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Robert Lee City Council posts February minutes

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on February 16, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding. Members present were Roger Alexander, Shaunna Grantham, Janie Munoz, Joe Longoria and Toni Rainwater.

The meeting started at 6 pm with a quorum present. City staff present included Kay Torres, City Secretary, and Linda Barrera. The sign in sheet is on file.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given.

Open Forum: Renee Smith, ACO, stated she had received a donation of pet beds for the shelter. Councilmember Alexander questioned why the Red Canyon Gun Club Lease was not on this agenda. Councilmember Rainwater questioned that the minutes were not being sent to the newspaper.

A. Consent Agenda (Items A 1-5)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5 was made by Councilmember Alexander. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rainwater. Motion carried.

B. Regular Business:

Agenda Item 6: Fire Marshall Motion made by Councilmember Rainwater to remove Mark Sides from the Fire Marshall position and to approve appointment of Tom Fletcher. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham. Mr. Fletcher was introduced

and answered questions. Mr. Fletcher requested in lieu of the \$40.00 monthly compensation that the City provide him a pair of fire boots. Following discussion, Councilmember Rainwater moved to amend her previous motion to include the purchase in lieu of compensation a pair of fire boots not to exceed an amount of \$400.00 at which time of Mr. Fletcher's resignation the boots are to be returned to the City. The amended motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7: May 6, 2017 Election Order & Resolution Motion made by Councilmember Munoz approve an election order and resolution calling for a General Election and a Special Election to be held on May 6, 2017 to fill three regular term council members and an unexpired term created by a vacancy. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Longoria. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8: Rate Analysis Water rate analysis was reviewed and discussed. Councilmember Alexander expressed his thoughts on the

water rates. The water rate study performed by Steven Mindt with the Texas Rural Water Association looked at the infrastructure and placed a dollar amount on the original cost, and projected replacement cost for budget expenses. The projection was to budget Agenda \$103,000 for the CIP (capital infrastructure). Currently the City collects about \$62,000 from the debt service and the capital improvement infrastructure fund. Also discussed was changing the rate structure to charge by meter size and have a tiered system for billing water based on consumption. Currently the water rate is base rate of \$50.00 plus \$3.82 per thousand gallons from the first gallon and the same thereafter. The following questions were considered and analyzed. What should the expense budget be? What should the meter charge be? What should the per thousand gallon charge be for water? What should be the rate charged to Coke County Water Supply Corporation? This discussion will continue at the March council meeting.

Agenda Item 9: Present and future water plans

Mayor Casey stated that The Observer/Enterprise plans to run articles with the help of Mayor Casey regarding the City's endeavors to find alternate water resources. Update was given regarding the Automated Meter Reading project.

Agenda Item 10: Water operator vacancy

Mayor Casey reported that John Tamez resigned and a job posting has been advertised for in The Observer/Enterprise.

Agenda Item 11: Utility Billing Clerk vacancy

City Secretary reported that Brenda Martinez had tendered her resignation effective March 31st. A job posting has been advertised for in The Observer/Enterprise.

Agenda Item 12: Budget

Review & Amendment(s)
 Councilmember Grantham moved for approval of Ordinance #1272; budget amendment. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Longoria. City Secretary presented Ordinance #1272 establishing amendments to the current fiscal year budget. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 13: Pre-authorization purchase of a pre-owned vehicle

Councilmember Munoz moved to consider the approval of a purchase of a pre-owned 3/4 ton pickup and an amendment to the budget for said purchase. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham. Mayor Casey reported that he has been looking for a replacement of Unit 1 vehicle and would like authorization to make a discretionary purchase if located. Councilmember Alexander moved to authorize Mayor Casey to purchase a 3/4 ton pickup with a spending limit of no more than \$25,000 to replace Unit 1 and approval of a budget amendment for said purchase. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Munoz. Motion carried.

C. Reports:
 Mayor Report:

1. Mayor and Councilmember Alexander attended a lunch sponsored by Texas Tribune with Representative Darby on January 19th.

2. Mayor attended a meeting with CRMWD, TWDB & Region F on February 2nd

3. Reported of an authorization that UCRA obtained.

City Secretary Report:

1. Reported of attendance at the Texas Municipal Clerk's Election Law Seminar on January 24-27 in Frisco TX.

2. Candidate filing period January 18 - February 17 for the May 6, 2017 General Election.

3. City Hall will be closed February 20th for President's Day.

Water Superintendent Report:

1. Reported ongoing projects. Will be relocating 13 water meters.

2. Water plant maintenance & activity.

3. Sewer plant maintenance & activity.

D. Request for future Agenda items: Continue analysis of current water rate structure. Red Canyon Gun Club Lease.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291

Preacher David Lewis
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am & 5 pm Worship
First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship

6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte

(325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor

Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte

Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

4C Cowboy Church
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte

Pastor James Brunson
 Sunday, 10:30 am

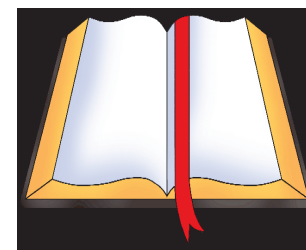
Coke County

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of

Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am & 6 pm Worship,

Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360

Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne

Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee

Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston

Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee

(325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson

(325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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