



**Yard of the Month!** RL4Restoration recently announced their July Yard of the Month and awarded the honor to Juan and Alberta Olguin. Their beautiful yard is located on West 12th in Robert Lee.



**Public Safety and Animal Services Reports**

**Fire Department**

Santiago Rodriguez reported that the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 3 calls between May 1 and May 20, 2020. They are as follows: May 10 - three vehicles and nine personnel responded to a brush fire started by a boat trailer tire that flew off the axle. Ten acres were affected and approximately 15,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire. No structures were lost. May 15 - two vehicles and four personnel responded to a utility pole struck by lightning at the corner of McCaulley and Cumbie. The utility pole did not stay ignited and self-extinguished before BVFD arrived. No structural damage was reported. May 20 - one vehicle and three personnel responded to a call of mutual aid for a fire in Nolan County, west of Blackwell. Multiple agencies also responded, including Texas Forestry Service, Sweetwater Fire Department, Blackwell VFD, and Nolan County VFD. Bronte VFD member D. Stensby departed to report to the US Navy. BVFD has added the following four members to the roll: Beau Grigg, David McWright, Kinley Hoyt, and Mason Hoyt.

**Code Enforcement**

Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Neal reported as follows. March had four calls for ordinance enforcement, two officer ordinance notifications from city hall, and four written warnings (no citations issued). April had four calls for ordinance enforcement, one written warning, and two citations issued.

**Animal Control**

The trapper caught 19 opossums, 18 raccoons, 13 feral cats, 3 skunks, and 3 dogs.

**Municipal Report**

The Coke County Sheriff's deputies wrote 5 warnings for 1 fowl ordinance, 3 animal ordinances, and 1 junked vehicle. Two citations were issued for violations of the curfew ordinance and burn ban.

**Economic Development Corporation**

There was no report as EDC has not met recently due to COVID-19.

**Cemetery Committee**

Stormy Vaughn reported that the cemetery committee has not met but expressed that the cemetery needs to be mowed before being sprayed. Ricky Royall discussed mowing before spraying with Bug Express and was assured spraying before mowing, then waiting a week for the chemicals to soak in to the ground will work.

**Depot**

There was nothing to report regarding the Depot.

**Permits**

The Permit Committee approved 14 building permits and none were denied. Four livestock permits were approved and two fowl permits were denied.

**Code Enforcement**

Ricky Basquez was present to address concerns from the council. Steve Hines made the motion to approve a waiver permit and was seconded by Ron Cooper. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

John and Jennifer Burdett were present to address the council. Mrs. Burdett marked the permit incorrectly. Steve Hines made the motion to approve the fowl waiver permit and was seconded by Ron Cooper. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Louie Rivera was not able to attend the meeting but council discussed his request for a temporary permit for an RV

while building on his property. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve a 90 day temporary permit and was seconded by Ron Cooper. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Brian Hall discussed adding meat processing to his current business. It will follow all of the FDA and USDA guidelines. The business will run from February through September and will add three employees. Lee Wommack asked the mayor if the City need to amend the ordinance, but Ricky Royall said that the City does not have an ordinance for a meat processing plant. There is a state law for meat processing plants. All council members gave Mr. Hall the thumbs up to proceed. There was discussion only, no official action was taken.

Mayor Gohman addressed the financial situation due to COVID-19 shutdown and how it is affecting the City. Sales tax and utility billing is holding up extremely well and financial the City is doing well. The City has used \$6,000 in salary for temp employees. These employees can be used for 30 hours a week until September and be under budget. The City will probably not be getting the inmates. That line item is now in reserves.

**Housing Authority**

The Housing Authority would like to reappoint commissioners Margaret Charlesworth and Jeanna Lee for the next term to the Housing Authority. Lee Wommack made a motion to approve Ms. Charlesworth and Ms. Lee for the next term on the

Housing Authority. He was seconded by Stormy Vaughn and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

**Finance**

The Council discussed applying for the TDHCA Texas HOME Grant. Stormy Vaughn would like to see if the City can get a grant to use to help residents that only need some work done on their existing home. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to apply for the grant and was seconded by Lee Wommack. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve authorizing the mayor to execute a resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost

recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied. This motion is due to finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company and that the meeting at which this resolution passed is open to the public as required by law. Notice of the resolution to the company and legal counsel is also required. The motion was seconded by Lee Wommack and the motion passed 5 - 0.

The Council members discussed having a germ shield installed at the front desk area. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve the bid for a germ shield and was seconded by Stormy Vaughn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

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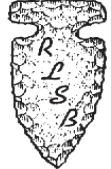
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