

# CITY OF ROBINSON TEXAS

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- City Council Meeting  
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- Chipper/Shredder Day  
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- Building and Standards Comm.  
Deadline  
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- Planning & Zoning Meeting  
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- Planning & Zoning Deadline  
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- City Hall Closed - Memorial Day  
(Garbage will run one day behind)  
May 23, all day
- Board of Adjust. Deadline  
May 27, 5 p.m.

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## New Feature Added to Water Meter Readings

The City's Utility Department is excited to be working with a new feature when it comes to reading citizens water meters. This added new feature will alert the meter reader immediately if the read is deemed lower or higher than past readings. Karen Sanchez, who oversees this department states, "Each household has a normal range of consumption, determined by past reads. If a read entered is out of normal range for that household the system will notify the meter reader immediately that the read is low or high and prompt them to capture a picture of the meter. This picture will allow further investigation into the read."

Sanchez goes on to give an example of a read being entered incorrectly. "We are all human, and sometimes our eyes play tricks on us. For example, if an 8 is read as a 3, or vice versa, and is entered into the system that way the system would alert the reader, and a picture could be taken. Office staff can review the picture instead of having to wait and send the meter reader back out to re-read the meter, and allows a second set of eyes to be placed on the meter. The picture will reveal the accuracy of the read that was entered, so the read can be corrected prior to billing."

This added new feature comes after extensive research into current equipment and programs out there that would prevent last year's misreads from occurring again. Sanchez explains, "There are a lot of really advanced and secure ways out there to read meters, but a lot of them come with a high cost. This added new feature was something that could be implemented quickly with the associated costs being low and manageable." As with any new system the utilities department is still working some of the kinks out. This will be the second billing cycle since the new feature was added.

The city is still researching ways to continue reading meters as effectively as possible.



## Summer months equal more water usage

April showers bring May flowers, but as we move into May we will start to see the skies clear and the warmer, dryer weather move in encouraging more water usage for the summer months. The City has put together a list of some items that have been known to increase water usage and monthly bills.

- Broken water sprinkler heads – make sure to turn on sprinkler system during the day to inspect each head for proper maintenance.
- Filling or maintenance on pools
- Watering of plants & shrubs – make sure to always turn off all nozzles when finished and that you water when the wind is low.
- Washing cars – make sure that a nozzle is used when washing your car to prevent unused water waste, or pull your vehicle into your yard so you can wash your car and water your grass at the same time.

# Congratulations to Elvira Leyva, Level II Court Clerk



City Court Clerk, Elvira Leyva, recently earned her Level II Certification through the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center(TMCEC). This certification comes shortly after her one year anniversary with the City of Robinson.

Leyva was able to obtain her Level 1 and Level 2 certification within 8 months of each other, with her Level 1 certification being achieved within 4 months of employment. Both certifications involved a three part exam and some of the topics covered in the exams were "Overview of Courts", "Role of the Clerk", "Court Ethics", "Caseflow Management" and "Code of Criminal Procedures and Penal Code". "This is the first time, in the City of Robinson's history, that a court clerk was able to obtain both certifications within their first year," states Jana Lewellen, City Secretary. I am very proud of her on this accomplishment and encourage everyone visiting City Hall to stop by to congratulate Elvira on this achievement," proclaims Lewellen.

Leyva's goal is to attain her Level 3 certification in the next two years. "My Level III certification is something that I will begin pursuing in the next couple of months, and I realize it will require more of a time investment than the two previous certifications, but I am up to the challenge," states Leyva. Help the City congratulate Elvira on a job well done, and send her luck as she pursues her Level III certification.

## Community News

**Microchip Clinic - April 16th**  
**Over 120 pets were microchipped**  
**Many thanks to Animal Birth Control Clinic**  
**AND Robinson ISD 4H Group**



**2nd Grade**

**Mayor Bert Echterling**  
**talks**  
**City Government**  
**at**  
**Robinson Elementary**



**Mrs. Kent's**

**Gifted and Talented Class**



**3rd Grade**



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