

TOWN OF ROUND TOP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2016

Council met for the regular monthly meeting at the Courthouse. Mayor Albers called to order at 7:31 A.M. The Mayor read the August minutes. Frank Hillbolt motioned to approve. Jerry Hinkel second. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Treasurer's report. Steve Ditzler motioned to approve. Ronny Sacks second. Motion carried.

Jon Perez talked about continuing street traffic issues near his business.

Due to the absence of Sandy Reed, Ronny Sacks updated Council on the Boggy Branch development progress. He reported one major plan change. Instead of connecting to the town's wastewater system as first reported, most of the development will install aerobic systems.

James Weishuhn reported that the wastewater expansion project is complete and fully operational. The system capacity has been raised to 17,000 with additional substantial increased holding capacity. There should no longer have to pay to have extra wastewater hauled to Brenham for disposal during Town festivals, and additional connections to the system should make operational costs and customer fees more reasonable. The Mayor added that Bybee Square has improved their system's holding capacity. This with Henkel Square's capacity will put less stress on the Town's plant.

The Mayor reminded Council that the Fall show is upon us, and traffic control will be same used in the Spring.

The Mayor reported that our attorney continues to consult with him concerning the Merry Christmas Store. The owner, Kevin Harper, continues to avoid compliance with requirements of the Land Use Ordinance. He avoids connecting to the wastewater system. He advertises that he is operating a Bed and Breakfast, but refuses to file or even respond to the Hotel/Motel Tax notices. They are carefully working on a plan of action.

Frank Hillbolt reported that the flag poles had been moved as planned at the Courthouse. Work has continued making sure the sprinkler system works properly, and the flower beds continue to be cleaned on a regular basis. Further renovations will continue after the Fall Show. The Massey's have donated tree trimming to be done after this meeting.

Jerry Hinkel reported that the website should be on line anytime. All required information requested by the designer has been delivered to be loaded onto the new site.

Mayor Albers presented proposed General Fund and Wastewater Fund budgets for Fiscal 2017 which begins October 1st. Ronny Sacks motioned to approve. Jerry Hinkel second. Motion carried.

Frank Hillbolt motioned to approve a clarification to Section 1-30 (d) of the Land Use Ordinance regarding Off Street Parking. Second by Steve Ditsler. Motion carried. Other changes were discussed but put on hold for further consideration.

Council reviewed August AquaTech reports. Jerry Hinkel motioned to approve. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried.

Mayor Albers reported that he is asking for assistance from Joe Weber to expedite renovations to the intersection of Washington and Main streets. The right turn entrance to Washington Street has been closed. We've requested the closure be made permanent and remove the unsightly "road closed" signs.

Mayor Albers is planning to attend a crisis management meeting for City leaders in Austin on September 16th.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17th in the Courthouse. The date change is because of the Fall Show and Columbus Day holiday conflicts.

Steve Cain, Building Official for the Town of Round Top reported on August actions. Steve Ditzler motioned to approve. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried. Steve presented a request by "The Ugly American" (the rug store in the old Post Office) to repaint the front door. Steve Ditsler motioned to approve the color request as long as the color is muted, and not bright, shiny, or metallic. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried. Steve also presented a request by MLD Holdings to remove six feet of the rock fence in front of Teague's Tavern for a pedestrian cross walk to improve access to the property. After much discussion, Frank Hillbolt motioned to table the request to the October meeting to give Council members more time to consider options and public opinion, Jerry Hinkel second. Motion carried.

Jerry Hinkel motioned to adjourn. Steve Ditsler second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Barnell Albers, Mayor
Town Of Round Top

Dwight M. Nittsche
Secretary / Treasurer