

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 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, Mike Stephens, Steven Arens, Brantly Robertson

Absent: Council Member Jonathan Torres.

Proclamations and Presentations

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes - March 21, 2024 & March 28, 2024
- B. Code Enforcement Report
- C. Financial Report

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stephens to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Josh Tennison. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Regular Agenda

- A. 2022-2023 - Audit Presented by Merritt McLane & Hamby

Discussion: Audit presented by Mr. Hamby on behalf of Merritt McLane & Hamby. There was only one finding in the auditor's letter which pertains to the number of adjustments that needed to be made. This is expected to decrease in the following years and will no longer be a finding. The audit went great and any questions they had were answered promptly by staff. The budget is being maintained very well, accurately depicting revenues and expenditures throughout the year.

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to accept the audit as presented by Merritt McLane & Hamby. Seconded by Council Member Steven Arens. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

- B. 21-23 Street Closure - Partial closure of 14th Street on Childress - 1st Reading

Motion by Council Member Brantly Robertson to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 21-23, Partial Closure of 14th Street. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

- C. 5-24 - Budget Amendment FY 23-24 - 2nd Reading

Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 23-24, 4th budget amendment. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

- D. Housing Authority Board - Appointing a New Commissioner (Ray Gloria)

Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to appoint Ray Gloria to the open commissioner seat on the Housing Authority Board. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

- E. Property Deed- Award Bidder Parcel R121

Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve the Property Bid for Parcel R121. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stephens. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

- F. Runnels County Water Sales - Alternative Water Source

Discussion Only: The Mayor in Bronte has been discussing alternative water sources as well as selling water to North Runnels County since they are upset with the price of water from Winters. If Bronte were to sell water to North Runnels County, they would need to utilize Robert Lee's clear well in Bronte. This would allow the City of Robert Lee to utilize the pipeline built between Bronte and North Runnels County in the event of an emergency to access water from Abilene, where Runnel's County purchases its water from.

- G. RLVFD - Roof Repair Options

Discussion Only: TML will not cover the cost of the roof repair. The city can either search for a grant for the repairs or pay out of pocket. The council would like to receive quotes for the repair before they decide.

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H. EMS Property Agreement

Tabled – Pending Agreement from the Attorney

I. 11-24 - Animal & Livestock Ordinance - 1st Reading

Discussion: Consider changing the holding period for unclaimed animals from 7 additional days past the 3-day minimum, to just the 3-day minimum.

Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 11-24, Animal & Livestock. Seconded by Council Member Steven Arens. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

J. Personnel Discussion

The council exited to executive session at 7:18 PM to discuss personnel.

The council returns from executive session at 7:37 PM. No action was taken.

Reports

Mayor

Secretary – Emergency water purchased by EDC was delivered on 4/28/2024. The Downtown Block Grant has been submitted. The new bank accounts have been established. The City has gone 100% live with the Adcomp Billing software. TML reimbursed the City for the repair of the F150 truck. A refurbished laptop has been purchased for the Financial consultant.

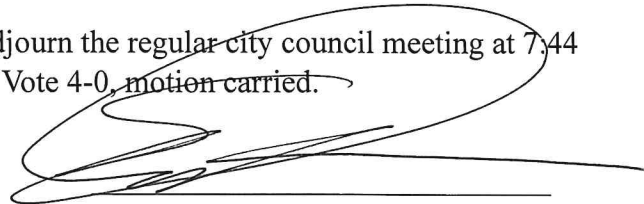
Dates to Remember: Curbside Pickup is scheduled for May 18, 2024, and the Rabies Clinic is scheduled for April 25, 2024.

Superintendent – 43 work orders completed, 4 minor leaks repaired, 0 major leaks, 2 sewer stops cleared, 5 lines located, and 1 data log captured per customer's request. 35 feet of ¾' line was replaced in the alley behind 815 Euel Street due to repeated pinhole leaks. The chlorine vacuum feeding issue at the wastewater plant was identified and fixed. The wastewater plant was potentially over wasted, causing a spike in ammonia for February's sample reports, as a result, public works have slowed down discharging into the Colorado River. A new employee, Jayton Cooper, started on 4/8/2024 and has been doing well. A new concrete saw was ordered. Nextlink is installing radios on the Water tower in the coming weeks per the agreement. The fogging machine is scheduled to be repaired. New uniforms for public work staff will be ordered.

Request Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

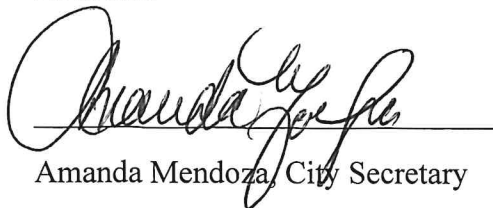
Motion by Council Member Josh Tennison to adjourn the regular city council meeting at 7:44 PM. Seconded by Council Member Brantly Robertson. Vote 4-0, motion carried.



Steven Arens, Mayor

(Approved 5/16/2024)

ATTEST:



Amanda Mendoza, City Secretary