

RL City Council meetings minutes told

December 14, 2023

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Jason Moran, and Council Members Josh Tennison, Mike Stephens, Jonathan Torres, and Brantly Robertson. Council Member Tracy Grantham was absent.

A call to order was held, quorum determined, and the meeting was declared open at 6:30 pm.

The Consent Agenda (November 16, 2023, Minutes, Municipal Court Report, Code Enforcement Report, and Financial Report) was discussed and a motion was made by Josh Tennison to approve. He was seconded by Brantly Robertson and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to accept the resignation letter from Council Member Tracy Grantham and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to appoint Steven Arens to the vacant seat of Alderman and was seconded by Mike Stephens. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0. The City Council temporarily exited regular session to perform the Oath of Office for new Council Member Steven Arens.

A motion was made by Josh Tennison to appoint Council Member Mike Stephens as Mayor Pro Tem. He was seconded by Jonathan Torres and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The City employees proposed three different plans for the Council to consider to provide through BCBS. The employees proposed the Platinum PPO plan, an HMO plan, and a HSA plan. A motion was made by Mike Stephens to approve the three plans as presented and was seconded by Jonathan Torres. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to allow employees to utilize the cafeteria plan as long as the price does not exceed more than the premium insurance amount. He was seconded by Mike Stephens and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A food truck has been utilizing the parking lot in front of the Volunteer Fire Department without explicit permission from the property owner. Citizens have been concerned with this truck on the property since the truck uses the electricity which is paid for by the City. The owners of the truck were present to ask for permission to utilize the property since the property is owned by the City. The Council is worried that if they allow the food truck to stay, it might set a precedent for other vendors wishing to utilize the

location. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to deny the application allowing the vendor to use the property for their business and was seconded by Jonathan Torres. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Resolution 35-23 Appraisal District 2024-2025 Board Ballot was discussed. A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to distribute the 71 City votes as follows: Joshua Tennison - 35, Michael Stephens - 36, Cole Bosworth - 0, Erin Oleksiuk - 0, Donald Robertson - 0, Ryan Webb - 0, Paul Williams - 0. The motion was seconded by Brantly Robertson and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 36-23 Parental Leave Policy. Changes were made to exclude part-time employees from paid benefits. A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to approve the resolution and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The Landfill Road name was changed to Red Canyon Road in 2018. Two readings passed for the ordinance but the ordinance itself was never signed so the name was never properly changed. The same ordinance was presented to the Council to be reapproved. A motion was made by Josh Tennison to approve the first reading of Ordinance 37-23 Landfill Road Rename. He was seconded by Mike Stephens and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mike



Food Challenge! The Coke County Junior Food Challenge Team competed at the District 7 Food Challenge Contest on Wednesday, January 24, in San Angelo.

Stephens to approve the second reading of Ordinance 38-23 Budget Amendment and was seconded by Josh Tennison.

The due date on the City Utility bills was marked due on the 25th, rather than the late fees being applied on the 15th. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to waive all late fees for November and was seconded by Mike Stephens and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Steven Arens to remove Tracy Grantham as a signer on the following accounts (Operating - 0046744, Visa - 0046728, Capital Improvement - 6018165) since they are no longer eligible to sign and to add

one new Council Member Steven Arens as a signer with the current signers: Jonathan Torres, Josh Tennison, Mike Stephens, and Brantly Robertson. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Torres and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Josh Tennison to approve the Tax Deed for Property R820 in the amount of \$2,600. He was seconded by Steven Arens and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to approve of the EDC grant for Kuntry Boyz Kustomz and was seconded by Mike Stephens. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Only 48 street signs were able to sell in the bidding process that the City hosted. This item has been brought back to the Council to determine where the remaining signs will go. A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to scrap the remaining signs and split the profit between the EMS and VFD. The motion was seconded by Steven Arens and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A property owner outside of the city limits on Red Canyon Road would like to get City utilities but to do so the City will have to run up to a mile of new line for one customer. A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to table this item until more information is gathered.

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VOTE

RUSSELL ASH


Coke County Attorney

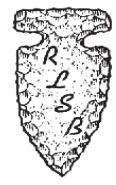
My family has been involved in this wonderful area of West Texas for over 100 years. I was raised in Coke County and want to continue to make it my final home. I would greatly appreciate your vote on March 5.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Russell Ash

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