

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 14, 2020
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jana Trew. Council members present were Mayor Jana Trew, Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, Councilmen Dr. Terry Waldren, Mike Greer, Ingram Rich, and Chip Armstrong. The prayer was said by Brandt Underwood, followed by the pledges to the United States and State of Texas.

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

Rand McPherson reported that the POA will be hosting a Star Gazing Party on West Lakeshore this upcoming weekend. On January 25, 2020, the Chili-Cookoff will take place, and on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, a food truck will be at the Ranch House.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting on December 10, 2019, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financials

The financial reports and the December 2019 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried four to one, with Councilman Ingram Rich voting nay.

5. Recognition of Berwyn Tisdel

The City Council recognized Berwyn Tisdel for sixteen years of exemplary service to the Building Review Committee and provided him with a gift for volunteering his time to the Town of Ransom Canyon.

6. Presentation by Tim Radloff, Tax Appraiser/Administrator

Tim Radloff, Tax Appraiser/Administrator for the Lubbock Central Appraisal District made a presentation to the City Council regarding the County's methodology for calculating tax appraisals.

7. Resolution Authorizing a Variance to Approve Swimming for a Triathlon

The City Council approved Resolution 011420 authorizing a variance to swim in the lake for a triathlon in Ransom Canyon which will take place on May 17, 2020,

on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously. Councilman Mike Greer recused himself from the vote.

8. 2018-2019 Audit Report

The City Council approved the 2018-2019 audit report provided by Terry & King, CPA's on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentation Regarding History of Provision of Water to Ransom Canyon

Elena Quintanilla, City Administrator, made a presentation to the City Council regarding the history of an agreement made by the City of Lubbock to provide water to the Town of Ransom Canyon.

10. Discussion of Water Losses

Cory Needham provided some information to the City Council regarding some steps that the Operations Department plans to take during the next water meter readings in order to decrease the amount of water losses currently estimated by the Town. He also informed the City Council that he has been working with the City of Lubbock to review how the Town can adapt to the water loss calculation provided by the Texas Water Development Board.

11. Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
- The upcoming election for the City Council will take place on May 2, 2020, and the dates to file for the election will take place on January 15, 2020 – February 14, 2020.
- She will attend the upcoming election law seminar to take place in Frisco, Texas on January 29-31, 2020.
- City staff has been working with CTSI through the transition of computer services.

Court Report: Elena Quintanilla reported the following for Judge Gary Bellair:

- Judge Bellair will be scheduling a jury trial in February for a resident that requested a trial.

Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:

- The Operations Department has been busy with water and sewer line repairs.
- Staff is winterizing their equipment for the upcoming months.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- Police did not issue citations; however, they issued six warnings.
- The holiday traffic was busy.

- The most recent legislation affecting golf cart permits will allow for utility task vehicles to be treated the same as golf carts. The Town's ordinance requirements will remain the same.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- There were two EMS calls and one fire call this month.
- The South Plains Emergency Medical Services (SPEMS) Conference will take place on February 1, 2020.
- The pancake breakfast took place on Saturday, January 11, 2020, and was well attended.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- The Library is undergoing some clean-up after the Christmas season.
- The Summer Reading Program will begin June 20, 2020.

The City Council entered into an executive session at 8:52 p.m., as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code in accordance with Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney, 551.072).

The City Council returned into open Session at 9:48 p.m.

Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary