Thursday, July 15, 2023, 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: Josh Tennison, Brantly Robertson, Mike

Stephens, Jonathan Torres

Absent:

Council Members: Tracy Grantham

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

#### **Citizen Comments**

#### **Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes June 15, 2023
- B. Municipal Court Report
- C. Code Enforcement Report
- D. Financial Report

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 4-0., motion carries.

#### Regular Agenda

A. TML Workers Comp.- Annual Declaration Renewal

Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve the new TML Workers Comp rates. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

B. Enter-Tel Contract Approval

Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to approve the Enter-Tel Monitoring Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

- C. Clear Fork Enterprise Contract City Hall Renovations Tabled, pending contractor walk-through.
- D. Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament City Contribution

<u>Discussion Only:</u> G&G Kingdom works will work with the office for contribution ideas for the golf tournament.

E. Personnel Policy Amendment – FMLA

Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to table this item to get more feedback from the City Attorney. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

F. Nextlink - Water Tower Equipment Agreement

<u>Discussion:</u> The agreement has been approved by Jeff. Nextlink would like to lease s space beneath the tower, approximately 4x4 space, as well as use the railings on top of the Water Tower for their equipment. The lease payment would include 2 free services to the city as well as a payment of \$150 per month.

Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve the lease agreement with Nextlink. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

G. Appoint Tax Assessor for 2023

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to appoint Josie Dean as the 2023 Tax Assessor. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison Vote 4-0, motion carries.

H. 16-23 - Hotel Occupancy Tax - 1st Reading

<u>Discussion Only:</u> City Attorney would like to speak with the council regarding the pros & cons of HOT tax and if it's a good fit for Robert Lee.

I. Emergency Preparation - EDC Contribution

<u>Informational Only:</u> The City would like to purchase a pallet of water in case of Emergencies, but to make sure it won't go bad, the idea was suggested to get customized water bottles to hand out for events and replenish the Emergency stock. EDC would like to help with this purchase.

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- J. Tax Deed- Lot 2, Block 8, OTRL
  - Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve of the Tax deed for Lot 2, Block 8, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- K. Tax Deed 7013- Lot 10, Block 8, OTRL
  - Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve of the tax deed 7013 for Lot 10, Block 8, OTRL, Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- L. Tax Deed 7015- Lot 12, Block 8, OTRL Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve of the Tax Deed 7015 for Lot 12, Block 8, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- M. Tax Deed 7060- Lots 1, 2, & 3, Block 17 OTRL
  Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to approve of the tax deed 7060 for Lots 1, 2, & 3, Block 17 OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- N. Tax Deed 7347- Lot 2, Block 64, OTRL Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to approve of the tax deed 7347 for Lot 2, Block 64, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- O. Tax Deed 7353- Lot 11, Block 64, OTRL Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to approve of the tax deed 7353 for Lot 11, Block 64, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- P. Tax Deed 7364- Lot 2, Block 66, OTRL Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve of the tax deed 7364 for Lot 2, Block 66, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- Q. Tax Deed 7392- Lot 7, Block 72, OTRL Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve of the tax deed 7392 for Lot 7, Block 72, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- R. Tax Deed 7431- Lot 5, Block 80, OTRL Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to approve of the tax deed 7431 for Lot 5, Block 80, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- S. Tax Deed 7497- Lot 5, 6, Block 88, OTRL Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to approve of the tax deed 7497 for Lot 5,6, Block 88, OTRL. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carries.
- T. Personnel Discussion

The council exits to the executive session at 7:19 PM to discuss personnel.

The council returns from the executive session at 8:13 PM.

Motion by Council Member Mike Stephens to increase the starting pay for the Operator position to \$15.00 per hour and increase all current employees' pay by 15% for a cost-of-living increase. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

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#### Reports

**Mayor** – Will be starting a string of surgeries throughout the next few months. **Secretary** – Foundation repair scheduled to be completed Friday, July 21, 2023. Office renovations are postponed until the contractor does a walkthrough. The annual TML conference will be held on October 4-6, in Dallas. Employees appreciation dinner is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> depending on availability with Noel & Co. Budget Workshop scheduled for August 3, 2023, @ 6:30 PM.

**Superintendent** – 30 work orders completed, 9 poly carts replaced/delivered/removed, 6 water disconnects due to nonpayment, 3 minor leaks repaired, 0 major leaks, 2 line locates, and 2 data logs captured for customers.

# Request for Future Agenda Items

## Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carries.

**ATTEST** 

Jason Moran, Mayor

Amanda Mendozal City Secretary