

# '64 Study Club meeting held

The Robert Lee '64 Study Club members met on Monday, February 13, 2023, at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Students in Robert Lee High School's FCCLA organization demonstrated their projects that will be presented in nationwide competition in Denver, Colorado, in the spring. The projects have been awarded top placement in state competition. Kacee Sellers is the FCCLA sponsor at RLHS. Members pictured at the presentation in the photo to the right include (from left to right)

Myrka Sosa, Roxana Rangel, Alex Munoz, Rhett Rangel, Maddison Coger, Ammileigh Smith, and Brewer Hood.

The '64 Study Club members were impressed with the imaginative projects and the students' mature ability to make clear the projects need, the planning, the documentation, and outcome.

The next meeting of the Study Club will be Monday, March 13, at 6 pm. Martha Grimes will present the program on iPhone use.



# RL City Council meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee City Council held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at City Hall. Those present included Mayor Jason Moran; and Council Members Mike Stephens, Jonathan Torres, Brantly Robertson, Tracy Grantham, and Josh Tennison.

The call to order was held, a quorum determined, and the meeting was declared open at 6:30 pm.

The Consent Agenda was reviewed, which includes December 15, 2022 Minutes, Municipal Court Report, and the Financial Report. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to approve of the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Jonathan Torres. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A property owner was present wishing to dispute the abatement of property at 117 E. 2nd Street. The property owner claims the appliances and scraps on the property had value and requested for those items to be returned. No documentation was provided to the council of the inventory of the appliances. The property owner was sent an abatement

letter in July to the address registered to the property and a certified mail slip was returned to the City signed. Once the abatement deadline had passed, it was added to the list of properties to be abated by a third party contractor. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to take no further action on the property and was seconded by Jonathan Torres. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A property owner was present wishing to dispute the abatement of their property at 311 W. 16th Street. They attempted to clean the property and assumed it was complying with the nuisance ordinance without speaking to the City. The property was marked as incomplete and added to the list of properties to be abated by a third party contractor. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to waive the abatement invoice for the above property and was seconded by Mike Stephens. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A property at 310 W. 8th Street went under contract to sell while the property was in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. The property was

abated by a third party contractor and the buyer would like to assume the cost of the abatement. A motion was made by Josh Tennison to send the abatement invoice to the current property owner and was seconded by Brantly Robertson. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The Council exited into executive session at 8:11 pm and returned at 8:41 pm.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to accept Kimble Middleton's application and to hire as the new City Superintendent. She was seconded by Josh Tennison and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The 2-23 Resolution was discussed to consider and select an administration/project delivery service provider(s) to

complete an application and project implementation for the City of Robert Lee's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant, funded and administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to award GrantWorks as the service provider to complete the application and project implementation. She was seconded by Mike Stephens and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The 3-23 Resolution was discussed to consider and select an engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) to complete project implementation for the City of Robert Lee's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant, funded and administered by the Texas Department of

Agriculture. A motion was made by Mike Stephens to award West Texas Consultants Inc. as the service provider to complete the project implementation. He was seconded by Brantly Robertson and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to order the 2023 General Election for the four alderman positions for two-year terms. She was seconded by Jonathan Torres and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The 4-23 Resolution was discussed regarding defeasance and redemption of certain of the City's outstanding bonds and other related matters with the Texas Water Development Board. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to approve the resolution.

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Friday, December 22	Lightning
Saturday, December 23	Baseball (at) Houston
Sunday, December 24	Baseball (at) Houston
Monday, December 25	Holiday
Tuesday, December 26	Holiday
Wednesday, December 27	Holiday
Thursday, December 28	Holiday
Friday, December 29	Holiday
Saturday, December 30	Holiday
Sunday, December 31	Holiday

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1,311 Confirmed Cases