

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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City Council Notes

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Bandera City Council members accepted the resignation of Council Member Jerry Russe, who sold his business and moved closer to family last month. Council Member Lynn Palmer moved to accept applications to fill the vacant seat until the November election. The deadline to turn in applications is Monday, July 10, at 5 p.m.

(See the public notice at <https://www.banderaprophet.com/public-notices.html>)

“I would like to thank [Russe] for all of his dedication and time he gave to the city,” Palmer said.

In Russe’s absence, Council Member Tony Battle moved to appoint Palmer mayor pro tem, which was unanimously approved.

“I would be honored to have the position until the election,” Palmer said.

~ In other business, Marshal Nancy De Foster clarified some boundaries and roles with council, stating she would present monthly reports on Marshal’s Office progress and projects, and requested council members approach her with directives, rather than deputies.

“I ask that you don’t task my staff to do things. If you need something, go through me,” De Foster said. “You all hired me to do a job, and I’m trying to be efficient...If you have a concern, complaint or idea, I ask that you put it in writing.”

~ Council approved the use of City Park for Bandera ISD’s annual cross country meet on Sept. 9. This year, 27 teams will attend the meet,

bringing about 1,000 participants. The school district will also use City Park to host the district meet on Oct. 12. The park will be closed the day before each event to prepare the course. Each meet should be over by 2 p.m.

~ Palmer asked to extend the moratorium on enforcement of Article 3.06 Outdoor lighting, Section 3.06.003. The previous moratorium expired July 2.

“This ordinance is a bone of contention for our citizens,” Palmer said. “I’m hoping we can get this resolved.”

~ Council postponed awarding a construction contract for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Habitat Angler Access Park Project. The city was approved for a \$50,000 grant to build a park on the other side of the river, across from City Park, next door to Tractor Supply.

Two bids were received, with a wide range between them.

“We need to have a separate workshop,” Battle said, stating he was concerned about the disparity between the two bids. “I think there’s a little bit more due diligence we need to do.”