

Citizens request reconsideration of a Culligan Dispenser. No discussion was held and no action was taken at this time.

RLVFD sent a request for assistance however no discussion was held and no action was taken.

Previous Mayor Leroy Casey returned bond funds in the amount \$750,000 to the Texas Water Development Board on May 7, 2018. Mayor Casey did not correctly submit forms when returning the funds. The City of Robert Lee will have to pay the interest on the funds whether funds were returned or not. Mayor Crenshaw recommends the City hold on to the funds for future projects. It will not cost the City any extra money to have the funds available and it doesn't save any money, at this point, to return it. Mayor Crenshaw and City Superintendent Billy Williams are gathering information regarding a water treatment plant and the funds may be needed to complete that type of large project.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., to rescind previous motion to return bond funds to the Texas Water Development Board; and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. Vote 4-0; Motion carried

The electric bill averages \$6,000 a month. A budget amendment will be presented to City Council at the November meeting. Much of the bill is due to streetlights, pumps for the water and sewer systems, and multiple buildings.

Mountain Creek pump averages \$1,000 a month. The pump in Bronte, which feeds the entire City of Robert Lee, averages \$1,000 a month.

Propose donating a more efficient pump to the Mountain Creek to save expenses or Mountain Creek to provide assistance in paying the electric utilities bill.

Discussion only was held and no action was taken.

The intergovernmental contract for the City of Robert Lee to lease computerized voting equipment from Coke County in the amount \$1,003.43 was discussed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., to approve of contract with Coke County for election machines; and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. Vote 4-0; Motion carried.

An intergovernmental agreement with Coke County to propose, in return for fire services, the City will request repair of pot holes. This will be discussed at the November City Council meeting. Discussion only was held and no action was taken.

The City of Bronte council meeting was held September 20, 2018, and agenda items 18 and 19 (listed below) were discussed. The Bronte City Council refuses to allow their Utilities Director Ricky Royall to assist the City of Robert Lee after hours for water or sewer

guidance without a contract between the City of Robert Lee and City of Bronte.

Agenda Item 18 - Discuss - Utilities: Review of Water Supply Contract with City of Robert Lee and City of Bronte and Wholesale Treated Water Supply Agreement with UCRA, City of Robert Lee and City of Bronte. Both contracts are from 2011.

Agenda Item 19 - Discuss/Act - Utilities: Discuss employment by our Utilities Director with City of Robert Lee and Coke County Water Supply Corporation. Determine liability to the City of Bronte regarding moonlighting and use of a City vehicle, TML insurance coverage, liability for City of Bronte with TCEQ for City of Robert Lee and Coke County Water Supply Corporation hiring a City of Bronte employee on an individual basis, being contract labor to a third party, and services rendered for treatment and testing; conflict of interest (if any) and interference with primary job with City of Bronte, and approval by Council for such. If liability is determined, consider Contract Services between City of Bronte and City of Robert Lee. Since there is no contract known with Coke County Water Supply Corporation, consider communication regarding the same.

Due to the issues the City of Bronte has with their Utilities Director Ricky Royall, Ricky is no longer comfortable helping the neighboring community of the City of Robert Lee.

Bronte City Council made a motion requiring the City of Robert Lee to write an agreement for Utilities Director Ricky Royall's services to be paid to the City of Bronte and releasing the City of Bronte from all liability. Bronte's Mayor was instructed to send a letter outlining what the contract should say. The contract was to be approved by an attorney, at the City of Robert Lee's expense. Mayor Allyson Crenshaw

attended Bronte's council meeting and reminded Bronte's City Council that they do not have the authority to make a motion instructing the Mayor of Robert Lee or the City of Robert Lee to take any action. Mayor Crenshaw recommends replacing Ricky Royall in an effort to reduce tension between the City of Robert Lee and the City of Bronte. Mayor Crenshaw pointed out that replacing Ricky should not reflect negatively on him in any way; the City of Robert Lee appreciates his help and are satisfied with his work.

City Superintendent, Billy Williams, suggested a 6-month contract with TCEQ licensed Justin Brickey to provide sampling, testing, treating, and other duties as required by the state for the water and sewer systems beginning November 1, 2018. This contract will end at the request of the City of Robert Lee when Billy Williams completes his TCEQ testing to renew his licensing.

Ricky Royall has agreed to continue servicing the City of Robert Lee until November 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to approve of a Water Services Contract with Justin Brickey; and was seconded by Council Member Ann Hedges. Vote 4-0; Motion carried.

City Secretary Crystal Blevins prepared three applications to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Community Facilities grant for a backhoe and two utility pickups. The equipment is needed to take care of the City. If the applications are approved, USDA will provide the percentage approved and what the City's portion would cost. City Council can accept or reject the grants based on the actual dollar amounts.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to approve submitting the three applications to the USDA for a Communities Facilities Grant for a backhoe and two utility

pickups; and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. Vote 4-0; Motion carried.

Texas Communities Groups, LLC's (TCG) mission is to increase current tax values by impacting a city's lowest valued properties in a positive manner by implementing an effective plan to address dilapidated and abandoned structures, to creatively market property, and to utilize acquired properties to meet the housing needs of residents.

TCG provided a list of thirty-six properties within the City of Robert Lee that are at least 5 years delinquent on property taxes and a contract for Council's consideration.

The contract service agreement authorizes TCG to foreclose on properties due to unpaid taxes, clear hazardous structures, and auction/sell them. The agreement is a two-year term costing a total of \$2,500.00. Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP (property tax attorneys for Coke County) have agreed to pay half of expenses making the cost to the City of Robert Lee \$1,250.00. The proceeds of property sales are paid to the City of Robert Lee, so the program will easily pay for itself.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., to approve of contract with Texas Communities Group, LLC; and was seconded by

Council Member Ricky Green. Vote 4-0; Motion carried.

It was proposed to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a HOME grant.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to approve submitting application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a HOME grant; and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. Vote 4-0; Motion carried.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw requests approval of the Project Agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to utilize inmates in the City of Robert Lee for various jobs including but not limited to mowing, clearing river beds, putting up/taking down Christmas lights and other seasonal decorations, painting, digging, etc. Expenses include feeding each worker lunch and will be included in the budget amendment to be discussed in November. The cost of lunch is less than 1 hour of payroll expense and allows City employees to focus on other assignments.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander Jr., to approve of the Project Agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

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