

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – August 11, 2020  
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:31 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. Mike Greer, Ingram Rich, and Ron McWilliams. Dr. Terry Waldren was present at the meeting virtually. Guests at the meeting included Allen Butler and Vince Vialle of Specialized Public Finance, Inc. The prayer was said by Councilman Ingram Rich, followed by the pledges to the United States and State of Texas.

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

Allen Butler commented regarding options of setting up a beachfront where residents can access the lake for swimming.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting on July 14, 2020 were approved on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, with a change by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren who stated that he made the nomination and motion to appoint Brandt Underwood as Mayor Pro Tem at the last meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

4. Financials

The financial reports and the July 2020 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

5. Swimming in the Lake

The City Council discussed options regarding swimming in the lake and they are considering appointing a committee to review this issue further.

6. Second Reading: Ordinance 071420 To Remove Mosquito Spray Cost to Res

The City Council held the second reading of an ordinance to remove the mosquito ground spraying cost of \$3.00 a month that was allocated to each resident of the Town of Ransom Canyon.

7. Water Conservation Plan Ordinance 081120 for the Town of Ransom Canyon  
The City Council approved Ordinance 081120 to update the Water Conservation Plan for the Town of Ransom Canyon on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.
8. Notice of Intent to Issue Certificates for the Texas Water Development Board  
The City Council approved the publication of a Notice of Intent to Issue the Certificates of Obligation for the Texas Water Development Board project on a motion made by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.
9. Seal Coat Contract  
The City Council approved a contract with CDM Holdings in the amount of \$29,887.95 for the seal coat program on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.
10. Ordinance 081120-2 to Allow Any Adult Resident of Texas to be Appointed Judge  
The City Council approved Ordinance 081120-2 to amend Article 7.02 entitled "Judge" of Chapter 7, Municipal Court, to allow any adult resident of Texas to be appointed as a Municipal Court Judge in the Town of Ransom Canyon. Councilman Ron McWilliams made the motion, and Councilman Ingram Rich seconded the motion; Motion carried four (4) to one (1), with Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood voting Nay and Councilmen Dr. Terry Waldren, Dr. Mike Greer, Ingram Rich and Ron McWilliams voting Aye.
11. Engagement Letter with Terry and King, CPA Auditors  
The City Council approved an engagement letter with Terry and King, CPA Auditors, to conduct audit services for fiscal year 2020-2021, and authorized the City Administrator to execute said letter on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ron McWilliams; motion carried unanimously.
12. Mayoral Declaration of Disaster  
The City Council approved and amended a Mayoral Declaration of Disaster for the Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas due to the public health emergency – COVID-19 on a motion made by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried four (4) to one (1), with Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood voting No and Councilmen Dr. Terry Waldren, Dr. Mike Greer, Ingram Rich, and Ron McWilliams voting Aye.
13. Proposed Property Tax Rate for 2020  
The City Council voted on the following proposed tax rate for 2020:

❖ 2020 Certified Net Taxable Value:	\$155,523,043 (2019 \$147,737,344)
❖ Certification of Collection Rate:	99.70%
❖ 2020 No New Revenue Rate	.594639
❖ 2020 Voter Approval Rate	.611908
❖ 2019 Tax Rate	.612933
❖ 2020 Tax Rate	.611908

As a result, the City Council will have to schedule a public hearing. The motion was made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried four (4) to one (1), with Councilman Ingram Rich voting No and the following voting Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, Councilmen Dr. Terry Waldren, Dr. Mike Greer, and Ron McWilliams.

14. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee met on July 27, 2020 and approved plans on a new home at 27 Highland Drive to be built by Dreambuilt Homes.

15. Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
- She provided the City Council an update on an opportunity to work with Probasco Flying Service out of Floydada, Texas.
- Elena attended a meeting with the General Manager of Buffalo Spring Lakes to discuss the application for rehabilitation to their dam.
- There are thirteen (13) COVID-19 cases in Ransom Canyon, and three (3) are currently active.
- A new budget calendar was distributed to the City Council.

Court Report: Judge Gary Bellair reported the following:

- The Judge worked on two letters for pending cases this month, and eight individuals have not responded to previous letters sent.
- A new judgment was issued.

Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:

- The Operations Department will spray for mosquitos this week.
- Staff has been mowing and weed eating the past few weeks.
- There were sewer repairs near the Chapel.
- The Department installed two new water taps.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- Police issued five (5) warnings and zero (0) citations this month.
- Chief James Hill recognized Officer Charles Jensen for his service and promotion to Lieutenant.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- There were zero (0) EMS calls and zero (0) fire calls this month.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- The Library had a smaller attendance in its Summer Reading Program this year.
- 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 8:28 p.m.

17. Return to Open Session

The City Council returned into open session of its regular meeting at 8:53 p.m.

18. Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary