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A motion was made by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to offer the City Secretary position to Teresa Ballard with a salary of \$34,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Wommack and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Council Member Lee Wommack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm and he was seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

**2018 King Family Reunion held**

The descendants of Sam and Anna King met for their 57th annual reunion on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the Victory Assembly of God Family Center in Robert Lee. Sam and Anna (Benson) King were long time residents of Coke County. Sam and Anna were married January 1, 1890, in the home of W.C. Benson in Edith. The first documented King Reunion started back in 1961 in the Boy Scout building in Robert Lee. Before that they were held in conjunction with the Edith Homecomings. They have been held at the Family Center starting in 2012.

The day was spent eating, visiting, sharing pictures and just trying to stay cool. There was a moment of remembrance for David Hall and Vivian Blair-Keel who had passed away since the last reunion. It was mentioned that Jess Gaines was the oldest attending at age 89 and Marcus Baker was the youngest attending at the age of 2 years. Barbara Daniels traveled the furthest coming from Seattle, Washington. It was mentioned that only 7 of the 41 first cousins are still living. Lavelta McVicker led the prayer before lunch and had the "hat passed" for donations. That evening Darlene Kelly gave a financial report and LaVelta McVicker led the prayer before the meal. Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to next year.

Attending the event was:  
Thomas King family - None  
Will King family - None  
Beulah King Gaines family - Jess Gaines and Randy Gaines of Dallas, Texas; Belinda Biddle, Tanner Benko, Stephen and Milissa Biddle and Meredith McCown, all of Sherman, Texas; Joe David and Teri Key of Robert Lee, Texas; Katie and Waymond Dixon, Kylan, Kim, and Kohen Wilson, and Rena Dee Gaines, all of San Angelo, Texas; Dorothy McCormick of Fort Worth, Texas; and Barbara Daniels of Seattle, Washington.

Vela King Davis Plumlee family - Darlene Kelly of Ballinger, Texas; Travis, Sarah Kay (Gandy) and Marcus Baker and Judy Snowden, of all of Odessa, Texas; Shirley Strakos of San Angelo, Texas; and Christa, Emily, and Gracie McClellan of View, Texas  
Frank Otis King family - None

**Reunion!** *The King Family met for their 57th annual reunion on Saturday, June 23, 2018. They included the fourth generation of descendants of Sam and Anna King (top photo), as well as the third generation (pictured along with their spouses).*

George King family - None  
Lillie King Gaines family - None  
Dave King family - Joyce and Bobby Walker of Robert Lee, Texas; and Laurel Vicars of Odessa, Texas  
Mae King Blair family - Sam Keel, Joe David and Wynell Keel, Paul, Candy, Vicky, and Emily Sinar, all of San Angelo, Texas

R.B. King Family - Burt and Lavelta McVicker of Burnet, Texas; Becky and Gary Vernor of Brazoria, Texas; Betty George of Lake Jackson, Texas; Cindy Mitchell of Katy, Texas; Eldon King of Athens, Texas; and Jeff King of Plano, Texas.

Visitors for the day were Michael Martin of Merkel, Texas; Ann VanSikes of Dallas, Texas; and Pastor Irving and Betty Smith of Robert Lee, Texas

**Work Toward Your Own Financial Independence Day**

We're getting close to the Fourth of July, our national Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy. But have you thought of what you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to retire when they want to, and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps:

Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your time horizon, risk tolerance and retirement



goals. If you deviate from these guideposts – for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk – you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

Avoid financial "potholes." The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt – the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a

medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans – perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer – you may be able

to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display – but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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