



Traffic Stop! Methamphetamines, marijuana, and a Dimanondback AR rifle was seized during a traffic stop by the Coke County Sheriff's Department recently in Bronte.



CCSWD hosting Tree Sale

The Coke County Soil and Water District is currently hosting a Tree Sale. Native seedlings include Afghan Pine, Cedar Elm, Bur Oak, Pecan and more. Containerized species are in plastic tubes with 6-12 inch tops. Bareroot species have 18-24 inch tops. Stop by the office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee to pick up an order form and see a complete listing on the trees. The order deadline is January 31, 2018.

Call (325) 453-2623 ext. 3 for more information.

Robert Lee City Council minutes posted

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session Monday evening, November 13, 2017. Mayor Leroy Casey presided and Council Members present included Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, and Shaunna Grantham. There are two vacant council positions currently. These are due to the death of Toni Rainwater and the resignation of Joe Longoria. The meeting began at 6:02 pm with a quorum present. Deputy City Secretary Brandie Millican was also in attendance. The sign-in sheet is on file.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Open Forum

Joe Longoria spoke to the council regarding an open letter addressed to him. The letter was received after his resignation as a council member.

Fire Marshall Tom Fletcher was asked if there was anything he wished to report regarding the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that all was good with the fire department.

A. Consent Agenda

Council Member Alexander made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Munoz seconded the motion. Council Member Munoz amended the motion to remove the minutes of October 9, 2017. The amendment was seconded by Council Member Alexander. The Mayor removed the financial report from the consent agenda due to not having a report. The Consent Agenda passed with the October 9, 2017, minutes and financial report removed. Corrections made to the October 9, 2017, minutes. A

motion was made by Council Member Munoz and seconded by Alexander to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017, meeting with corrections. The motion passed.

B. Regular Business

A motion was made by Munoz, seconded by Alexander, to pass a resolution allowing the City Council to meet twice a month in regular session on the second and fourth Mondays. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Munoz to elect Aaron Hood and Roger Alexander to the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Following a second by Council Member Grantham, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Alexander and seconded by Munoz to add Roger Alexander and Shaunna Grantham to the signature cards at the bank. The signature card will have Leroy Casey, Mayor, and Council Members Alexander, Munoz and Grantham. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Alexander to adjourn the regular session to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the internal investigation, utility billing and collections in relations to city hall staff. This motion was seconded by Grantham and was passed.

The regular session adjourned at 6:19 pm and reconvened at 7:15 pm. Audio tape of the executive session is on file.

Alexander moved a vote of No Confidence in the City Secretary. The motion was seconded by Grantham and passed.

Grantham moved to terminate Kay Torres as City Secretary per 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 or procedures. The motion, seconded by Munoz, passed. The Mayor advised the council that Torres must be paid from the date of the suspension to the date of termination due to her position as a city official.

Alexander moved that research be done to find a collection firm for past due accounts. Grantham seconded the motion. A discussion followed on whether to grant the mayor final authority to hire a firm. Casey stated since the amount, in excess of \$50,000, is so large, he would feel more comfortable with the council making final determination on the firm to be hired. The motion passed to research and report back to council.

A motion was made by Alexander and seconded by Grantham to continue research into finding a credit card machine for City Hall and relaying results of the search back to the council. The motion passed.

Munoz moved to remove Kay Torres from all signature cards and as person of contact for the City of Robert Lee. The motion passed following a second by Grantham.

C. Reports Mayor and Public Works Report

There was no report on the CCWSC contract. The search continues for a Public Works Director and temporary office

assistant.

Deputy City Secretary Report

Collections of past due utility bills are up.

D. Request for Future Agenda Items

Reports on collection firm and credit card machine. Discussions on CCWSC contract and postage machine.

E. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alexander and seconded by Munoz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Commissioners Court Meeting held

November 14, 2017

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on November 14, 2017, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those present included Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe

Sefcik and County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Commissioner Williams.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair was absent.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes for October 24 and November 6, 2017, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve Accounts Payable for payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

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RE-ELECT Jackie Walker
Coke County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1

I would be very appreciative of your support and vote for the office of Justice of the Peace.

I’ve served 7 years and would like to serve you another term.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the office, a visit or phone call would be welcomed.

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