

CITY of ROBERTS
March 8, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Roberts City Council met in a regular session at the regular place of meeting, after having been notified of said meeting of said council.

Robert (BJ) Berlin.....Mayor
Connie Surerus.....Council
Ben Poston.....Council
Edidt Sanchez.....Council
Shauna Lounsbury.....Council
Gale Scrivner.....Clerk
Ron Grant.....Maintenance
April Galbraith.....Librarian

Also present: Sheriff Anderson with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Dustin Mathie, and Christina "Nikki" Sheppard.

Shauna offered the opening prayer, Mayor Berlin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Council Minutes: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2022 council meeting. Mayor Berlin asked if there were any changes or corrections.

With no corrections, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Connie made the motion to approve, the minutes for the February 8, 2022 council meeting, seconded by Ben, all ayes.

Mayors Report: Mayor Berlin announced that the City did receive the Fiber Grant money and that the \$5,000 for the administrative portion of the grant will be used to pay for employee training.

Market Lake Day Saturday July 16: Mayor Berlin said that Market Lake Day is July 16th and that vendor have already been calling the city.

Legislative Report: Mayor Berlin said that our city is no longer in District 35 and the city has been moved to District 31. Bill #666, which makes librarians more liable for improper content for the youth, has passed the House and headed to the Senate. There is an overhaul tax bill that has come out of committee and would eliminate certain property taxes and replace them with an increase in sales tax.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Mathie read the report from 2/05/22 thru 3/4/22, 59 hrs, 19 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 DUIs', 2 citations, and 24 traffic contacts.

Sheriff Anderson gave the Clerk a copy of the Sheriff's signed contract.

Appointment and Confirmation Vote of April Galbraith: Mayor Berlin said that at the last council meeting he had announced Gale's retirement and had expressed that he had someone in mind to fill the position but would advertise the position. After the last meeting Mayor Berlin put out an ad for the City Clerk/Treasurer position and had no applicants. He said he would have liked to have seen some interest.

Mayor Berlin said he would like to appoint April Galbraith to the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, whom will become City Clerk/Treasurer upon Gale's retirement and would require a conformation from the council.

Mayor Berlin asked for a motion to confirm April as the Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer.

Connie asked how the appointment would work with the library. Mayor Berlin said that April would continue to be the librarian until a new librarian could be hired. Once April is confirmed as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer then Mayor Berlin will post an advertisement to fill the librarian position, in the meantime, April will train with Gale. When the new librarian is hired, April will be able to train that person and be available for any questions the new librarian may have.

Mayor Berlin and the Council discussed part-time versus full-time employment of the Clerk/Treasurer, the Friday closure of city hall being changed to open Friday from 8:30am to 12pm, and training events that Mayor Berlin would like to send April to, if she is confirmed.

Ben made the motion to confirm April Galbraith to the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, whom will become City Clerk/Treasurer upon Gale Scriver's retirement, seconded by Connie, all ayes.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk, Shauna aye, Edidt aye, Ben aye, and Connie aye.

Council and the Mayor congratulated April and she will be sworn in at next month's council meeting.

With April's appointment and confirmation City Hall will be open Fridays from 8:30am to 12:00pm until the new librarian is trained.

Discussion Draft of Demolition and Mobile Home Ordinance: Mayor Berlin addressed the portions of the draft that had been changed and/or added after last month's council discussion regarding the Demolition and Mobile Home Ordinance draft. Penalties for violations were added. In section 4, regarding moving mobile homes in or out of the mobile home parks, was changed to include mobile homes that are not in mobile home parks.

Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions, concerns, or comments regarding the draft ordinance.

With no questions, concerns, or comments Mayor Berlin asked the council if they would like to move this ordinance forward to a public hearing next month.

Council moved the ordinance to a public hearing.

Discussion and Vote on Ordinance #559 Recreational Vehicle Ordinance: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to dispense with the second and third reading of Ordinance ##559 and read it once in full, having the recorded record it as being read three times.