

## Robert Lee City Council meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee City Council met in special session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance included Mayor Jason Moran and Council Members Tracy Grantham, Jonathan Torres, Danny Jasso, Josh Tennison, and David Lewis.

The following Robert Lee High School student teams were recognized for their achievements: 2021 state high jump champion, 2021 girls state golf champions, and 2021 state champions in repurpose and redesign.

The following items were discussed: March 22, 2021, April 15, 2021, and April 22, 2021 Minutes; March 2021 and April 2021 Animal Control Reports; Municipal Court Report; Ordinance Enforcement Report; March 2021 and April 2021 Financial Reports; and March 2021 and April 2021 EMS Reports. A motion was made by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve of the above items. He was seconded by Council Member David Lewis. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Auditor Cheryl Merritt presented the Audit FY 2019-2020 to the council, briefly discussing some key points. Audit packets provided in detail to all of the council to look over. A motion was made by Council Member Daniel Jasso to accept the 2019-2020 Audit as presented by the auditor. He was seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A previous member of the Housing Authority Commissions Board resigned. Grace Todacheeny has provided a willing candidate to volunteer their time. A motion was made by Council Member Tracy Grantham to appoint the suggested candidate, Cole Flanagan, to the Housing Authority Commissioner's Board. He was seconded by

Council Member Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The City would like to adopt two miles of highway right outside of Robert Lee for the purpose of community service for Municipal Court. It is a 2 year agreement and it has to be maintained quarterly. A motion was made by Council Member David Lewis to adopt a highway for a 2 year agreement. He was seconded by Council Member Daniel Jasso. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member David Lewis to table the Animal Control - Training item until the next regular meeting in June. He was seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Tracy Grantham to remove Becca McGuire as a signer on the following accounts since they are no longer eligible to sign and to add two new Council Members, David Lewis and Josh Tennison as signers with the current signers, Tracy Grantham, Jonathan Torres, and Danny Jasso. She was seconded by Council Member David Lewis and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

It was discussed to remove Becca McGuire from the Operating Account, Visa Account, Certificate of Obligation Account, and Certificate of Obligation Accounts and add David Lewis and Josh Tennison, along with current signers Tracy Grantham, Jonathan Torres, and Danny Jasso.

A motion was made by Council Member Tracy Grantham to remove Becca McGuire and to add two new Council Members, David Lewis and Josh Tennison, to the safety deposit box, along with current

members, Tracy Grantham, Jonathan Torres, and Danny Jasso. She was seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Property located at 8851 W State Highway 158 was discussed. It has been a nuisance to not only the City, but the county as well. The property needs to be cleaned up but the owner cannot do so. An agreement allows the EDC, City, and County to perform what is necessary to clean up this location. The agreement was written up by City Attorney Jeff Betty. A motion was made by Council Member Jonathan Torres to accept the property abatement agreement for the property located at 8851 W State Highway 158. He was seconded by Council Member Daniel Jasso and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A second reading of 1335 - Budget Amendment was held. A motion was made by Council Member Tracy Grantham to approve of the second reading and she was seconded by Council Member David Lewis. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The first reading of 1336 - Animal and Livestock Ordinance was held. The council discussed a time frame for the Animal Control Officer to keep an animal in the pound before euthanization to give the rescues a chance to free up space if needed. Other changes outlined in the ordinance as follows: minimum pen requirements set by species; livestock permits renew one year after issuance; and feeding stray cats is strictly prohibited at all hours. A motion was made by Council Member Tracy Grantham to approve of the first reading with the discussed changes as follows: holding



**Ambassadors!** On May 25, 2021, RLA Restoration Foundation awarded Kyle and Nevaeh Manis for community cleanup and named them Kid Ambassadors for upcoming community cleanup days.

period increased from three days to 10 days; minimum pen requirements set by species; livestock permits renew one year after issuance; feeding stray cats is strictly prohibited at all hours; and the ACO's are not responsible for animal control problems outside of the city limits. She was seconded by Council Member Daniel Jasso and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Josh Tennison to appoint Council Member Tracy Grantham as Mayor Pro Tem and was seconded by Council Member Daniel Jasso. The motion carried with a vote

of 5 - 0.

City Superintendent Luke Sheldon will be hiring a part-time seasonal employee to perform basic maintenance duties of City properties. This also includes clearing the shore of the City Lake so it would be more accessible to the public.

The kiosk machine is up and running and the office is currently waiting on software training to properly run the machine and software.


A motion was made by Council Member David Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. He was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

### Gaston Graduates from South Plains College

Kaitlyn Gaston, of Blackwell, graduated with an AAS in Physical Therapist Assistant from South Plains

College.


Gaston was among more than 1,300 students who are being recognized for their academic achievement and resilience in a changing world.



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