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A request was made to not install glass security at the front desk as the cameras had been installed by city staff at the request of current mayor. The Council was asked to consider a quote for the installation of lights, air conditioning unit, electrical outlets, and doors to convert a storage room into a Mayor's office in the amount \$3,450.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to approve of the quote for a Mayor's office and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council Member Brandi Brosh made a motion to combine agenda items 5.12 and 5.13 for discussion, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The office of mayor is an elected official and not considered an employee; each elected official has the ability to fulfill duties of the office as each official sees fit.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw requested that the pay raise requested by previous mayor be rescinded and the pay be returned to \$300 monthly.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to rescind previous motions declaring the Mayor position as a full-time position and rescind the increase in pay, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

In order for the Mayor to be covered by City vehicle insurance, the Council must vote to allow or prevent the Mayor from driving a city vehicle. Mayor Crenshaw made it clear she would only occasionally be using a city vehicle and only to conduct city business or attend out of town training.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to approve of the mayor driving a City vehicle to conduct City business and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council Member Brandi Brosh, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green, made a motion to discuss the lift station update and bid.

Beginning in February 2018, 3D's Plumbing had been pumping sewage out of the lift station 2 to 3 times per week for at least six weeks, possibly as long as 12 weeks, costing approximately \$3,500 - \$4,000 each week.

A temporary pump was installed and plumbed in May 2018 and costing \$2,500.00. Broken pipe, chain, and other debris were cleared from the lift station.

The new rail system and permanent pumps will be installed after determining if the current fiberglass floor and walls can be repaired or must be

replaced.

No action was taken, discussion only.

A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh to discuss invoices not paid within reasonable timeframe, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz.

Numerous bills incurred by the City of Robert Lee had not been paid in several months and some accounts had not received payment since 2017. Some delinquent invoices not paid by the City had been sent to collections. The city is sending payments owed to vendors in efforts to become current as quickly as possible. Accounts in collections will be paid directly to the vendor instead of to the collection agency.

No action was taken, discussion only.

A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to discuss TCEQ letter of enforcement, violations, and fines, seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh.

TCEQ had submitted letters to the City of Robert Lee requesting response for violations that had not been corrected since before December 2017. TCEQ stated Robert Lee would receive a letter of enforcement and fines for the violations and lack of response to requests for information and action. City attorney, Jeff Betty, contacted TCEQ on behalf of the City and was able to negotiate an additional 30 days to comply with TCEQ before fines would be assessed.

No action was taken, discussion only.

A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to discuss Comptroller's Office issues and seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz.

Previous City staff had not submitted the Texas Sales and Use Tax report to the Texas Comptrollers Office since November 2017. The Comptrollers Office froze City accounts in March 2018 and withdrew estimated tax owed. Sales tax reimbursement was withheld starting in April 2018 and will continue to be withheld until the City files reports and made sales tax payments.

Current City staff will submit delinquent reports and make payments as well as remain current from this point forward.

No action was taken, discussion only.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to exit into Executive Session at 8:31 pm and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz.

A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh to end executive session at 8:35 pm, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

There was no Mayor and Public Works Report.

There was no City Secretary Report.

There was no request of future agenda items.

Council Member Brandi Brosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.



Arrests and Dispositions May 2018

Goldsmith, Matthew, Driving While License Invalid, 5-2-18;

Hyatt, Christopher, Motion to Revoke Probation, 5-2-18;

Canales, Leslie, Driving While Intoxicated, 5-5-18;

Bilbrey, Gary, Criminal Trespass, Parole Warrant, 5-7-18
Torres, Jacob, Theft of a Firearm, 5-23-18;

Torres, Damacio, Driving While License Invalid, 5-29-18.

There were no District Court Dispositions.

There were no County Court Dispositions.

Sheriff's Report

The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of May 2018.

- Sheriff's Info Report - 5
- Civil Matter - 5
- Criminal Mischief - 2
- Burglary of a Vehicle - 1
- Burglary of a Building - 1
- Theft - 1

Claiming Lottery Prize by Fraud - 1

Graffiti - 3

Public Service (includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls, etc) - 340

Civil Process - 1

Prisoner Transport (including arrest and to and from court) - 10

Warrants Served - 2

Livestock Calls - 36

Accidents - 5

Accident Assist - 0

Traffic Stops - 31

Traffic Stops resulting in citations - 21

Total inmates in Rannels



Hummer House! Iris Standifer holds a hummingbird in her hand during an outing to the Hummer House in Christoval. The trip was arranged by Abby Bounds, the new director of the Robert Lee Senior Citizens Center.

County Jail as of Thursday, June 7, 2018:

Males - 6.

Area farmers, ranchers encourage farm bill passage

The recent failure of the U.S. House of Representatives to pass a full, five-year farm bill has farmers and ranchers across Coke County and the nation concerned with the future of programs vital to the safety and security of the American food system.

"Every day, farmers, ranchers and dairymen contend with the weather, low commodity prices and the steady drop in farm income, but they still work to ensure we have a safe and affordable food and fiber supply," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "Agriculture needs farm safety net programs like those outlined in the farm bill to address critical shortfalls in risk protection for farmers and funding for threats to livestock health."

Over the past five years, American farmers have struggled with a 50 percent decline in net farm income.

"The farm bill doesn't make farmers and ranchers wealthy," John Ross Copeland said. "Instead, it helps agriculture stay afloat when Mother Nature delivers her worst."

The Agriculture and Nutrition

Act of 2018, most commonly called the farm bill, provides landowners with better access to conservation programs, supports trade and provides funding for outreach and assistance to socially-disadvantaged, veteran, young and beginning farmers and small farmers and ranchers.

"This is a food bill. Eighty percent of the farm bill is allocated to nutrition programs that help people across the nation," John Ross Copeland said. "Millions of Americans are touched by farm bill funding. It's vital for farmers and ranchers. It's vital to families. We need to get this bill passed."

The farm bill failed in the House on its first consideration Friday, May 18. House Speaker Paul Ryan has called for another vote to reconsider the bill, and that vote is expected to be taken soon.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry is expected to release their draft of the farm bill in the coming days.

The current farm bill expires September 30.

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