

**TOWN OF ROUND TOP**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, May 8th, 2017**

Council met for the regular monthly meeting at the Courthouse. Mayor Albers called to order at 7:30 A.M. All were in attendance.

The Secretary read minutes from the April meeting. Steve Ditsler motioned to approve with the addition of Land Use Ordinance wording changes. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried.

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

Lisa Mayer inquired about the progress of the sewer extension to the Zeltwanger property. D. J. Knutzen asked if the building officer had fulfilled his request to perform an analysis of the minimal required parking spaces at Bybee Square.

Frank Hillbolt had nothing to report concerning property improvements by the DYD. He did mention that the restrooms should get immediate attention to be ready for July 4th.

The Mayor addressed a concern that a number of individuals had contacted him about. On Hwy 237, just South of the Town limits but within our ETJ, a sign has been placed advertising a business to be built called "The Shop's at Round Top." He stated that since it is not within the actual Town limits we have no control over what is built there. He asked attorney Bovey as to our possibility of enforcing the Land Use Ordinance in the ETJ. Bovey stated that the only enforceable item in the ETF is subdivision, but the Town would need consent from the county. One major concern is that the property is located in a flood plain and the County is aware of the situation.

The Mayor reported that recently he has sought assistance from an attorney who is not a part of the firm that normally represents the Town. Our Council has worked for some time to update codes and ordinances. This attorney has many years of primary experience in city and county government, and came highly recommended and has served many area city and county governments. The Mayor asked Council to consider entering into a service agreement with him to assist our Town as we develop codes and ordinances. A regular retainer would not be required, and he would be available to us for one hundred forty-five (\$145.00) dollars per hour on an as needed basis. Steve Ditsler motioned for approval, and was second by Jerry Hinkel, who also suggested we invite him to meet with the Council. Motion carried.

Ronny Sacks updated Council on planned street repairs. TxDot has agreed to repair the drainage problem at Highway 237 and Bauer-Rummell road with no expense to us. The Town of Round Top will pay Fayette County Precinct 2 to fix the

drainage problem on Live Oak Street and on von Rosenberg. Louis Sellers motioned to approve the plan. Jerry Hinkel added that both of these plans should also have the approval of Fayette County Commissioners. Steve Ditsler second the motion with Jerry Hinkels addition. Motion carried.

The Mayor distributed proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance that deal with fireworks and trash burning within the Town. Council thought it best wait and act on the proposed changes after Mayor reviews them further with the new attorney.

Council reviewed the wastewater analysis reports from Aqua Tech. The flow reports and the utility usage records from the wastewater plant showed higher usage during the spring show, but the plant was able to handle it well, and no sewage had to be hauled to Brenham for processing. Steve Ditsler motioned to approve the reports. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried.

Steven Cain, Building Official for the Town of Round Top, presented his activity report for the month of April. In addition to his regular duties, he researched aspects of code interpretation of other entities concerning establishing policy to deal with burning of waste items, and the use of fireworks within the Town of Round Top. Council chose to table and discussion and instructed the Mayor to discuss it with our new attorney first, and report back to Council for possible action.

The Mayor reported that the Secretary will be mailing letters to all venues within the Town, defining the codes concerning setup, display, removal, fees, deadlines and contacts for the semi-annual antique shows and special events that will be enforced within the Town of Round Top.

The Mayor reported neither Bybee Square or Rummel Square authorities responded to letters requesting an onsite parking space analysis for their locations.

The Mayor reported that we had received several backed dated checks for property taxes from the Fayette County Tax Appraisal office. For some reason, we did not receive four of the regular checks mailed to us over a two-year period.

Mayor Albers reminded Council of the next regular council meeting on Monday, June 5th.

Louis Sellers motioned to adjourn. Steve Ditsler second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 A.M.

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Barnell Albers, Mayor

Town Of Round Top

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Secretary/Treasurer