

Monday November 18, 2019 6:30 PM Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas met in regular session in City Council Chambers, City Hall 6 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Council Members: Becca McGuire, Jason Moran, Tracy Grantham

Absent: Brandi Brosh

City Staff Present: Billy Williams, Luke Sheldon, and Amanda Mendoza

Call to Order, Quorum Determined, Meeting Declared Open at 6:34 PM

Prayer provided by Jason Moran and pledge provided by those in attendance

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes – April 9, 2019 & October 21, 2019

Pull April 9 Minutes to the Regular Agenda

October 21, 2019 Minutes Tabled until December 9th meeting

B. Animal Control Report

C. Municipal Court Report

D. Ordinance Enforcement Report

E. Financial Report

Financial Report tabled until December 9th Meeting

Motion by Council Member Tracy Grantham to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda which includes the Animal Control Report, Municipal Court Report and the Ordinance Enforcement Report

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran

Vote 3-0; Motion carries

Regular Agenda

A. Minutes – April 9, 2019

Discussion: Minutes need to be approved for the auditor to complete the City's 2017-2018 Audit.

Motion by Council Member Tracy Grantham to approve the April 9th, 2019 minutes and council members will be provided with the audio from the meeting to make any necessary changes to the minutes during the next meeting.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran

Vote 3-0; Motion carries

A. Community Service Project – Municipal Court Project suggestion of a community Garden or lot clean up

Discussion: No available city owned lots to have a Community Garden.

B. Consider a contract between the Municipal Court and The Sheriff's Office or county for the use of a jail

Discussion: Judge Bounds would like to speak to council in executive session

Council exits at 7:15 PM for executive session to discuss contracts and negotiation issues for Municipal Court and possible Coke County Water Supply Corporation.

Council returns from executive session at 7:44 PM

No motions were made from executive discussion

- C. Ordinance #1310 – Mayor and Council Compensation, consider changing mayor from a full-time position, discuss salary for elected officials to begin at the beginning of next term
- Discussion: The ordinance would go into effect for the next mayor, and the two new council members in 2020, while the remaining three council position wouldn't go into effect until 2021 at the beginning of their new term. Ordinance is for compensation for Mayor and Council Members. If elected officials are paid, they receive certain legal protections as an employee of City of Robert Lee.
- Change section 1 pay to \$500 per month, remove section 2, add compensation for council. Clarify that the mayor is not a full-time position.
- Repeal 1310 and replace it with a new ordinance.
- Ordinance proposed to Council at December Meeting.
- Motion by Council Member Tracy Grantham to change Ordinance 1310, section 1; the salary to \$500 for the mayor. Delete section 2, the stipend, completely. Add as new council members are elected for that term, they will begin to receive \$20 per month. And clarify that the Mayor is not a full-time position, and they are not eligible for benefits.
- Seconded by Council Member Becca McGuire
- Vote 3-0; Motion carries
- D. Direct Deposit, Banking Updates
- Discussion: Direct Deposit isn't an option through the Robert Lee Bank as of right now due to a disagreement between banks . Suggest using a different bank for credit cards, drafts, direct deposit. Don't cut ties completely with the Robert Lee Bank.
- Motion by Council Member Becca McGuire to advertise for proposals for banking services for the City.
- Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran
- Vote 3-0; Motion carries
- E. RLVFD – Consider approval of an interlocal agreement between the City of Robert Lee and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department
- Discussion: Mayor spoke with the city attorney Jeff Betty and VFD Chief Ross Torres to try to establish a meeting between the City of Robert Lee and the Volunteer Fire Department to discuss legal concerns and financial concerns. Suggest having a monthly VFD report
- F. Water Rate Ordinance – Consider tiered water rates or other options instead of overage charges.
- Discussion: Mayor would like to negotiate price increase further with Bronte
- Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran to table the Water Rate Ordinance until a rate study is complete
- Seconded by Council Member Becca McGuire
- Vote 3-0; Motion carries
- G. Coke County Water Supply Corporation Contract – Consider approval of or changes for water contract with CCWSC
- Discussion: Would like to get a rate study done before any contracts are approved.
- Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran to table The Coke County Water Supply Corporation Contract until the City can get rate study conducted
- Seconded by Council Member Becca McGuire
- Vote 3-0; Motion carries

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H. Appraisal District Board – Consider nominated individual David Lewis to be appointed to the Appraisal District Board

Discussion: 3 open seats for the Tax appraisal board that Council needs to nominate people. Needs to be published as a resolution
Motion by Council Member Becca McGuire to nominate David Lewis, Luke Sheldon, and Tracy Grantham for the Tax Appraisal Board
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran
Vote 3-0; Motion Carries

I. 2019 Official Ballot for FSA Committee Elections

Motion by Council Member Becca McGuire to vote for Donna Waldrop for the 2019 Official Ballot for FSA Committee Election
Seconded by Council Member Tracy Grantham
Vote 3-0; Motion carries

Reports

Mayor

- A. Bridge Inspection
- B. Holiday City Hall Closing
Close at 1:00 on Wednesday November 27 and reopen Monday December 2
- C. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Violations during inspection report, there are 0 violations.

Secretary

- A. TMRS training completion – certificate has not yet come in

Superintendent


- 49 work orders
- 6 water leaks
- Replaced 2 water hydrants
- Results for account 001404-meter testing came back, meter tested accurate.

Request for Future Agenda Items

October 21, 2019 Minutes
2nd reading for ordinance replacing #1310

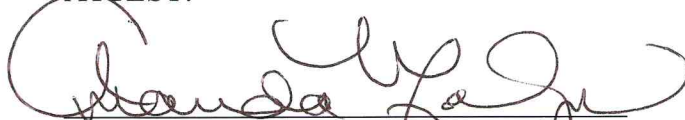
Adjournment

Mayor Crenshaw declares Regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM



Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Mendoza, Deputy City Secretary