

Thursday October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

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

Present: Mayor Jason Moran Council Members: Mike Stephens, Brantly Robertson, Tracy Grantham, Jonathan Torres

Absent: Josh Tennison

Call to Order, Quorum Determined, Meeting Declared Open at 6:31 PM

Citizen Comments

Republic Services – Comments reserved for their item

James Langloir– Addressed council concerning Animal Control Ordinance within the County. Council informed him that is outside the City’s jurisdiction and directed him to the next commissioners court date.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes – September 15, 2022

B. Municipal Court Report

C. Financial Report

Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to approve of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham recused from the discussion and vote. Vote 3-0, motion carries.

Regular Agenda

A. EDC Type A By-Laws

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of EDC Type A by-laws. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

B. EDC type B By-Laws

Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve of EDB Type B by-laws. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

C. EDC Type-A 2022-2023 Budget

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of EDC Type A 2022-2023 Budget. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

D. EDC Type-B 2022-2023 Budget

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to table EDC Type B 2022-2023 Budget due to incorrect budget being presented. Seconded by Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

E. Proposed EDC Type A Board Member- Jerry Blair

Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to appoint Jerry Blair to EDC Type A board. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

F. EDC Property Upgrade Grant- Another Place Café

Discussion: Another Place Cafe recently upgraded their building and applied to EDC for partial reimbursement.

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to approve of the Property Upgrade Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$6,000 with participant paying 20 percent. Participant will be receiving \$4,800 total. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

G. EDC-B Grant Requests

Discussion Only: Mayor Moran would like to propose certain properties for the dilapidated building clean up. Will be presented at another time.

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H. Amended Minutes for August 18, 2022

Discussion: Added Safety Deposit box to item I.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of the amended minutes from August 18, 2022. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson.

Council exits Regular sessions to executive session to discuss the following items at 6:58 PM:

Republic Services Contract Renewal, Concho Valley- Community Re-Enrichment Work Program, City Attorney- Rate Increase, Bronte Revised Water Supply Contract 2022

Council returns from Executive session at 8:11 PM.

I. Republic Services Contract Renewal

Motion by Jonathan Torres to approve of the Contract Renewal with Republic Services. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

J. Concho Valley- Community Re-Enrichment Work Program

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of the Concho Valley- Community Re-Enrichment Work Program contract. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

K. 12-22 - Water Taps & Rates - 1st Reading

Discussion: Bronte is increasing their water rates for the City of Robert Lee by roughly 3%, the city will mirror the increase. Late fees are proposed to change from \$4.50 to \$10.00.

Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve of the 1st reading of Ordinance 12-22, Water Taps and Rates. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

L. 13-22 - Animal & Livestock Ordinance - 1st Reading

Discussion: Impoundment Fees increase, trapping fees added, separated certain sections at the request of previous ACOs.

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to approve of the 1st reading of Ordinance 13-22, Animal & Livestock Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

M. Property Abatements

Discussion: 24 properties are ready to be abated. City Secretary would like to publish and accept bids to allow a 3rd party to abate them.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to allow City Secretary to publish and accept bids from third parties for property abatements. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

N. Sewer Lift Station Repair- Quotes

Discussion: Sewer Plant has two pumps, and one went out. The Sewer plant is operational with one but it is recommended to have a backup. The pump that failed has been repaired twice previously, quotes presented to either repair or purchase new pump. Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to purchase a new pump for the sewer lift station for the amount of \$5,277.58. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

O. R.V. Ordinance- Citizen Waiver

Discussion: Citizen would like to request a temporary waiver for the occupancy of an RV for a year.

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Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to waive the RV Ordinance and waive any fees associated with it for the term of 6 months from the date of application for property owner Billy Williams. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

P. Emergency Repair- Elevated Tower Engineering Invoice

Discussion: Engineering Invoice from the Water Tower Repair submitted to council since it is over the limit of Mayor approval. Invoice for the amount of \$5,702.50.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of the Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd invoice from the water tower repair. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

Q. City Attorney- Rate Increase

Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to accept the rate increase of the City Attorney. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

R. Bronte Revised Water Supply Contract 2022

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to approve of the presented Water Supply Contract with Bronte. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

Reports

Mayor – Animal Control is steady, only a few calls. Christmas party scheduled for Staff and Council for December 8th at 6:00 PM.

Secretary – 2 code enforcement complaints called in for open fire. Citizen corrected violation by containing fire with a cover. Issue resolved. 38 property abatements followed up, 15 extensions granted, 1 abatement performed by city and invoice sent.

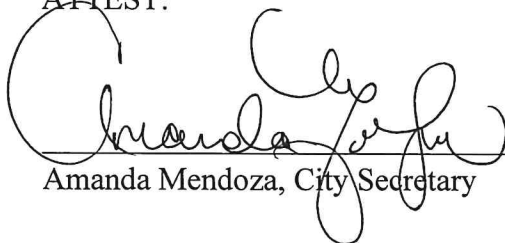
Superintendent – New operator started, Keith Green, 47 work orders completed, 13 work orders for polycarts deliveries/removal/replacement, 12 disconnects performed for September, 3 minor leaks repaired, 1 major leak repaired (18ft of old steel line was replaced), 1 sewer stop reported and cleared, Yearly Lead & Copper samples were collected and results were mailed out with no violations.

Request for Agenda Items

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:38 PM. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

ATTEST:


Amanda Mendoza, City Secretary


Jason Moran, Mayor