

Monday September 14, 2020 6:30 PM Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas met in regular session at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Brandi Brosh

**Call to Order, Quorum Determined, Meeting Declared Open at 6:30 PM**

**Presentations & Proclamations**

Prayer provided by Manuel Abalos, followed by pledge.

Presentation – Formally recognized Grace Todacheeny as an Alderman of the City of Robert Lee. Recently Promoted Luke Sheldon and Amanda Mendoza were sworn and recognized as new city officials.

**Public Hearings**

Budget FY 20-21

Declared Open with no comments or discussion, hearing then declared closed.

**Citizen Comments**

Citizens that requested Item P came to discuss the item with Council.

**Consent Agenda:** Items listed below are to be considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a council member so requests, in which event, the item will be moved to the Regular Agenda:

- A. Minutes - July 13, 2020, August 10, 2020 & August 31, 2020
- B. Ordinance Enforcement Report
- C. Financial Report

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran to approve of the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Tracy Grantham. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

**Regular Agenda:** Council may discuss and/or act on the following items:

- A. Water Conservation Plan - Ordinance 1323 - 2nd Reading  
Discussion: Water Rates need to be changed in accordance with 1324 Ordinance, table until 1324 is discussed and passed.
- B. Water Rates & Fees - Ordinance 1324 - 1st Reading  
Discussion: Tiered Water Rate proposed to council to discourage citizens from using so much water. The current water rate is set up to charge every customer the overage, with a tiered system, customers who use the most water will have to pay for it. High usage commercial accounts will be approved by council.  
Added a new fee for inspections that includes a 3 business day time-frame for services.  
Motion by Council Member Tracy Grantham to approve Ordinance 1324, Water Rates and Fee 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Seconded by Council Member Becca McGuire. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- C. Annual Rate Adjustments  
Discussion: Rates from Republic Services increased by 2.94%, sanitation rate has been updated in accordance with the rate adjustment. Added a new container to service options.
- D. Sanitation Rates - Ordinance 1325 - 1st Reading  
Discussion: Rate increase according to the rate adjustment from Republic Services.  
Motion by Council Member Tracy Grantham to approve of Ordinance 1325, Sanitation Rates 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran. Vote 4-0, Motion carries
- E. 2020-2021 Tax Rate - Ord. 1327 - 1st Reading  
Discussion: Tax rate is remaining unchanged at \$0.460 per \$100 value.

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Motion by Council Member Becca McGuire to approve of Ordinance 1327, Tax Rate for 20-21 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Seconded by Council Member Grace Todacheeny. Vote 4-0, Motion carries.

F. Ordinance #1328 FY Budget 2020-21

Discussion: Income: Revenue \$1,398,824.00 Expense: Payroll \$374,623.97, M & O \$996,077.32, Debt \$25,928.00

Motion by Council Member Tracy Grantham to approve of Ordinance 1328, FY Budget 2020-2021 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

G. Cares ACT Funding

Discussion: Robert Lee Care Center requires once a month testing due to COVID-19. Does not currently need funds to preform regular testing. They received their own CARES funds.

City of Robert Lee has only received 20% of their total CARES Act Funding. Mayor Suggested starting a program to assist citizens who are in quarantine and need items from San Angelo. Suggest purchasing a vehicle to provide this service. Mayor will look into the program.

H. Convenience Center

Discussion: Closed since March. The Water Department has no opposition to it reopening. They will have guidelines that they will abide by.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran to reopen the Convenience Center. Seconded by Council Member Becca McGuire. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

I. Game Room Rules & Regulations – Discussion

Tabled until council can look at example ordinances provided.

J. Animal Control Discussion

Discussion: Potentially renegotiate contract terms with current officer to promote faster response time.

City Superintendent would like to keep ACO duties out of the Water Department.

K. Full- Time mayor Benefits

Not Discussed, will not be rediscussed.

L. Housing Authority Commissioners

Council Member Grace Todacheeny recused herself from discussion due to working for the Housing Authority.

Discussion: Appoint two new members to vacant commissioners' positions and reappointing two existing commissioners.

New Commissioner: Brantley Robertson term: 9/1/2020-10/1/2022

New Resident Commissioner: Valerie Howard term: 9/1/2020-10/1/2022

Renewing Commissioner terms:

William Hood term: 9/30/2020-10/1/2022

Farrell Jean Washam: term 9/30/2020-10/1/2022

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran to appoint Brantley Robertson and Valerie Howard as Housing Authority Commissioners and reappoint William Hood and Farrell Jean Washam as Housing Authority Commissioners. Seconded by Council Member Becca McGuire. Vote 3-0, motion carries

M. 2018-19 Audit

Discussion: Council would like to schedule the Auditors to come and present the audit at the next regular council meeting.

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N. Coke Co. Sheriff's Dept. Contract

Discussion: Contract between City of Robert Lee and Coke County Sheriff's office is due for renewal. Has already been approved by commissioner court. Contract is the same aside from the automatic renewal each year.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran to approve of contract between the City of Robert Lee and the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Seconded by Council Member Grace Todacheeny. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

O. Current Council & Running Candidates Meeting

Discussion: City Attorney Jeff Betty would like to sit down with new council and mayor for a legal workshop after the election.

P. Vendor Permits

Discussion: Minjarez family is hosting a vendor fair to be located at the Coke County Park underneath the pavilion. They requested for council to waive vendor permits for this event.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Moran to waive the requirement of a vendor permit for the event. Seconded by Council Member Grace Todacheeny. Vote 4-0, motion carries

Q. City of Bronte- Rate Adjustment

Discussion: Bronte is increasing their rates; new rates in Ordinance 1324 reflect the percentage increase.

R. RLVFD- Resolution / Interlocal Agreement & Bills

Discussion: City would like to establish an agreement with the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department to completely separate them from the City of Robert Lee but the city will still provide some sort of financial aid. A letter will be sent to the RLVFD to start this process.

**Reports**

**Mayor**

**Secretary**

A. Curbside Pickup – Scheduled for Oct. 10th

**Superintendent**

46 Work Orders

Made changes to water department to ensure stability

VacTron received, crew loves it.

TCEQ scheduled inspection for the Wastewater plant for September 22

Pump-station in Bronte almost burned down, everything was fixed and replaced within the day.

New Water & Wastewater operator to start in the following week.

Hydrants – 4 key ones are still not operational, plan to fix in the spring or following summer

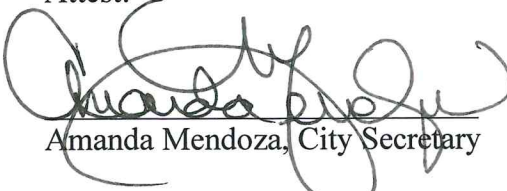
**Request of Future Agenda Items**

Get a rate study done to move forward with the CCWSC contract

**Adjournment**

Mayor declares Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Attest:

  
Amanda Mendoza, City Secretary

  
Allyson Grenshaw, Mayor