

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting – October 6, 2020
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The special meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood. 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 Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, Councilmen Dr. Mike Greer, Dr. Terry Waldren, Ingram Rich, and Ron McWilliams. Mayor Jana Trew was absent. Guests at the meeting included Rodney Lowry. 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

There were no citizen comments or a report from the Property Owner's Association.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting on September 8, 2020 were approved on motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

4. Financials

The financial reports and the September 2020 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

5. Recognition Proclamation

The City Council recognized the Lake Ransom Canyon Habitat Conservation Group through a Mayoral Proclamation.

6. First Reading: Ordinance 20-001208 To Increase the Water and Sewer Rates

The City Council held the first reading of an ordinance to increase the water and sewer rates for residents of the Town of Ransom Canyon and customers outside the city limits.

7. Sewer Plant Agreement with the Lubbock County Water Control Improvement District No. 1

The City Council approved Modification No. 1 to an agreement for amortization of a sewer plant rehabilitation between the Town of Ransom Canyon and the Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

8. Lubbock County and Ransom Canyon Fire Suppression Agreement

The City Council approved an interlocal agreement between Lubbock County and the Town of Ransom Canyon Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$10,300.00 for fire suppression and rescue services on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ron McWilliams; motion carried unanimously.

9. Atmos Resolution No. 100620

The City Council approved Resolution No. 100620 to approve a negotiated settlement between the Executive Committee of Cities served by Atmos West Texas and Atmos Energy Corporation, regarding the Company's 2020 Rate Review Mechanism filing on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ron McWilliams; motion carried unanimously.

10. Ordinance No. 100620 to amend the Water Management and Conservation Plan

The City Council approved Ordinance No. 100620 to amend the Water Management and Conservation Plan to develop new thresholds for daily water consumption and hours of water usage for the Town of Ransom Canyon on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ron McWilliams; motion carried unanimously.

11. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee did not meet this month.

12. Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
- Elena is working with Buffalo Springs Lake on two state grant applications that are being submitted for McMillam Dam.
- There have been thirty-six (36) COVID-19 total cases in Ransom Canyon, and five (5) are currently active.
- Early voting in Ransom Canyon begins Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The polls will be open

in Ransom Canyon City Hall on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- Resound Networks is planning to have a temporary tower while the rehabilitation takes place on the water tower.
- Elena provided an overview of the budget closeout process.

Court Report: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- Our prosecutor is working on some dismissals, six cases will remain on Omnibase, and Judge Sue Coker asked that we send a letter to the remaining 16 cases on the docket. If there is no response, warrants will be issued.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- The Operations Department will spray one more time this year for mosquitos.
- Staff will mow one more time until the Springtime.
- Harold, Cory, and Elena met with the City of Lubbock regarding water pressure issues.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- Police issued two (2) warnings and zero (0) citations this month.
- Chief Hill mentioned that there are 63 deer in the Canyon after conducting a survey.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- There were four (4) EMS calls and zero (0) fire calls this month.
- Fire Truck (Engine One) has been fully repaired and Fire Truck (Engine 2) has a water leak that potentially can be patched.
- The City of Lubbock fire trucks are not on the Rene Bates Auction site to date.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- The Library has completed 70 percent of its automation system at the Library with the Tocker Foundation grant funds.

13. 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 7:32 p.m.

14. Return to Open Session

The City Council returned into open session of its regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

15. Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jana Trew", written over a horizontal line.

Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary