

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 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. on October 23, 2025.

Present: Mayor Steven Arens, Council Members: Mike Stephens, Josh Tennison, Skyler Rainwater, Jonathan Torres and Megan Sheppard  
Staff: City Administrator Amanda Mendoza, City Superintendent Clayton Brickey

**Call to Order, Quorum Determined, Meeting Declared Open**

**Proclamations and Presentations**

**Citizen Comments –**

Mrs. Green with the small business association came to inform council that her organization opened a new declaration that allows landlords to apply for disaster loans if they were affected by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Floods.

Cole Bosworth requested the City facilitated an agreement with the county to allow other organizations to refurbish the City Mini Park.

**Consent Agenda:**

- A. Minutes - September 25, 2025 & October 14, 2025
  - B. Code Enforcement Report
  - C. Financials
- Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve of the Consent Agenda.  
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stephens. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

**Regular Agenda:**

- A. Principal- Dental, Vision, AD&D Benefits Renewal  
Discussion: Renewal of employee dental, vision and AD&D benefits. Dental was the only benefit to increase in price.  
Motion by Council Member Megan Sheppard to renew dental vision, and AD&D benefits with principal. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 5-0, motion carried.
- B. EDC A- FY 2025-2026  
Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve of EDC Type A's budget for Fiscal Year 25-26. Seconded by Council Member Skyler Rainwater. Vote 5-0, motion carried.
- C. EDC B- FY 2025-2026  
Motion by Council Member Skyler Rainwater to approve EDC Type B's budget for Fiscal Year 25-26. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 5-0, motion carried.
- D. Coke County Election Equipment Lease and Joint Election Contract 2025-2026  
Motion by josh to approve of the joint election agreement with Coke County for the use of their voting machines. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stephens. Vote 5-, motion carried.
- E. TxDOT- Municipal Maintenance Agreement

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Discussion: Standard agreement. Outlines the different entities responsibilities regarding roadways. Will expire every five years.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stephens to approve of the Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDot. Seconded by Council Member Megan Sheppard. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

F. Stage 3 Contingency Drought Plan Reinstate/Terminate

Discussion: Lake levels have not increased since initiating Stage 3 of drought contingency.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stephens to extend stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Ordinance for another 90 days. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

G. Water Resources- Update

Discussion: 30 requests for qualifications were sent to engineering companies to solicit for Robert Lee's water project and the deadline for proposals is November 5, 2025. A committee will be formed to score the proposals received. Survey on Mountain Creek Dam was conducted by TCEQ, and the results were poor due to the severe vegetation growth. City will most likely have to contract the job out to clear the dam and bring it into compliance. Sample of E.V. Spence water was submitted to SKG, and results were given to the engineers building Bronte's Water Plant. Mayor has also investigated cloud seeding options available from San Angelo.

H. Drought Contingency Plan Amendments

Discussion: Robert Lee's drought contingency plan does not allow citizens to water their grass in stage three while Bronte citizens are still able to. Consider lessening the restrictions to follow Bronte's guidelines. It was explained to council that Robert Lee's restrictions are stricter due to the increased volume of water Robert Lee's purchases, which forced Bronte to build a new plant.

I. 3rd Street Paving Project- Update

Council exits regular session and enters executive session at 7:02 PM to discuss items I & K.  
Council returns from executive session at 7:31 PM.

J. Appraisal District Election Ballot

Motion by josh to approve of the Appraisal District Ballot and distribute the city's votes as follows: Cole Bosworth 18, Erin Olesiuk 18, Donald Robertson 18, Michael Stephens 19. Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Torres. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

K. Investing City Funds- CD & Pool Accounts

Discussion: Staff contacts several banks to compile a list of local banks and their APR rates for their different CD's with a minimum contribution of \$600,000. The First National Bank of Ballinger offered the best rate, and table was presented to council how the money would work for each fund. An alternative investment option was presented to council from Texas Class Pool. They work with several organizations in Robert Lee,

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including the County and school. There are two separate investment options with them, allowing the city to move money daily if needed. Acts more like a savings account rather than a CD.

Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to invest a total of \$735,000 between the separate funds into CD's with the Bank of Ballinger with the following terms:

3 Month

General – \$20,000

Water - \$650,000 total split between 3-,6-, and 12-month terms.

Sewer – \$30,000

Sanitation – \$35,000

6 Month

Water - \$650,000 total split between 3-,6-, and 12-month terms.

12 Month

Water - \$650,000 total split between 3-,6-, and 12-month terms.

Second, by Council Member Jonathan Torre. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

## Reports

**Mayor** – Voiced his appreciation for the Public Works department for filling potholes and fixing water leaks. Introduced the new Public Works hire, Jesus Garcia and welcomed him to the team.

**Administrator** – November meeting will land on thanksgiving, Regular meeting has been pushed to the following business day on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 PM. December meeting will also land on a holiday, but day has not been chosen to reschedule.

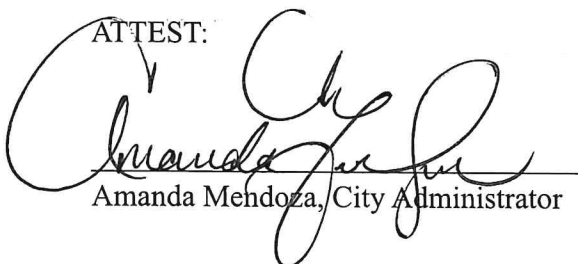
**Superintendent** – Discussed rehabbing Mountain Creek dam to make the lake usable again for storing water.

## Request for Future Agenda Items

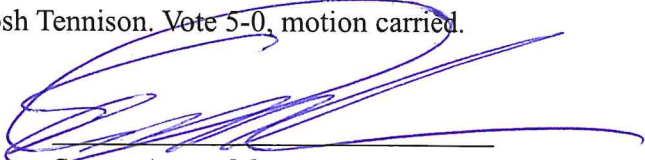
## Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Jonathan Torres to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:04 PM. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

ATTEST:



Amanda Mendoza, City Administrator



Steven Arens, Mayor