

**TOWN OF ROUND TOP**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 13th, 2017**

Mayor Albers called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. with all Council members in attendance. There was a large number of property owners and residents from the Round Top Oaks Subdivision in attendance.

The purpose of this Special Meeting was for Council to continue the discussion begun at the June 5<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting, regarding the Land Use Ordinance and Wastewater Exemptions.

The first agenda item was the status of the current blanket exemption originally granted to the entire Round Top Oaks subdivision. It had been strongly suggested at the previous meeting that a public hearing on the subject was needed to continue. The Mayor expressed his thanks for the public interest and explained what our attorney had advised him on a public hearing. Public Hearings require a thirty-day (30) public notice placed in the local newspaper, making it impossible to have this kind of a meeting today, or in the month of June. Before the date can be officially set, the Mayor will need further conferences with the attorney. Several councilmen also suggested that it be scheduled when all could be in attendance. Since there needs to be a Public Hearing for interested parties to address the Council, the Town Attorney suggested that no comments be made to the Council at this meeting, but be made at the to be scheduled Public Hearing.

The first agenda item was the status of the current blanket exemption originally granted to the entire Round Top Oaks subdivision. The overall concern was the cost of running the extensions to and within the Round Top Oaks subdivision. Council has been looking at an option where the town would pay for and run the main line to the Round Top Oaks subdivision, as well as on Bauer/Rummell road to the Town limits, residents would pay the cost of the extension lines only for their area. Councilman Jerry Hinkel, a resident of the subdivision, pointed out that all lots in Round Top Oaks are roughly four acres in size, and should be exempt from the system all together, as well as any other property within the Town meeting the same criteria, even though the vast majority is required to connect.

Several other Councilmen made note that Round Top Oaks residents have not lived in Round Top long enough to be familiar with the history and causes that brought about officials to require the Town of Round Top to provide for a WasteWater system, and do not believe it to be fair that the majority is required by law to connect, and a few in the wealthiest neighborhoods be exempted. There have also been false accusations made such as the system can

only process grey water and no solid waste, as well as the ability of our plant to handle increased flow. The plant has been carefully built using the most modern technology with the expertise of our Civil Engineer. It has been expanded, and can be expanded again should the need arise at a minimal cost. It has passed all inspections with the highest of passing scores, and is managed daily by our plant operator. Above points were made as a result of a 45 minute discussion.

The goal of establishing this plant was to make it cost effective, self-supporting and allow for businesses to remain in business. Increased number of connections to the plant will eventually bring the cost for service down.

Discussions with the new attorney have brought some other issues to the forefront. Despite having received and followed Council from our previous attorney to develop updates to Ordinance #43, (Land Use Ordinance), State mandated procedures were not followed, making the exemptions and updates approved over the last several years null and void.

Discussion will continue immediately with the attorney and a public hearing will be organized according to the law in the near future.

Then the Council discussed the agenda item for the Town to pay for and install Wastew~~W~~ater Extension on Bauer Rummel Rd to Town limits. After discussion Steve Ditsler made motion to approve for the Town to pay for and install Wastew~~W~~ater Extension on Bauer Rummel Rd to Town limits. Motion seconded by Ronny Sacks. Motion carried with Steve Ditsler, Ronny Sacks, and Louie Sellers voting for with Jerry Hinkel and Frank Hilbolt voting against.

Ronny Sacks motioned to adjourn. Steve Ditsler second. Motion carried.

Barnell Albers, Mayor  
Town Of Round Top

Dwight M. Nittsche  
Secretary/Treasurer