Thursday, May 18, 2023, Regular Council 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: Tracy Grantham, Josh Tennison, Mike

Stephens, Brantly Robertson, Jonathan Torres

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Swear in Newly Elected Officials

Tracy Grantham
Brantly Robertson
Mike Stephens
Josh Tennison

Citizen Comments

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes April 20, 2023
- B. Municipal Court Report
- C. Animal Control Report
- D. Code Enforcement Report
- E. Financial Report

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

Regular Agenda

A. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Brantly Robertson to appoint Council Member Tracy Grantham as Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

B. Water Plant Upgrade – SCADA – Water Alert System

<u>Discussion</u>: Current alert system runs through old West Central VPNs, but since WCW is going out of business, the City needs to find other means to power and connect an alert system to the water plant and pumps.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of the 3-year contract with Betrem Products Inc to install a new SCADA System. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

C. RV Ordinance - Citizen Waiver

<u>Discussion:</u> A citizen applied for a waiver to the RV ordinance 6 months ago, Council wished to revisit it at the 6-month period for renewal. The citizen would like to reapply for the waiver.

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson.to extend the waiver for an additional 6 months. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

D. Nextlink - Water Tower Equipment Agreement

Nextlink no longer wants the Water Tower agreement. No discussion or action was taken.

E. 15-23 Water Taps & Rates – 1st Reading

<u>Discussion:</u> The debt fee needs to be removed from all accounts and ordinances since the pipeline between Bronte and Robert Lee has been paid off.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of the 1st reading of Ordinance 15-23 Water Taps and Rates. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

F. Office Renovations Project

Tabled, waiting on more quotes to present to Council.

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G. New Truck for Public Work Department

<u>Discussion:</u> 3 vehicle quotes were presented to the Council. 2 diesel vehicles from Ivey were provided as well as one gas vehicle from All American.

Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to purchase the white Ford 250 from Ivey for 75,022.72. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 4-0, motion carries, Council Member Brantly Robertson abstained.

H. New Internet Services for City Facilities

<u>Discussion:</u> Since west central wireless is going out of business, the City will need to find other internet and service providers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to approve of the contract and equipment purchases provided by Verizon. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

I. Security System Bids

Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to approve the 3-year proposal with Enter-Tel for a Security System and move forward with getting a contract. Seconded by Brantly Robertson. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

J. City Contribution to City Public Events

<u>Discussion:</u> Mayor would like to request for additional money to be moved into the events line item from the Close Out Loan.

Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to designate up to \$5,000 from the close-out loan from special events not to exceed \$1,000 per event. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

K. 806 Vicki Street - Sewer Charges

Motion by Mike Stephens to table this item. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

L. Disposition of Old and Extra Street Signs.

<u>Discussion:</u> Citizens have been interested in acquiring the old street signs. Council would like to hold a bidding process for the signs to allow citizens to bid on the signs and all proceeds will be separated between EMS and the VFD.

M. Coke County Rural Water Corporation Water Contract Amendment

<u>Discussion:</u> The debt fee needs to be removed from the contract since the pipeline between Bronte and Robert Lee has been paid off

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to remove the debt fee from the Coke County Rural Water Corporation Water Contract. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

- N. Closing Bank Account Series 2011 Certif. of Obligations in Interest & Sinking Fund Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to close the City of Robert Lee Series 2011 Certificate of Obligations in Interest and Sinking Fund, account number 0046698 and to transfer all funds within that account into the City of Robert Lee Operating Account, account number 0046744.
- O. EDC-B; Discover West Texas Quarter Page Ad Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve the purchase of the ad in the West Texas Quarter Magazine. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham. Vote 5-0, motion carries.
- P. 14-23 Budget Amendment FY 22-23 1st Reading Discussion: All changes presented by City Secretary Amanda Mendoza.

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Reports

Mayor

Secretary – Working with the CPA to finish the Audit.

Superintendent – 34 work orders, 16 poly carts delivered/replaced/removed, 4 water disconnects, 2 minor leaks repaired, 2 lines located, 1 water meter data log collected, 1 sewer re-tap, and water line replacement on Chadbourne.

Request for Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Grantham to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:43 PM. Seconded by cm Josh Tennison. Vote 5-0, motion carries.

ATTEST;

Jason Moran, Mayor

Amanda Mendoza, City Secretary