

TOWN OF ROUND TOP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 9th, 2017

Council met for the regular monthly meeting at the Courthouse. Mayor Albers called to order at 7:34 A.M. Louis Sellers was absent.

The Secretary read the minutes from December's meeting. Frank Hillbolt motioned to approve. Steve Ditsler second. Motion carried.

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

Bobby Rauch addressed Council concerning parking and drainage problems around Bybee Square, and the railroad tie issue on three sides of the Knutzen property.

Barry Bone addressed Council concerning issues he encountered with the Building Official and the Land Use Ordinance.

Frank Hillbolt expressed concern with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements, and requested permission to discuss the situation with the Town's attorney. Steve Ditsler, board member of the Texas Pioneer Arts Foundation, offered to check the records of the restroom renovation design used at Bybee Square soon before the property was sold. The building in question is approximately the same size and design as the facility to be renovated on the Courthouse Square.

Council discussed a request from the Fayette County Tourism initiative (an independent organization not operated by any City or County government) for additional funding from the Town. Frank Hillbolt questioned the need since the local Chamber of Commerce already does this very well, and it often appears this group's interest is questionable. Steve Ditzler expressed similar thoughts and added this is the same group trying to change the name of the Round Top/Warrenton Antique Show, to the Fayette County Antique Show. Ronny Sacks added, rural Lodges do not pay HOT tax because Fayette County does not have the minimum population for it to be required for rural areas. A concern by some required to pay the

tax, is that rural lodges benefit from such advertising without paying. The Town of Round Top gives all HOT tax receipts to the Round Top Chamber of Commerce to be used entirely for encouraging tourism. They in turn provide Council with a quarterly report showing how the money was used. Steve Ditzler added that rural lodges are included in the Round Top Chamber of Commerce advertising only if they are members. Mayor Albers suggested that the discussion be tabled and reviewed for the next several months while the Texas Legislature is in session.

Council discussed several minor wording corrections from Section 161.C to 161.D Land Use Ordinance. Steve Ditsler motioned for approval. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried.

Steve Cain, the Town Building Official, presented his report for December. There were no hearings in December. He updated Council about issues he is having one individual's resistance to comply with the Land Use Ordinance.

Council reviewed the most recent AquaTech wastewater analysis reports. All results were well within the acceptable range. Steve Ditsler motioned to approve. Jerry Hinkel second. Motion carried.

Mayor Albers thanked all those who worked so hard to decorate the Courthouse and square for Christmas. It was a joint effort of the DYD club, Texas Pioneer Arts foundation, and Mark Massey. He made special notice of the beautiful Nativity scene placed by the Muenzenmeiers.

Mayor Albers announced that the January council meeting will be held Monday, February 6th.

Council agreed to continue with the Town Attorney to notify the owner's of Block 13 to remove the railroad ties from Town Property on Austin Street, Live Oak Street, and East Mill Street.

Steve Ditsler agreed to find a carpenter/someone who had built an ADA restroom and report back.

Frank Hillbolt motioned to adjourn. Ronny Sacks second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 A.M.

Barnell Albers, Mayor
Town Of Round Top

Dwight M. Nittsche
Secretary / Treasurer