

February. The motion was seconded by Gwen Dyess and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Zach Davidson made a motion to host the annual garage sale in May and was seconded by Gwen Dyess. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb made a motion to renew the ACO contract and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made a motion to let the COB and CCSD expire on March 31, 2023, without renewal, and to allow the City Secretary to advertise for a contract position for a certified peace officer to do these duties. She was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Zach Davidson made a motion to cancel resolution 23-02 of the 2023 general and special election. He was seconded by Mike Bailey and the motion carried 5 - 0.

Zach Davidson made a motion to approve the City Secretary permission to find a new internet provider because West Central Wireless has been sold and wcc.net will no longer be available. He was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Zach Davidson made a motion to approve the City Secretary to look for a new telephone provider for better rates and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion

carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made a motion to approve the City Secretary to host the luncheon for the Municipal Clerk's Associations Bluebonnet chapter meeting on June 14, 2023, at Fort Chadbourne with a maximum \$200 budget. She was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion carried.

Mike Bailey made a motion to approve the February 16, 2023, minutes, February financials, and aging report. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gohman reported that the ordinance is still being worked on.

**Utility Director's Report**

Ricky Royall reported that the generator is to be delivered on June 7, 2023. He also reported that the opening of sealed bids for the sale of the property the day before the council will be done. He also will have a spreadsheet of bidders and announcement of the buyer at the council meeting the following day. This is for the May regular council meeting.

**City Secretary's Report**

Teresa Ballard reported that the auditor's will be on site next week. She reported that the sales tax is staying steady, around \$23k which is great news for the city.

With no further business, Mayor Gohman announced the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

products to be labeled as either cell-cultured, lab grown or a similar qualifying term.

Truth in labeling is a priority issue for TFB this session, and the bill will benefit farmers, ranchers and consumers.

More information on TFB priority issues is available each week in the Austin Newsletter. To sign up for the Austin Newsletter, log in to MyTFB and update contact preferences using the menu on the left side of the screen.

**Celebrate Texas State Parks' 100th Birthday**

Get out the graham crackers, chocolate bars and marshmallows May 13, and head to one of 80 Texas State Parks hosting our official 100th birthday party.

Toast "100 s'more years" of outdoor fun with everyone's favorite campfire treat. Participating parks offer events to introduce people of all ages and skill levels to the outdoors with s'mores-themed fun, from making solar-baked s'mores to a s'mores-themed star party.

"I cannot think of a more fun and appropriate way to celebrate 100 years of state parks than enjoying a tasty traditional camping snack like s'mores," said Texas State Parks Director Rodney Franklin. "If you are new to parks, this 'birthday party' is a great way to get to know your local Texas State Park and experience what it has to offer. With events taking place at all hours of the day, you can snack your way across Texas. Come join us in celebrating 100 s'more years and bring a friend!"

A full list of s'mores events can be found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) calendar page.

Since some parks could reach their capacity limit, TPWD encourages anyone planning a trip to a Texas state park to reserve a day pass in advance. Reserve day passes online or call (512) 389-8900.

If you can't make it to a state park birthday event on May 13, join in the fun at home. Share your s'mores-themed creations and fun on social media using #100SmoresYears and #texasparks100.

At Barton Warnock Visitors Center at Big Bend Ranch State Park, visitors can roast their



**Reception!** Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee recently hosted a going away reception for their pastor Recardo Reyes. Recardo will be leaving in mid-May to begin a new ministry in Corpus Christi.

marshmallows solar oven while exploring the spots of the sun and learning how to stay cool during the hot summer months. The event, which takes place from 10 a.m.-noon, is free with park admission.

In the wetlands of Brazos Bend State Park in East Texas, park staff are looking forward to toasting to 100 s'more years of reptiles. Visitors will be able to learn about the parks' famous residents, the American Alligator, while enjoying campfires and s'mores from 1- 2 p.m. at the Elm Lake Pavilion.

Have the best s'mores recipe? Prove it at Fort Boggy State Park's s'mores cook-off from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Ten cooks will compete for the title of Best S'more of Fort Boggy at this new annual event. While judges are tasting the entries, visitors can make and enjoy their own s'mores on one of the six fire pits set up at the park.

Goose Island State Park is celebrating the official Texas State Parks birthday with a s'mores

building competition honoring the historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) building at the park. From 3-4:30 p.m., visitors can bring their holiday cookie-building skills to the beach and recreate the CCC recreation hall using only s'more ingredients.

From 8-10 p.m., Hill Country State Natural Area is taking a tasty gaze to the Hill Country's night sky with Cos'mores: A Gastronomically Astronomical Event. Visitors will be able to sample the delectable night sky buffet while enjoying a classic campfire treat hosted in conjunction with the San Antonio Astronomical Association. The event will be held at the Chapa Group Area.

Along with the s'mores event, Texas State Parks is celebrating the centennial with signature events at all 89 parks across Texas. Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has partnered with TPWD to celebrate all year long. H-E-B donated \$1 million to help all Texans discover and explore their parks.

**Alternative meat labels bill passes Texas Legislature**

By Julie Tomascik, TFB Editor  
A bill that protects consumers from misleading claims about alternative meat products has passed the Texas Legislature and now heads to Gov. Greg Abbott for his signature.

The committee substitute for SB 664 by Sen. Charles Perry aims to ensure meat products are accurately labeled.

"Texas Farm Bureau is grateful for the Texas Legislature and its work this session on the issue of deceptive labeling of food products. Our organization appreciates the leadership of Sen. Perry and State Rep. Brad Buckley in addressing this important topic," Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) President Russell Boening said.

The bill requires "analogue products," which are food products made from processed plant products, insects or fungus with food additives to mimic meat, poultry or egg products, to have clear labels. The bill would require those products to be labeled with one of the following: "analogue; meatless; plant-based; made from plants, or a similar qualifying term."

Confusion at the meat counter is abundant for all consumers. Labels and packaging for meat and alternative meat products are often similar and sometimes indistinguishable from each other.

In fact, one out of every five Texans are deceived by misleading meat substitute food product packaging, according to a statewide

survey conducted by TFB and Texas Cattle Feeders Association in 2020.

The bill define beef, chicken and pork as "any edible portion of a formerly live and whole... carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means."

Language in the bill defines meat as "any edible portion of a livestock carcass that does not contain lab-grown, cell cultured, insect or plant-based food products." Livestock is limited to cattle, sheep, swine, goats and poultry.

The bill also addresses cell-cultured products, requiring the

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