

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting – June 22, 2021
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The special budget work session was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Jana Trew. The City Council held a meeting at Ransom Canyon City Hall located at 24 Lee Kitchens Drive in Ransom Canyon, Texas. Council members present were Mayor Jana Trew, Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, Councilmen Dr. Terry Waldren, Dr. Mike Greer, Ron McWilliams and Councilwoman Val Meixner. Staff present included City Administrator Elena Quintanilla, Chief of Police James Hill, Fire Chief Rand McPherson, and Cory Needham, Operations Manager. The prayer was said by City Administrator Elena Quintanilla, followed by the pledges to the United States and the State of Texas.

2. The City Council held their first budget session and discussed the following:

A. Capital Improvements to Consider

- Water tank rehabilitation of \$710,000 and \$2,000,000 for sewer plant rehabilitation associated with the Texas Water Development Board are added in the Capital expenses this year
- Added \$57,000 for a Vactron to assist the Operations Department with sewer repairs
- Costs associated with seal coating the streets will be brought to a future Budget Work Session for consideration.

B. Operating

- All monthly RV Revenue will be shown in the line item for RV Annual Pay
- Tap connections are increasing due to new building activity
- Interest revenue has decreased because bank interest rates are at a record low level contingent upon the Federal Reserve interest rates
- The increase in court revenue is due to the new Judge moving the docket; however, costs are higher due to the Judge's contract expenses
- The trash revenue will not increase to reflect a new contract with Waste Removers until further notice.
- Buffalo Lake Revenue has increased because of the new amortization schedule with Texas Water Development Board and new sewer plant
- The Texas Water Development Board line item reflects the construction costs that will take place for the sewer plant
- Revenue for COVID is projected at \$250,000 as a new allocation from the federal government

- 63% less funds are projected to come out of General Fund this year than the previous year to support the budget
- Bank balances have increased \$583,415.21 since August 2020
- 3% Cost of Living Adjustment is projected for all city personnel this year
- 10% Increase is projected for Police Department Personnel this year for retention purposes
- There is a small increase in the Legal line item to project costs associated with the new subdivision and ordinance changes associated with building changes
- Building Repair has decreased in the Operations Department budget due to a lack for a need to utilize Germblast to sanitize the City Hall
- Bond costs have increased as a result of the new plant and amortization through the Texas Water Development Board
- Fire Chief increased budget expenses in the "Computer" line item from \$300 to \$1500 and expenses in the line item for "Dues" from \$75 to \$575.

The City Council completed its budget work session at 7:10 p.m.

3. TML Health Benefits Pool Medical Costs for Employee Health Insurance

The City Council approved the Texas Municipal League (TML) Health Benefit Renewal Rate for the employees to continue receiving health benefits through TML which increases the deductible from \$900 to \$1000 and out of pocket expenses per employee from \$3000 to \$4000; however, the benefits for the eye vision plan allow for a reduction of costs to carry their family members on the Vision Plan. In addition, the network will change from United to Blue Cross Blue Shield which expands medical benefits and choices for the staff. This option is a decrease of 0.83% from the previous year. Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren made a motion to accept Option 2 as described above and Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary