

Christmas figure will be awarded to a business. There is no charge to enter. Sign-up is available at Floyd C. Pettit Insurance in downtown Robert Lee.

Hayrides took riders around Robert Lee to see the beautiful lights at various homes and locations. Marshall Millican and Jason Moran drove the hay wagon.

Each year, VP, along with help from community workers, puts on this event and each year, it gets bigger and better. A big shout-out to all those involved and to all who came out to enjoy. It takes a village.

Robert Lee posts council minutes

[Editor's Note: The following minutes, as are all government entity minutes posted in The Observer/Enterprise, are reformatted. The content of the minutes is not changed or editorialized.]

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6 pm.

Those present included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., Council Member Ricky Green, Council Member Ann Hedges, and Council Member Janie Munoz.

Council Member Brandi Brosh was absent, however a quorum confirmed.

The invocation was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

ShannonOnDemand.com was discussed. This service provides 24/7 access to talk to a doctor for minor medical needs with no appointment. Access is private, secure, fast and easy from mobile device or computer. \$59 per visit. Minor medical healthcare needs include: Bronchitis, Cough, Sinus Infection, Sore Throat, Urinary Tract Infection, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Fever, Pinkeye, Flu, Sprains and strains, Cold, Respiratory Infection, and Headache.

There were no citizen comments.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes - September 10, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting

B. Financial Reports

- 1. Statement Report
- 2. Council Approval Report

C. Ordinance Enforcement Report

D. Animal Control Report

E. Repeal Ordinance #1156 Drought Contingency (Replaced by 1248)

F. Ordinance - Landfill Road Name change to Red Canyon Road

Roger C. Alexander, Jr. requested to remove Item B from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr. to approve of Consent Agenda Items A, C, D, E, and F; and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. Vote 4-0; Motion carried

Financial Reports

The Council had questions

and wanted to better understand the following items:

Budget amendments are required to be done within the appropriate fiscal year; because the deadline was missed, there will not be a final budget amendment for FY 2017-18.

Sanitation Fund Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures is in the amount - \$9,963.59. Trash Receipts are in the amount \$141,514.53 with Trash Service expense in the amount \$157,452.91. Citizens were receiving trash services but were not being billed appropriately. Convenience Center expenses for roll-off containers have also been used more frequently. Citizens outside of city limits have been utilizing the Convenience Center at the citizens of Robert Lee's expense. Transfer of funds have not been done throughout FY 2016-17 or the beginning half of FY 2017-18; The transfer deposits will likely put Sanitation into the "black".

Council requests to see Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for full months. Current month is only partial due to council meeting in the middle of the month.

Water Department staff is looking into the 420,000 gallons of water loss, per the Monthly Billing Report, between Bronte and Robert Lee's meter.

The Happy Porch invoice in the amount \$252.00 is uniform t-shirts & sweatshirts for City Water Department staff.

Council Approval Report does not update the YTD Balance until invoices are posted to the account.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr. to approve of Consent Agenda Item B; and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. Vote 4-0; Motion carried

A motion carried from the September 10, 2018, City Council meeting to amend citizens' trash rates with a 25% increase from what Republic Services charges the City resulted in rates reduced from what was currently being charged.

96-Gallon Cart - Current \$ 17.15, Approved \$17.73

Extra Cart - Current \$10.69, Approved \$13.75

Outside City Limits -Current \$18.43, Approved \$19.05

3yd (1xweek) - Current \$51.34, Approved \$61.43

Del/Rem 96-Gallon Cart - Current \$0.00, Approved \$30.00

Del/Rem 3yd - Current \$40.00, Approved \$50.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., to approve 2nd Reading of the Trash Ordinance rate increase and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. Vote 3-1; Council Member Ann Hedges opposed; Motion carried

A recent situation with a citizen made it clear that Ordinance #1110 (Nuisance Amendment) should be clarified and updated following current State law. There has been some confusion regarding responsibility of mowing the City's Easement, defined as rights to the use of others' property for limited purposes.



Small Town Christmas! Beverly Hawkins, manning the popcorn stand, was one of the first to greet visitors to Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas celebration last Saturday evening, December 8, 2018. The annual event is held each year in downtown Robert Lee and is hosted by Vision with a Purpose.

Property owners own their entire property; the City does not own the right of way access or the streets. Most alleyways are already mowed by property owners. The slight wording change is proposed to reduce confusion:

Ordinance No. 1110, B, Section 3(a) with the following:

(a) You are required to maintain your property so as to keep grass, brush and weeds (all the way to the roadway) at a height of less than twelve (12) inches, including your half of an alleyway (if applicable) immediately next to your property;

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., to approve of amending the Nuisance Ordinance; and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. Vote 4-0; Motion carried

It was proposed to establish a records management program, policies and procedures consistent with the Local Government Records Act, designate a Records Management Officer and repeal Ordinance No. 1015 (previous record retention ordinance).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., to approve of the Record Retention Ordinance; and was seconded by Council Member Ann Hedges. Vote 4-0; Motion carried

It was proposed to amend Ordinance No. 1199 (Water Rate), Section 2: Truck Water from \$0.20 per barrel to \$0.25 per barrel or \$5.95 per thousand gallons and to repeal all past Water Ordinances.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to approve of amending the Water Ordinance with the bulk water rate increase; and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. Vote 4-0 Motion carried

The City of Robert Lee received a letter dated September 14, 2018, from the Coke County Water Supply Corporation stating: enclosed you will find our full payment of \$7,609.73 for

the September water bill. From this point forward, we will pay the \$3.83 per thousand for water only. No additional fees will be paid. Regards, The CCWSC Board of Directors. Issues include the water bill and the contract between City of Robert Lee and CCWSC. The CCWSC is refusing to pay Capital Improvement and Water Debt Service expenses in the amount \$1,302.91. These charges began in 2009 and have not changed since that time

Capital Improvement - \$1.25 x 207 residents = \$258.75

Water Debt Service - \$5.02 x 207 residents = \$1044.16

Residents of Robert Lee are

invoiced the same \$5.02 and \$1.25 fees.


The contract with CCWSC expired September 20, 2016. Mayor Allyson Crenshaw has e-mailed, spoken with, and met with CCWSC representatives repeatedly, including attending one of their board meetings.

In regards to the contract, CCWSC stated they agree to pay \$4.00 per thousand gallons of water usage with an \$800.00 per month surcharge. If rates increase with the City of Bronte, CCWSC agrees to increase the rates per thousand on their invoice. Council wants to continue to charge Capital Improvement and water debt.


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