

Robert Lee City Council Meeting minutes told

July 9, 2018

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 6 pm in City Council Chambers.

Those present included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr., Council Member Brandi Brosh, Council Member Ricky Green, Council Member Janie Munoz, and Council Member Billy Williams.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was determined.

The invocation was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Terry Crenshaw discussed procedures for the Coke County Sheriff's Office and City Secretary for handling City ordinance violations.

Leta Caston then addressed the council with several items. She questioned the Coke County Commissioner Court's lack of a motion to approve the Ordinance Enforcement Agreement between Coke County and the City of Robert Lee. Mayor Crenshaw explained that the agreement states the City is paying the county for the service but didn't specify that the county would pay the Sheriff's Office and in turn pay the deputies. The clause had to be added and was approved at the following commissioners' meeting held on July 17, 2018. She also questioned Jackie Walker acting as Municipal Court Judge. Jackie is no longer Justice of the Peace for Coke County but will perform duties as Municipal Judge. Leta then questioned if municipal court training was offered to Kay Hurst. Mrs. Crenshaw informed Mrs. Caston that this type of training was not for billing clerk, it was for Municipal Court Clerk training and part of the City Secretary's job duties. She

finished by questioning whether the City has applications available. Mayor Crenshaw will be presenting an updated employment application to the Council within the meeting.

Council Member Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2018, and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried by a vote of 5 - 0.

Nicole Crocker requested a livestock permit for roosters, hens, and ducks at 205 West 17th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to approve a variance, pending a license and its validity, to be kept on file. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to allow lenience to Mayor and City Secretary to use their best judgment in hardship cases and report monthly to city council members on payment arrangements. The motion, seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh, carried with a vote of 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding a new logo for use on letterheads, application for City appointed boards, applications for employment, and personnel policy acknowledgment.

In 2014, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Environmental Review Report was filed late. This penalty disqualified the City of Robert Lee for receiving CDBG funding for 2018. The City will use Grant Works for future CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program funding. Council approved staff to begin procedures for a United States Department of Agriculture grant.

The staff is working on a list of Boards, identifying who is appointed and terms. The Boards list includes Robert Lee Economic Development Corporation, Tear Down

Housing Board, Housing Authority, and Coke County Appraisal Board. A list will be established for the next meeting with all Boards and members.

The staff inquired on starting a new Board to bring forth new ideas to better the city, such as fixing streets and other possible improvements. The Council requests the item to be placed on hold until all boards and lists were filled.

The City needs to renew the contract with Core and Main (Smart-Meter Reading software) for the continuation of customer support and updated software to continue to merge with the utility software. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to approve of the Core and Main yearly maintenance contract and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The contract between Rural Water and City of Robert Lee expired two years ago. Mayor Crenshaw has been in communication with Rural Water to work out negotiations. A meeting will be scheduled between Mayor Crenshaw and Rural Water to finalize the agreement.

The Hach contract expired in February and there is no current contract. The Council will have Ricky Royall reach out to Hach to finalize the contract and come to an agreement. A motion was made by Council Member Billy Williams to approve, if Ricky Royall agrees the Hach contract is needed and is necessary. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. and carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw explained that the Hudson Energy contract was approved by the City Council in past meetings. The Hudson contract will not begin until 2020 with a five-year term ending in 2025. The Council and Mayor Allyson Crenshaw have come to an agreement that if there is a better rate found before the contract goes in to effect, the City will go with the lower rate.

In March 2012, the animal

control contract pay was increased from \$550 a month with a \$150 gas allowance, to \$750. The City pays for training, along with travel expenses. Scott Henson has requested that the contract to be increased to \$750 with an additional \$150 gas allowance. A motion was made by Council Member Billy Williams to increase the monthly contract amount to \$750, along with the \$150 gas allowance, and approve of the contract. The motion, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Building Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Fire Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Property Maintenance Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Plumbing Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to Business License Ordinance #1249. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal the ordinance and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw discussed the City Superintendent position, including the salary, adding wastewater license in the job description, and list the Mayor as to whom the City Superintendent would report to. The vacant position will be advertised twice a month in the Observer/Enterprise newspaper, on the Texas Municipal League website, along with obtaining recommendations from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on other locations to advertise.

A budget hearing workshop will be scheduled for July/August.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw discussed the budget for fiscal year 2018.

Mayor Crenshaw proposed a pay increase for City Employee John Tamez and to change the employee from hourly to salary. A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to increase John Tamez's pay from \$12/hour to \$14/hour and to change from hourly to salary.

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Topic of meeting corrected

United States Senator Ted Cruz was in San Angelo Wednesday, August 8, 2018, for a town hall meeting. At this time, he visited with members of Concerned Veterans for America. The topic of their discussion was the inability of veterans to see doctors in a timely fashion. Instead of being able to make appointments within days, weeks, or even months, many times it would be years before an appointment could be scheduled. In last week's article, their concern was mistakenly identified as veterans needing assistance to get to their appointments. Senator Cruz also visited with two Coke County women, Carolyn Long and Leta Caston at the meeting.

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