

REGULAR MEETING

21 July, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor, Jay Andrews
Councilman Robert Cody
Councilwoman Sherry Thompson
~~Councilman Josh Patterson~~
Councilman Will Carroll
Councilman Brant Bailey

VISITORS PRESENT

Ty Matthews
Jeff Harrison
Melissa Spillers
Kristi Watkins – Ga Post
Raymond Dickey
Martha McAfee

The governing body of the City of Roberta met in a regular session with Jay Andrews calling the meeting to order 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Robert Cody.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was presented a request for change of adding alley behind Roberta Church—first by Will Carroll, second by Robert Cody, vote was unanimous.

MINUTES May 19: Sherry Thompson made a motion to approve the 16 June minutes as written and was seconded by Brant Bailey. The vote was unanimous.

INCOMING NEW BUSINESS: Mike's Coffee Shop – Motion made by Robert Cody and seconded by Brant Bailey to accept Mike's – unanimous vote. Insta Shed – Motion made by Sherry Thompson and seconded by Brant Bailey to accept Insta Shed with stipulation that P&Z has to approve first.

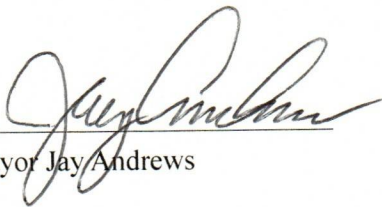
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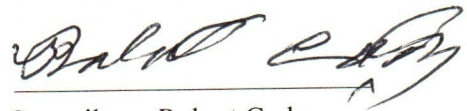
- Raymond Dickey – Mr. Dickey purchased a property in the city on 8.29.24, when he purchased he agreed to pay any unpaid taxes for 2024. When the tax bills were mailed Mr. Dickey was not listed as the owner of property and the bill was sent to the owner as of January 1, 2024. 2024 property taxes were not paid for said property and bill was turned over for collection through Appalachian Mountain Services. The previous owner received notice of the past due bill and notified Mr. Dickey, he came to city hall requesting the fifa penalties of \$65.00 be waved. Melissa Spillers, water clerk, informed Mr. Dickey we could not wave the charges without the approval from city council. Mr. Dickey informed council he received county tax bill but did not receive city tax bill – the city does not receive any notification from the tax assessor office when a property is sold. Council decided it was Mr. Dickey's place to notify the city of new ownership and he did not. Therefore the charges were not waved. Brant Bailey made a motion that the charges would stand, Robert Cody seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously to accept.

- Kids Yulie Love – Request to use the council chambers every Saturday in October to sign up candidates for the KYL 2025 season. Motion was made by Brant Bailey and Seconded by Robert Cody to allow KYL to use the facilities. The vote was unanimous.
- Phone Booth in the Park – Monica Miller (Mo) presented the idea of having a non-working phone booth in the park for a “phone call to heaven”. This is a project she has seen in other areas and thought would be a great addition to our park for people to make phone calls to those who have passed. Public Service Telephone has agreed to supply the booth and phone, and Mo plans to maintain the area around the booth with seasonal floral and greenery. She will provide more information, and council will decide where to place the booth in the park. There was a motion made by Brant Bailey and Seconded by Robert Cody to approve, the vote was unanimous.
- LMIG – Paving projects were put out for bid to Houston Asphalt, Macon Asphalt and Shephard Paving. The total from HA = \$143288, MA = \$102950 and SP - \$191500. A motion was made by Robert Cody to approve the bid from Macon Asphalt and seconded by Sherry Thompson, the vote was unanimous.
- Mail Surcharge – Postage has increased, to offset some of the expense the discussion was made to possibly add a surcharge to the water bill. Council decided to try first asking the customers to sign up for ebilling. The surcharge was tabled until we can see if the ebill will be effective.
- Water Lift Station Alarms – The alarm at one of the lift stations has been alarming multiple times each day/night. Water supervisor Jeff Harrison says we need to cancel the alarm service as the water department checks every lift station daily. Council had several questions concerning cancellation, because of these questions the decision was tabled until more information was available.
- The alley that runs behind Roberta Church to Andrews Dr is a right of way, the property was donated for a right of way by the Lois Spillers family many years ago. The “alley” was used as a back entry to the church. Recently the homeowner next door to the alley has been using the alley as a place to dump limbs and block thru traffic. The streets department will remove the debris from the alley and clean it up, signs will be placed at the entrance on Andrews Dr naming the alley/lane “Lois Lane”.

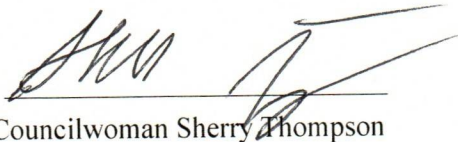
With no further business a motion was made by Brant Bailey to adjourn, a second was made by Robert Cody at 7:40 pm. The vote was unanimous.



Mayor Jay Andrews



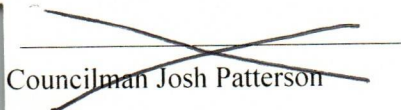
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