

TOWN OF ROUND TOP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, June 5th, 2017

Council met for the regular monthly meeting at the Courthouse. Mayor Albers called to order at 7:30 A.M. Louis Sellers was absent.

Michael Drab (our wastewater plant manager) was in attendance to answer questions Council may have about the treatment system, and how to interpret the reports.

The Secretary read minutes of the last meeting. Steve Ditsler motioned to approve. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried.

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

Vicki LaRue, representing the Fayette County Tourism Association, addressed Council about efforts to encourage tourism county wide and encourage financial support from the Town of Round Top.

Frank Hillbolt had nothing to report concerning property improvements by the DYD.

The Mayor discussed recent inquiries about reestablishing a weekend Farmer's Market on the Town Square. Council decided to table the discussion until more details are available regarding the Town's liability.

Council discussed changes to the Fall Antique Show dates. Steve Ditsler motioned to change the first setup day from September 18th to September 11th for the fall 2017 show only, putting it in line with Marburger Farm's schedule and commitments made to vendors during Spring show. Jerry Hinkel second. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported receiving a number of calls concerning the fairness of the exemption of Round Top Oaks from the wastewater connection policy. The Mayor had lengthy discussion with the Town attorney about this. One idea that came out of the discussion was that the Town pay for the extension to the area to be served, and the property owners of the area to be served pay a proportioned extension cost to extend into the affected area. Jerry Hinkel had a number of disagreements with the overall process of the wastewater system, as well as other areas of the governing process in general. Steve Ditsler motioned that the exemption to Round Top Oaks be rescinded and that extension plans be held for further study till after discussion on the various issues are discussed. There was no second. After further lengthy discussion, it was decided to set another meeting date to further discuss these issues in the near future. That meeting was scheduled at the end of the meeting. Steve ask that his motion be held over to next meeting.

Ronny Sacks reported that he has attempted to meet with Precinct 2 Commissioner, Gary Weishuhn, to schedule a time for the culvert and street repair to be taken care of. However, he has not been able to connect with him.

The Mayor briefly discussed the upcoming July 4th parade. Steve Ditsler volunteered to pull the Town float. Frank Hillbolt volunteered to ask musicians from Festival Hill to ride on it. Judge Dan Miller will organize the program and speakers. The Secretary had already sent the parade notice letter to TxDot, and was reminded to contact them again to request message boards notifying drivers of the road closure ahead of time.

Council reviewed wastewater analysis reports from Aqua Tech. Flow reports and utility usage records from the plant showed higher usage during the spring show, but the plant handled it well, and no sewage had to be hauled to Brenham for processing. Ronny Sacks motioned to approve. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried. Jerry Hinkel voted against

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 the discussion and instructed the Mayor to discuss it with our new attorney first, and report back to Council for possible action.

Steven Cain presented the building official's report for the month of May. He provided detailed copies to the council members.

The Mayor suggested a Special Meeting for Monday, June 12th, to continue discussion about changes to the Wastewater Extension and Exemption Policy and having all Councilmen attend. Ronny Sacks motioned to approve. Steve Ditsler second. Motion carried. Jerry Hinkel voted against.

Ronny Sacks motioned to adjourn. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

Barnell Albers, Mayor
Town Of Round Top

Dwight M. Nittsche
Secretary/Treasurer