

# RL City Council meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Those present included Mayor Jason Moran; and Council Members Tracy Grantham, Josh Tennison, and Brantly Robertson. Council Members Mike Stephens and Jonathan Torres were absent.

The Consent Agenda, which includes the May 18, 2023, minutes, Code Enforcement Report, Municipal Court Report, and Financial Report, was discussed. A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to approve of the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding an event at Mountain Creek Golf Course. The Council cannot donate a nominal amount to any event. It must be in the form of a contribution to the event directly which can include a meal, drinks, or some sort of gift bag item. In the future the golf course will need to provide some sort of receipt for reimbursement or invoice.

G&G Kingdom Works would like the City to contribute to the first Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament. They are hosting this event to help purchase plaques for the veteran's names to be installed at the Veterans Memorial Park. The City has asked for an invoice to be provided or a receipt for reimbursement.

Discussion was held regarding real property donations. Property owners have inherited properties and no longer want them. Four of the five properties are undeveloped lots covered in pastureland, while one is just a residential lot. If the City accepts a property donation, the City can never sell and must keep up with the property's maintenance. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to deny the property donations as presented. He was seconded by Tracy Grantham and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Health benefit rates from TML have increased and the option for a \$1,000 out-of-pocket deductible has been removed as an option. The City has two remaining options, including a \$3,000 or \$5,000 out-of-pocket deductible. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to approve of the \$3,000 out-of-pocket deductible and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

The minimum rate the City can contribute to TMRS is 4.35%, however the City has continued to contribute 5.68% to the retirement pool as a cushion in case an employee retires. A motion was made by Josh Tennison to continue the 5.68% contribution. He was seconded by Brantly Robertson

and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

City Hall submitted two separate contractors for bids on several projects at City Hall. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to approve of the bid submitted by Clearfork Inc for \$46,392.58 and to start writing a contract for the services. He was seconded by Josh Tennison and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Two foundation repair companies submitted bids to the City for foundation repair. Both companies presented the same solution to the foundation issues. A motion was made by Josh Tennison to approve of the bid presented by Concho Valley Foundation Repair for \$5250 and to start writing the contract for services. He was seconded by Tracy Grantham and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to approve of the second reading of Ordinance 14-23 Budget Amendment FY 22-23. She was seconded by Josh Tennison and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to approve of the second reading of Ordinance 1523 Water Taps and Rates. She was seconded by Josh Tennison and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0. Mayor's Report

The City is switching over from West Central Wireless internet and Mayor's phone to Verizon June 16, 2023. The sign project is almost completed. Some signs are missing and some poles are missing. The new City vehicle was been purchased. The open position for Public Works has been published in the paper and applications are being accepted. Superintendent's Report

There have been 62 work orders completed, 19 poly cart work orders, five disconnects due to non-payment, three minor leaks repaired, one sewer



**Football!** The Robert Lee High School Steers kicked off their 2023 football season on Monday, July 31, with their two-a-days.

stop cleaned, two lines located, and a water line replaced in the alley of Euel and Chadbourne.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm and she was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

## Water Weekly

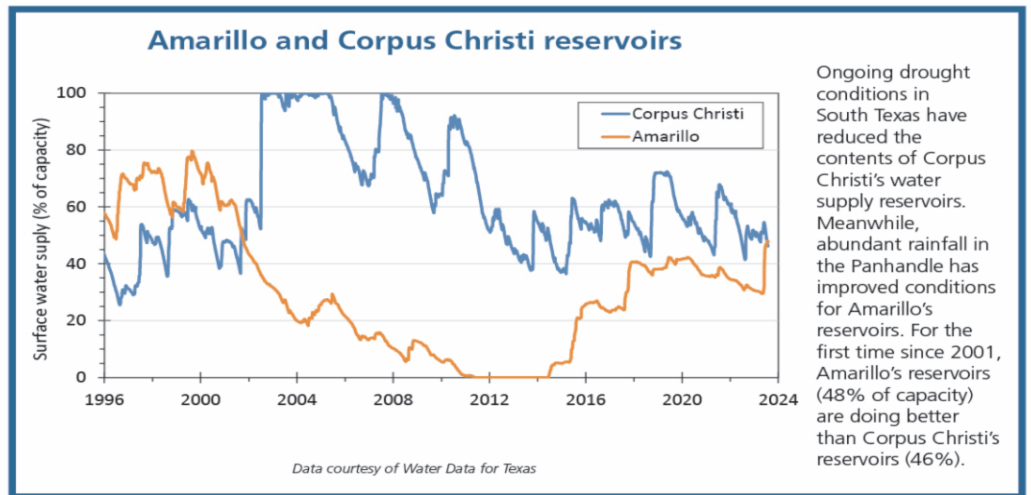
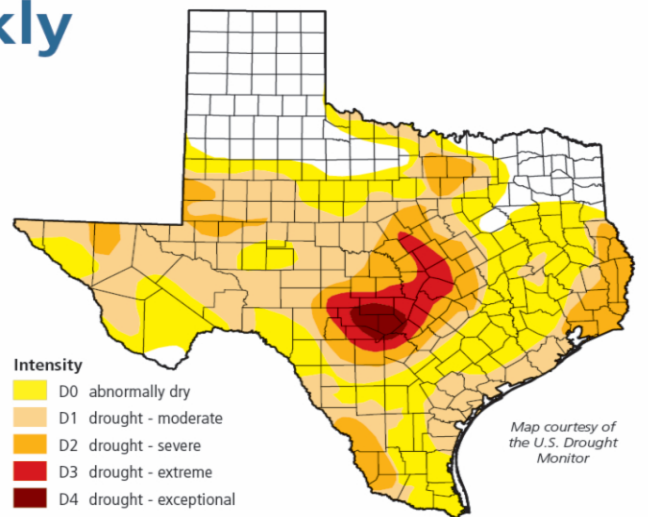
For the week of 07/31/23

### Water conditions

The area of the state impacted by drought increased for the sixth consecutive week. Areas of West, Central, East, and South Texas experienced one class of drought degradation. A third of the state is abnormally dry and may transition to moderate drought in coming weeks.

### Drought conditions

- ▲ 49% now
- ▲ 43% a week ago
- ▲ 55% three months ago
- ▲ 97% a year ago



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