

Those present were Leta Caston, Kay Hurst, Nancy Wilson, Beverly Hawkins and Dianne Hefner. Several new ideas are being considered. Signage for Robert Lee is a top priority as this will let visitors and residents know where the different venues are in the community.

Another committee that met Friday, September 7 at 3 pm was the Small Town Christmas group. Those in attendance were Nancy Wilson, Don and Ann Hodges, Debbie Childers, Leta Caston, Beverly Hawkins and Dianne Hefner. New banners and brackets are being ordered to decorate downtown Robert Lee. Live Christmas trees (cedar) with lights will be placed at businesses up and down Austin. Street.

VP is opening up Small Town Christmas to other organizations who would like to put up vendor carts or booths up and down Austin. VP will have carts with popcorn, caramel apples, hot chocolate and cinnamon roasted nuts. Any organization who would like to have a fund raiser is welcome.

Interest has been shown in large (4x4) Christmas Card displays. If interested, see a VP member for cost and other information.

Hayrides, Santa, music and games for children are also in the works. The event is being held Saturday, December 8 at VP headquarters.

Blackwell City Council meeting minutes

The Blackwell City Council met in special session on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Mayor Laura Rozzle. Those present included Council Members Kay Kovach, Lana Goodman, Bryan Shipman, and Miller Walker, and City Secretary Shirley Lemley. Council Member James Ottaberry was absent.

A motion was made by Miller Walker and seconded by Bryan Shipman to waive the reading of the minutes of the special session on August 7, 2018, and accept as written. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Mayor reported that there will be a Hospitality Luncheon on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at noon at City Hall.

A motion was made by Lana Goodman and seconded by Miller Walker to pay bill as listed for the month of August 2018. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryan Shipman and seconded by Kay Kovach to pass Ordinance #2018-05 setting the Tax Rate at .175962 per \$100 of value. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Kovach and seconded by Miller Walker to pass Ordinance #2018-06 approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Miller Walker and seconded by Lana Goodman to authorize the City Secretary to begin preliminary steps to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryan Shipman and seconded by Lana Goodman to table issues regarding Ordinance #2013-01 regarding mobile homes/RV's until more research can be done (penning, number of homes per lot, etc.) All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Kovach and seconded by Lana Goodman. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Robert Lee City Council meeting minutes

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2018, at 6 pm.

Those in attendance included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander, Council Member Janie Munoz, and Council Member Ricky Green and a quorum was established. Council Member Brandi Brosh was absent.

Prayer was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander and the Pledge was recited by those in attendance.

Applications for the vacant City Council Seat have been received from Nora Broadbent, Ira "Ann" Hedges, Gina Moran, and Zachary Van Tine.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to appoint Gina Moran as Council Member, and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion failed due to lack of majority vote by the Council (2 - 1).

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to appoint Ira "Ann" Hedges and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Council Member Ann Hedges was sworn in by Mayor Allyson Crenshaw.

The amended contract with Utility Contractor Ricky Royall reduces responsibilities and expense from \$1500 to \$750 per month, beginning September 1, 2018. Once City Superintendent Billy Williams receives either the Water or Wastewater license, the contract amount will reduce to \$500 a month. After Billy Williams receives both licenses, the contract with Ricky Royall



Artists! The Sorosis Study Club met at The Rusty Bell for their September meeting. Everyone had a fantastic time creating their own fall pumpkin masterpiece. Teri Ervin did such a great job helping each artist. She is also very talented and a great teacher. Everyone felt like they painted their own "Mona Lisa".

will end. Ricky Royall agrees with the amended contract.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to approve the amended agreement and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Council requests the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Coke County be revised to suit the City's needs. City Attorney Jeff Betty will review the agreement and may be available at a future council meeting for discussion. no further action was taken.

The City Superintendent requests that the 2008 Ford F-350 pickup be traded in for a 2018 Ford F-150. The F-350 has been in for repairs throughout the year and is in need of additional repair. The bed will be removed from the F-350 and held in storage until needed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to trade the 2008 Ford F-350 for the 2018 Ford F-150 and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Bids were requested to repair the roof leak at City Hall. The roof is estimated to be 25 years old. Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental (TML) Risk Pool is reviewing damages and estimating the expense to repair the roof. Bids received were Hartman Roofing - \$18,168.75 and Kent Elliott Roofing - \$23,920.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to table the discussion on the repair of the roof until TML provides estimates, however the motion died for lack of a

second.

A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to accept the lowest bid with confirmation from TML that the City will be reimbursed. The motion, seconded by Council Member Ann Hedges, carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Council previously approved paying off the UCRA loan in the amount of \$25,000, however this amount is incorrect and mistakenly provided by UCRA staff. The correct payoff amount for the UCRA 2012 loan is \$59,807.55.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to pay off the UCRA 2012 loan in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 from the Water Fund and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

City Staff requests direction from the City Council for future use of the garage area at City Hall. The Staff propose to use the garage as a drive through payment drop off but primarily as an area for City Superintendent Billy Williams to office and storage for maps and other utility documents. No further action was taken.

Discussion was held on the 2019 budget. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger

Alexander to approve of the FY 2019 Operating Budget and set a tax rate of \$0.46 per \$100 and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Mayor discussed Ordinance #1278 establishing a new schedule of rates for the City's Wastewater System, approved by City Council in September 2017, but never implemented by City Staff. Information was provided to the Council and it will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Bronte City Council meeting minutes

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

Those present included Mayor Paul Gohman, Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford (by video conference), Councilman Lee Wommack, Councilman Santiago Rodriguez, Council man Steve Hines, Councilman Stormy Vaughn, Utilities Director Ricky Royall, City Secretary Teresa Ballard, and Deputy City Secretary Sherry Bailey. City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman was absent.

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