

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – May 16, 2017
Ransom Canyon Fire Department, 1 Ridge Road

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Robert Englund. Council members present were Mayor Robert Englund, Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Trew, Councilman Lyle Way, Councilman Brandt Underwood, Councilman John Schmersey, and Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Resolution R17-0516 Declaring the Duly Elected
A Resolution to elect Billy Williams as Mayor and Michael Brooks as Alderman was passed on a motion by Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously. Judge Gary Bellair provided the elected with a Statement of Officer and Oath of Office and swore the official into office. Mayor Robert Englund and Councilman John Schmersey received departing gifts.

3. The Minutes
The minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 11, 2017 were approved on a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Jana Trew, seconded by Councilman Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously. Prior to the motion, Dr. Terry Waldren addressed a correction on the spelling of Councilman Brandt Underwood's name.

4. The Financials
The financial reports and the April 2017 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

5. Second Reading Ordinance 17-0411 Establishing Fines for Abuse of Usage of Solid Waste Citizen Collection Station
Elena Quintanilla, City Administrator, discussed the need to establish an ordinance for fines to residents and non-residents who abuse the use of the citizen collection station. The code has been shared with individuals who do not live in the Canyon and to contractors of residents who are hauling their trash to the citizen collection station. The ordinance was approved on a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Jana Trew, seconded by Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

6. Building Review Committee (BRC)
The Building Review Committee met to review plans for new housing construction at 1 Coyote Circle. Steve Hill is the builder, and Ken and Melissa Smith are the owners.

Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ The City Administrator provided an email to City Council regarding her schedule of events for the week and asked if anyone had questions or comments regarding the email.
- ❖ The construction of City Hall is progressing well. The framing is going up.
- ❖ New City Council Members will be added as signatories to the bank account in the next meeting.
- ❖ The new budget and tax calendars have been provided to City Council members and need to be provided to new members.
- ❖ Elena distributed a handout with an update on Senate Bill 2 which has passed the Ways and Means Committee.
- ❖ Elena delivered correspondence to the Council Members.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ The Judge discussed that he is dealing with two cases that were placed on the Omnibase program years ago. One of those cases deals with an individual whose dog bit a young girl. These citations are old citations; however, one of the individuals would like to resolve her citation in order to renew her driver's license.
- ❖ More recently, a citation was issued for reckless driving. The prosecutor signed a motion to dismiss.
- ❖ There was another citation for a "failure to stop at a stop sign;" however, the violator did not appear to the Court.
- ❖ Another citation was issued for no proof of insurance, and the violator appeared to the Court accompanied with a parent. This case was dismissed.
- ❖ Another ticket was issued for a "failure to stop at a stop sign." The violator accepted responsibility, and requested deferred adjudication, and he has to take a defensive driving safety class.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The Department is busy mowing, weed-eating, and spraying for mosquitos

Police: Rick Vasquez reported the following for James Hill:

- ❖ James is attending an Emergency Management Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
- ❖ Five citations and eight written warnings were issued.
- ❖ Weed notices were handed out to the same 10-12 people that receive them every year.
- ❖ The veterinary clinic took place this past Saturday.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ The City of Lubbock has not placed its truck in the City of Lubbock Auction. This could occur in 3-6 months.
- ❖ The Texas Forest grant is still in place. New grants will be awarded in August.
- ❖ There were six EMS calls. They were not serious.
- ❖ There was one fire call to assist the Department of Public Safety and the Lubbock Sheriff's Office near the Slaton Airport.
- ❖ There was an excellent turnout at the last Pancake Breakfast.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- ❖ The Library is preparing for the Reading Program which had 25 teenagers last year. Angie encouraged those present at the City Council meeting to donate gift cards for the teens.
- ❖ The library is being digitized.

7. Property Owner's Association (POA) Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Val Meixner reported that over 90 individuals attended the POA Annual Meeting. At the meeting, the City candidates in this year's election spoke. The volunteer committees have been working hard. The finance committee is working hard to reduce the pool rates for the summer. She welcomed anybody to attend the monthly meetings.
- ❖ John Schmersey asked about the pit bull attack and whether the dog that was bitten was injured.
- ❖ Dr. Ron Cox thanked John for his service on the City Council.
- ❖ Linda Williams reported that the Chapel is working with an artist and there will be improvements on the lighting for the memorial.
- ❖ There were questions from the audience regarding the completion of City Hall, costs on the City Hall, Property taxes, and how to set up the Vacation Watch with the Police Department.

Adjourn

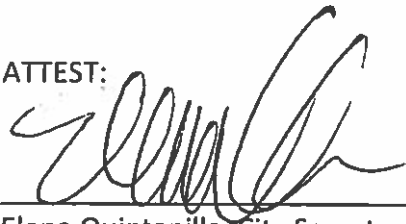
A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Lyle Way, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 13th day of June, 2017.

APPROVED:

Billy Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elena Quintanilla', written over a horizontal line.

Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary