

VP hosts work day at Robert Lee Park

Vision with a Purpose spent the morning of Saturday, September 9, at the Robert Lee County Park, repairing and replacing the swings for the children. The swings were sanded, painted, and new seats were replaced.

This group of hard working, community minded individuals are restoring and beautifying Robert Lee. Their goal is to make our town a great community for both children and adults. Please join us in this effort.

RL City Council meeting held

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on August 14, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding.

Members present included Roger Alexander, Shauna Grantham, Joe Longoria, and Janie Munoz. Toni Rainwater was absent.

The meeting started at 6:07 pm with a quorum present. City Secretary, Kay Torres, was also in attendance. The sign in sheet is on file.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation was given by Roger Alexander.

Motion was made by council member Alexander to remove the approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2017, meeting from the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by council member Munoz. The motion carried. A motion was made by council member Alexander for approval of the remaining items of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by council member Munoz. The motion carried.

Council member Alexander moved to discuss the minutes of the July 10, 2017, meeting. Motion was seconded by council member Munoz. Council member Alexander said that the minutes reflected on Agenda #5, that Mr. Williams was the low bidder and he recalled that the bid was awarded to Mr. Williams because of the completeness, detail, and drawing. The minutes will stand to be corrected to remove "low bidder". Council member Longoria noted a correction to the open forum section. Minutes will stand to be corrected to note Council Members make efforts to "be more" visible at public functions. Following discussion, Council member Alexander moved to approve the July 10, 2017, minutes with stated corrections. The motion was seconded by council member Grantham. The motion carried.

Motion made by council member Alexander to consider approval of the Monthly Report. The motion was second by council member Grantham. City Secretary clarified the difference over the purchased water vs. accounted for water. Following discussion, council member Alexander moved for approval of the Monthly Report. The motion was seconded by council member Longoria. The

motion carried. Tommy Williams addressed the council regarding RV Park Ordinance requesting consideration to grandfather B & W RV Park regarding the fence requirement stated in Ordinance #1221 amended by Ordinance #1223. Council member Alexander requested that this matter be placed on September agenda.

Council member Alexander moved to table action on the B & W RV Park business permit to the September meeting. The motion was seconded by council member Munoz. The motion carried.

Council recessed at 6:45 pm and reconvened at 7:01 pm.

Mayor Casey stated that the TML Legal department had been contacted regarding the lease and use of the unimproved street of Hamilton Street with Steve Sampson for parking and access to Friendship Bakery. TML Legal department advised that the city can't legally lease a city street. Following discussion, motion was made by council member Alexander to table action to the September meeting to obtain a copy of the local government code regarding this matter. The motion was seconded by council member Munoz. The motion carried.

Council members discussed council member Rainwater's absences due to her illness and battle against cancer. Mayor Casey suggested that the position remain as is until the next election which would be called in January 2018 and ask for a determination as to the vacancy in December 2017. Council requested that this matter be placed on the September agenda.

Motion made by council member Alexander to consider increasing the current mileage rate of \$.45 per mile. The motion was second by council member Grantham. Following discussion, council member Alexander moved to



Art Appreciation! Residents of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center recently enjoyed an outing to view the art pieces and exhibits at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

adopt the State Texas Comptroller mileage rate. Any increases will be automatically accepted and implemented. The motion was seconded by council member Grantham. The motion passed.

Motion made by council member Munoz to consider an increase in the mayor salary from the \$300 to \$700 monthly. The motion was second by council member Grantham. City Secretary provided information from LGC Chapter 141 and a TML handout on the duties of a mayor in a general law city. Council member Grantham stated that the salary should be set higher than \$700. Following further discussion, council member Munoz moved to set the mayor salary to \$700 monthly effective following the May, 2018 election. The motion was seconded by council member Longoria. The motion carried. For: Munoz, Alexander, and Longoria. Against: Grantham.

Motion made by council

member Alexander to consider an increase in the Animal Shelter budget in the amount of \$2,000 to pay for tuition for Officer Renee Smith to attend the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and approval of subsequent budget amendment. The motion was second by council member Grantham. Mayor Casey presented information regarding the course and stated the course would not be available until August 2018 and stated that the application process was very thorough. City Secretary presented information from TML regarding citations and enforcement. Following discussion, council member Grantham moved to approve the course and any subsequent increase to the Animal Control budget. The motion was seconded by council member Munoz. The motion carried.

For: Grantham, Munoz, and Longoria. Against: Alexander.

Motion made by council member Munoz to consider for approval the lease of a 2017/2018 model Mini Excavator and subsequent budget amendment for a line item transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from Repair & Supply to Capital Lease. The motion was second by council member Grantham. Mayor Casey presented a 60 month lease in the amount of \$9,389.18 yearly. Following discussion, council member Munoz moved for approval of the lease and subsequent budget amendment. The motion was seconded by council member Grantham. The motion carried.

Council considered the compensation of an on-call person in the absence of the Animal Control/Code Officer. No action taken.

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