

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting – September 8, 2020  
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The special meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Jana Trew. The City Council met in person at City Hall and also made accommodations for a virtual meeting through GoToMeetings.com and provided a telephone number for City Council and residents who wanted to access the meeting as a result of COVID-19. The following City Council members were present at City Hall: Mayor Jana Trew, Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, Councilmen Dr. Terry Waldren, Dr. Mike Greer, Ingram Rich, and Ron McWilliams. The prayer was said by Councilman Ron McWilliams, followed by the pledges to the United States and State of Texas.

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

Elena Quintanilla read a public comment statement submitted by Vicky Keller regarding the proposed tax rate and her opposition against an increase.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting on August 11, 2020, and the special meeting on September 2, 2020, were approved with a correction on the September 2, 2020 minutes to note that this meeting was a special meeting versus a regular meeting on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.

4. Financials

The financial reports and the August 2020 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Hearing on the Budget

The Mayor opened the public hearing regarding the budget at 6:38 p.m. The public hearing was to take comments from the public regarding the proposed line items for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. There were no public comments from citizens regarding the budget. The City Council ended the public hearing on the budget at 6:55 p.m.

6. Resolution No. 20-2000920 for Official Newspaper

The City Council approved resolution 20-2000920 designating the Slatonite as its official newspaper for the 2020-2021 fiscal year on a motion made by Mayor Pro

Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

7. Ordinance No. 20-00200 adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget

Ordinance No. 20-0020 adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget was approved on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ron McWilliams; motion carried four (4) to one (1) with a record vote taken as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood – Aye

Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren – Aye

Councilman Dr. Mike Greer- Aye

Councilman Ingram Rich - Nay

Councilman Ron McWilliams- Aye

8. Resolution R20-090820 to ratify the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget

The City Council approved a resolution to ratify the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget that will raise more property tax revenue than was generated in the previous year on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; seconded by Dr. Terry Waldren. A record vote was taken, and the following City Councilmembers voted in the following manner:

Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood – Aye

Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren – Aye

Councilman Dr. Mike Greer – Aye

Councilman Ingram Rich - Nay

Councilman Ron McWilliams - Aye

9. Ordinance No. 20-00210, fixing the tax rate/levy for the Tax Year 2020-2021

The City Council approved Ordinance No. 20-00210 to set the property tax rate/levy for the Town of Ransom Canyon at \$.611908 per \$100.00 of taxable value.

a. \$.541834 per \$100.00 of taxable value for Maintenance and Operations.

b. \$.070074 per \$100.00 of taxable value for Debt.

A record vote was taken, and the following City Councilmembers voted in the following manner:

Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood – Aye

Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren – Aye

Councilman Dr. Mike Greer – Aye

Councilman Ron McWilliams - Aye

Councilman Ingram Rich - Nay

10. Independent Contractor Agreement for Librarian Services  
The City Council approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Angie Fikes for Librarian Services for fiscal year 2020-21 on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.
11. Ordinance 071420 To Remove Mosquito Spray Cost out of the Ordinance  
The City Council approved Ordinance 071420 to remove the mosquito ground spraying cost of \$3.00 a month from the ordinance on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.
12. Board of Trustees for the Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool  
The City Council cast their votes for Board of Trustees for the Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool as follows: Robert T. Herrera, City Manager of Cibola for Place 1, John W. (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor of City of Henderson for Place 2, Jeffrey Snyder, City Manager of Plainview for Place 3, and Sean Overeynder, City Manager of Lamesa for Place 4 on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.
13. Reappointment of Municipal Judge Gary Bellair  
The City Council received a letter of resignation from Judge Gary Bellair to serve as Municipal Court Judge; therefore, Mayor Jana Trew stated that this action item is a moot item.
14. Appointment of Sue Coker, Interim Municipal Court Judge  
The City Council approved Sue Coker to serve as Interim Municipal Court Judge for a two-month period from September 10, 2020 to November 9, 2020, on a motion made by Councilman Ron McWilliams; seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

#### Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee met on August 31, 2020 and approved plans on a new home at 21 West Brookhollow. Clearview Homes is the Builder. The Committee also discussed a proposal for a new ordinance specifying engineered foundation details for homes constructed on lots with steep slope.

#### 15. Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
- She informed the City Council that Probasco Flying Service will not enter into a contract with Ransom Canyon for aerial mosquito spraying.

- Elena updated the City Council that the Town of Ransom Canyon and Buffalo Spring Lake are working on a grant with Lubbock County for funds from the General Land Office to rehabilitate McMillam dam.
- There have been fifteen (15) COVID-19 cases in Ransom Canyon, and (2) are currently active.
- The City opted not to participate in the payroll tax deferral program for employees.
- Early voting will take place in Ransom Canyon on October 13, 2020 and last until October 30, 2020. Then the polls will be open in Ransom Canyon on Election Day, November 3, 2020.
- The City Council meeting will take place on October 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Court Report: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- The Judge issued one dismissal where the defendant completed community service for the Operations Department.

Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:

- The Operations Department sprayed for mosquitos two weeks ago.
- Staff has been mowing and weed eating the past few weeks.
- Harold, Cory, and Elena met with the City of Lubbock officials to discuss water pressure issues that have been occurring in the Canyon.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- Police issued two (2) warnings and zero (0) citations this month.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- There were four (4) EMS calls and two (2) fire calls this month.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- The Library continues to work with the Tocker Foundation to implement changes to the Library.

#### 16. Executive Session

The City Council entered into an executive session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code in accordance with Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), and 555.072 (Deliberation of Real Property) at 7:26 p.m.

#### 17. Return to Open Session

The City Council returned into open session of its regular meeting at 7:54 p.m.

#### 18. Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elena Quintanilla", is written above a horizontal line.

Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary