

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – June 9, 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 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, Mike Greer, Ingram Rich, and Ron McWilliams. Guests included Nick Olenick from Pavement Restoration, John English, Ashley English, and Colton English, Property Owners of Block 18, lots 14-17, Vince Vialle of Specialized Finance, Inc. and Rudy Segura of McColl, Parkhurst, and Horton. 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

Neighbors on Sunrise Lane presented a letter to the City Council regarding their opposition to the re-platting of lots 14-17 on Block 18. Kevin Hilger spoke on behalf of the residents who signed the letter.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 12, 2020 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

4. Financials

The financial reports and the May 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. Consider Dates for BSLT Triathlon

Mayor Jana Trew read a letter from Marti Greer that the date for the BSLT Triathlon, Inc. in Ransom Canyon has been set for August 9, 2020.

6. Re-plat of Lots 14-17 in Block 18 on Sunrise Lane

The City Council approved a re-plat of lots 14-17 in Block 18 on Sunrise Lane on a motion made by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded by Councilman Ron McWilliams; motion carried unanimously.

7. Agreement for an Application of a Sealant on the Streets
The City Council approved an agreement with Pavement Restoration in the amount of \$15,353.65 for an application of reclaimer rejuvenator to provide a sealant for the streets for the Town on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.
8. Texas Water Development Board Resolution for a Sewer and Water Loan
The City Council approved a resolution an application for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for water and sewer system improvements; and making certain findings in connection therewith, on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.
9. Grant Application to TDEM for COVID-19
The City Council authorized the submittal of an application to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) in an amount of up to \$60,000 for COVID-19 related expenses on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Ron McWilliams; motion carried unanimously.
10. COVID-19 Application to the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor
The City Council approved the submittal of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor in the amount of \$10,000 for COVID-19 related expenses on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.
11. Grant Application for the Library for COVID-19
The City Council approved the submittal of a grant application for the Library in the amount of \$7005.46 to the Tocker Foundation for COVID-19 related expenses on a motion made by Councilman Ron McWilliams, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.
12. Amendment to Mayoral Declaration of Disaster
The City Council approved an amendment to the Mayoral Declaration of Disaster for the Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas due to the Public Health Emergency - COVID-19, as a result of the State of Texas Governor's changes to Reopening Texas on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.

13. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee did not meet in May. They reviewed three projects at their meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 which will be reported at the July City Council Meeting.

14. 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 COVID-19 funding opportunities for the City.
- She worked to get the coalition to run an aerial mosquito spraying mission prior to the Fourth of July; however, only two cities were interested. Probasco Flying Service is interested in working with us and Donna Clarke will have an update for us in the near future regarding this initiative.
- The City has worked with residents to come into compliance with the animal ordinance due to complaints from citizens.
- The Departments have completed their obligations with cyber security. New employees are now set up for training.

Court Report: Judge Gary Bellair reported the following:

- Two people appeared to address their court citations.
- There was another citation issued this week.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- The Operations Department is working with the resident at 66 South Lakeshore to remove items from the small island.
- The Operations Department sprayed for mosquitos on Friday and will continue to spray.
- Operations staff continues to beautify the Canyon for the upcoming July 4th festivities.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- Police issued three citations and eleven warnings.
- The Chief reminded everyone to look out for snakes and baby wild animals that are roaming the Canyon and to stay away from them.
- The department has two new officers who started their employment with the City. The Chief introduced Bobby Robertson.
- Pet vaccinations went well and residents practiced social distancing well.
- The Memorial Day traffic was a little slower than what traffic has been in the past.

Fire: Ron McWilliams reported the following:

- There were two EMS calls and zero fire calls this month.
- The Fourth of July activities are planned with a fishing tournament to begin on Friday, July 3rd, for the youth, with a meal for families in the afternoon

after the tournament. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and there will be a meal at the Ranch House at noon.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- The Library is open for children to pick up books. The Library is using protocols for social distancing and will move away from curbside service to activities outside for the youth.
- The planning process continues for the Summer Reading Program which will begin the week of June 20, 2020 and will end July 30, 2020. Events are scheduled for every Saturday during that timeframe.

15. The City Council entered into a closed session at 8:21 p.m. as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code in accordance with Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

16. The City Council returned into an open session at 8:44 p.m.

17. Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary