts listed for the commercial rate as outlined by the ordinance. She was seconded by Brandi Brosh and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A second reading of Ordinance 1323 - Water Conservation Plan was done. Water rates in the ordinances were updated to reflect the water ordinance. A motion was made by Becca McGuire to accept the second reading of Ordinance 1323 - Water Conservation Plan. The motion was seconded by Grace Todacheeny and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A first reading of Ordinance 1329 - Animal Control

Ordinance was done. The ordinance was updated to allow the Animal Control Officer to deal with stray cats and baiting of other animals with much more ease. For the second reading, remove the removal fee of trapped animals. A motion was made by Brandi Brosh to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1329 - Animal Control Ordinance. She was seconded by Tracy Grantham and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A first reading of 1330 - Budget FY20-21 Amendment was held. Federal withholdings line item was added to the funds. A motion was made by Brandi Brosh to approve of the first reading of 1330 - Budget amendment. She was seconded by Council Member Becca McGuire and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

No discussion was held on the Isolated Citizens Assistance Program.

Discussion was held on the Cares Act Funding (75% and 25% categories). For the 75% category, the funds can be used to purchase a kiosk. Amanda will get more information regarding the kiosk for the council. The 25% category can be used for a COVID-19 Hardship Grant to help citizens who have been financially affected by the pandemic. A motion was made by Becca McGuire to table the kiosk idea for the 75% category and to approve of the Grants for Individual Hardship Program for the 25% category with the suggested changes. She was seconded by Tracy Grantham and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

FMT Assistance is currently on hold. TCEQ is between contractors who conduct the rate study at this time so it is on hold until further notice.

The Rural Water Contract item was tabled, as no representatives were present.

The transition period for



Area Contest! The Robert Lee High School FFA Public Relations team competed at the Area II Contest on Saturday, November 21, 2020. The team, comprised of Roxana Rangel, Zoe Tijerina, and Abbigayle Smith brought home the fifth place banner.

closure of bank accounts at Robert Lee State Bank. In a previous meeting, the council discussed a transition period to move funds from the accounts into the operating account and move automatic payments into the operating account. A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to approve of the suggested transition period of 3 months to get everything moved to the operating account by February 1, 2021. She was seconded by Brandi Brosh and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Accounts with large outstanding balances were presented to the council. A motion was made by Becca McGuire to disconnect accounts as scheduled according to the Ordinance 1324. She was seconded by Grace Todacheeny and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The Mayor's Report was unavailable as Mayor Allyson Crenshaw was absent due to a family emergency.

The City Secretary gave her

report and said that Municipal Court will resume on November 10, with the option of in person sessions or via Zoom.

The City Superintendent gave his report as follows: 54 work orders, 4 water leaks (2 of which were considered significant with the water loss in consideration), 3 sewer locates, and 1 new service in operation. TCEQ came out to perform an inspection on the Sewer Plant. Overall good results and all issues were resolved within the week of inspection. The City Water

Tanks are to be inspected next month and City Locks and City Hall are scheduled to be re-keyed.

Reconsidering the contract with Tank Services was requested as a future agenda item.

A motion was made by Brandi Brosh to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm and was seconded by Tracy Grantham. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

[Editor's Note: Content of minutes published in the newspaper has not been changed other than the correction of grammatical and/or typographical errors and formatting.]

East Coke County Hospital District meeting minutes told

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6 pm in the council room at Bronte City Hall. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Everett Bedford, Lanette Fletcher, and Gina McCutchen. Acting

Administrator Charlene Turner, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg were also present. Jerita Taylor was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Baker.

A quorum was established. *(Continued on page 6)*

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