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Gwen Dyess reported that the Ecomic Development Corporation B Board met and discussed a Loan Forgiveness Grant application from Mike's Tire Shop to put in a self-operated car wash. The board denied the application at this time. Downtown lighting is being put up for the holidays. A town hall meeting, held to discuss the future of Bronte, went very well.

Depot Report

Clabe F. Webb will be meeting with two other Masonic Lodges to get assorted items. He is working on 501(c) status as well.

Cemetery Report

Brenda Hines was not able to attend the council meeting so Tina Smith reported in her absence. The last cleanup for 2021 was held October 23. The volunteers who helped, who include Bill and Missy Pittman, Linda Agent, Christina and Juan Tapia, Bruce and Stormy Vaughn, Ricky Royall, Ken Coalson, David and Donna Scott, Merritt Scott, and Steve and Brenda Hines, were greatly appreciated. Sid Eubanks cleaned his plots that day and it was appreciated as well. The group trimmed the mesquite trees on the west side, cedars, and one huge tasajillo. They also mowed and weedeated all of Section 4. They find out every time that they work, it is impossible to work where gravel or rocks cover the plots. They also said that no more cedar trees should be allowed in the cemetery. The City is appreciated for bringing the shredder, equipment, and poly carts. The Vaughn's treated the volunteers who could come to a fish fry at the golf clubhouse afterward.

Permit Report

Ricky Royall reported for the month of October that there were four permits approved. They include one cargo container, two extensions of



Ag Mechanics! The Robert Lee High School FFA Ag Mechanics teams recently competed at the San Antonio Ag Mechanics Show. Team 1, which includes Patrick, Skyler, and Preston, received a red ribbon for their deer blind. Team 2, which includes Koltun, Ammleigh (top left photo), Kenzie, Abbigayle, and Natalie (not pictured), received a red ribbon also for their patio furniture.



living in an RV, and one awning.

Mayor Gohman discussed with the Council the annual agreement with the Coke County Sheriff's Office for code enforcement duties. Zach Davidson made the motion to approve FY21-22 agreement as presented and was seconded by Gwen Dyess. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Mayor Gohman discussed with the Council the annual agreement for FY21-22 Interlocal Contract between the City of Bronte and Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the agreement as presented and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Mayor Gohman discussed the importance of having representation from Bronte on the Appraisal Board. It was considered and voted on for nominees on the ballot for the 2022-2023 Coke County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. RA Morris made the motion to give 60 votes to Ryan Webb and 30 votes to Paul Williams. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Ricky Royall presented to the

Council the renewal of the Goodman Lease and Water Supply Agreement, effective January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2031. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve the agreement as presented and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Water Plan Engineering Study was discussed. This is part of the cost for the water treatment plant and supply improvements study. USDA wants to know in advance that the City will agree to pay for some of the surveys, like the Archaeological Study of \$35,000 upfront but only if the City decides to accept USDA's proposal. The rest of the surveys would be rolled into the grant process. When USDA gives the City the final proposal agreement and if the City agrees to the proposal that is when the City must pay for the archaeological study up front. Resolution 21-10, approving the Mayor to sign the agreement to reallocate the engineering cost for the environmental report fee being included in the "Basic Services" lump sum fee, was

discussed. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to table the item at this time. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Council entered in to executive session at 6:23 pm and returned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor Gohman presented applications to the Council for the hiring of a part-time helper. Zach Davidson made the motion to hire Michael Crain for the position and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb discussed with the Council the importance of annexing. To find ways of increasing revenue by annexing, Mayor Gohman recommended to have a subcommittee formed with Mayor Gohman, Clabe F. Webb, and Ricky Royall.

The minutes for October 21, 2021, had corrections and were not approved at this time.

The Monthly Aging Report and MVBA Collection Quarterly Report was presented to the Council. Teresa Ballard emailed the Council the September and October

financials as preliminaries. All financial reports will be preliminaries until the auditors give the adjusting entries to close out FY21-22. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the financials as presented and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Mayor Gohman announced that the Town Hall meeting went well. A meeting is set up on November 30, 2021, with the Sheriff's Office ordinance officers to clarify the duties of ordinance violations. He also has requested a meeting with Drew Darby regarding the unfunded generator mandate. Texas Midwest Community Network presented the City of Bronte as a winner for the TMCN Road Trip Texas Award. The company FOUND will create a short video of what makes Bronte unique to Texas road trip travelers.

Ricky Royall will post in area newspapers to accept sealed bids on a 300D backhoe. Work is continuing on the CBDG project.

Teresa Ballard reported that the auditors will be onsite December 13-15, 2021. EDC boards will be meeting on December 13, 2021,




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