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FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHTS!

Controversial minutes provide basis for payments

As reported in the August 16, in agreement to add \$15,000 2019, issue of The Observer/ year to the proposed budget and Enterprise, the Robert Lee City asked the City Secretary (Kay Council voted on July 22, 2019, Torres) to inquire with the to award Mayor Allyson auditor regarding the 'stipend'." Crenshaw with salary and stipend payments in the amount budget workshop on August 25, of \$48,000 for her 24 month 2016, are one of the sets of term. Minutes of this meeting minutes in question. begin on page 3 of this issue.

budget workshop on August 18, other sources. However, the 2016, when members of the minutes currently in the "official council Janie Munoz, Joe Minutes Book of the City of Longoria, Roger Alexander and Robert Lee" contain a major Jeanette Meeks and then Mayor discrepancy. In interviews with Leroy Casey "discussed adding a prior council members, mayor Mayor 'stipend' to be paid to the and city secretary, all have Mayor in addition to the Mayor agreed the original minutes are

Minutes of the following These minutes were in the possession The story actually begins at a of various council members and salary. Council members were correct and the minutes

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 30

High School Football -Bronte vs Rising Star at Bronte, 7:30 pm Robert Lee at Water Valley, 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 31

High School Volleyball -Bronte JV at Clyde Tournament Bronte Varsity vs Sonora at Bronte, 12 noon ****

> Kickball Tournament, 7 pm, Gladney Field, Robert Lee ****

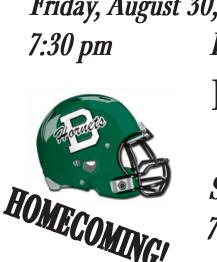
Blackwell Homecoming Activities -Visitation, Refreshments, Registration - 10 am Lunch - 11 am - 1 pm Parade - 3 pm Introduction of the Players, Flag Ceremony - 7 pm Blackwell vs Eden, 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 1

Bake Sale and Hot Dog Fundraiser, 9 am - 1 pm, Bronte Supermarket

Monday, September 2

School Holiday -Bronte ISD



Blackwell Hornets vs. Eden Bulldogs Saturday, August 31, 2019 7:30 pm Blackwell

currently in the "book" are incorrect.

The original minutes include the following section. Items in highlight bold italic the discrepancies.

Water Utility Fund Consideration of a Mayor "stipend" to be paid to the Mayor in addition to the Mayor salary was discussed. Council members were in agreement to add \$15,000 year to the proposed budget and asked the City Secretary to inquire with the auditor regarding the "stipend". City Secretary reported that upon conversation with the City Auditor and information received from the Texas Municipal League regarding the "stipend" that it was not recommended and may violate the common law doctrine of incompatibility. Following discussion, council members expressed support and appreciation to Mayor Casey for his service and commitment of all his efforts to the City. The "stipend" was removed, but the \$15,000 remained in Payroll Services.

This section of the August 25, 2016, minutes currently in the "book" are below.

Water Utility Fund Consideration of a Mayor "stipend" to be paid to the Mayor in addition to the Mayor salary of \$750 was discussed. Council members were in December 11, 2017.

the Mayor's salary has been given a figure of \$750. It should also be noted that the information and recommendation obtained from the City Auditor and the Texas Municipal League has been omitted from the minutes currently in the "book".

The story jumps ahead to a city council meeting held on This



Robert Lee Steers vs. Water Valley Wildcats Friday, August 30, 2019 Water Valley

7:30 pm

Bronte Longhorns vs. Rising Star Wildcats Friday, August 30, 2019 7:30 pm **Bronte**

Tuesday, September 3

Friday, September 6

High School Volleyball -Bronte at Clyde, 5:30 pm

Robert Lee ISD

Blackwell CISD

High School Football -Bronte at Loraine, 7:30 pm Robert Lee vs Sidney at Robert Lee, 7:30 pm Blackwell vs Highland at Blackwell, 7:30 pm



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It should be noted that in the minutes currently in the "book",

meeting was attended by Mayor Leroy Casey and Council Members Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz and Shaunna There are also Grantham. between discrepancies the original minutes in possession of these former elected officials and the minutes currently in the "book". However, the original minutes were printed in their entirety on page 3 of the January 19, 2018, issue of The Observer/Enterprise. The former elected officials have stated that the correct minutes are the original minutes and the minutes currently in the "book" are incorrect.

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