

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – August 13, 2019
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jana Trew. Council members present were Mayor Jana Trew, Councilmen Dr. Terry Waldren, Mike Greer, Ingram Rich, and Chip Armstrong. Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Underwood was absent. The pledges to the United States and the State of Texas were recited, followed by a prayer by Ingram Rich.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 9, 2019, and the special meeting on July 16, 2019 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

3. Financials

The financial reports and the July 2019 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded by Councilman Chip Armstrong, motion carried unanimously.

4. Engagement Letter with the Auditor

The City Council authorized the City Administrator to sign an engagement letter with Terry and King, CPA Auditors, to conduct audit services for fiscal year 2018-2019 on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Chip Armstrong; motion carried unanimously.

5. Bids To Rehabilitate the Water Tower

The City Council rejected all bids to rehabilitate the water tower on a motion made by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded by Councilman Chip Armstrong; motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance 081319 to Enact a New Fee for Roofing Permits

The City Council conducted its first reading of Ordinance No. 081319 to enact a new method for charging its fee for roofing permits. Instead of charging a fee based on the value of a roof, the Town of Ransom Canyon will charge a flat fee of \$200 for all roofing permits.

7. Proposed Property Tax Rate for 2019-2020

The City Council voted to consider the same property tax rate as the 2018-2019 property tax rate of .612933 and hold two public hearings to obtain feedback from the citizenry regarding the tax rate prior to its adoption on September 17, 2019 where the City Council will vote to officially adopt the rate. A motion to maintain the same tax rate as last year was approved on a motion by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Chip Armstrong. The record vote was as follows:

Ingram Rich – Aye

Mike Greer - Aye

Jana Trew – Aye

Dr. Terry Waldren– Aye

Chip Armstrong – Aye; motion carried unanimously

8. The Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee did not meet in the month of July, 2019.

A. Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
- She mentioned that a Texas Municipal League Quarterly Meeting will take place on September 19, 2019
- The Annual Texas Municipal League Conference Training for Elected Officials and staff is scheduled for October 8-11, 2019.
- The City Council meeting in October will be rescheduled for October 15, 2019.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- There was one citation issued for fireworks. The defendant did not appear to the court to address his/her ticket.
- There is a new case on the docket for this Friday.

Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:

- The east ground storage tank renovation is complete.
- The City has not had many mosquitos due to the dry weather.
- The Department mowed the Canyon and worked hard to prevent the growth of weeds.
- The Operations staff have been repairing the roads in the Canyon.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- Police issued one citation and six warnings.
- Approximately 100 residents attended this year's Summer Movie Night.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- There were seven EMS calls and five fire calls this month.

Library: Elena Quintanilla reported the following for Angie Fikes:

- The Library Summer Reading Program had 42 active participants.
- The Library did not do any landscaping due to the heat.
- The Painting of the Library is almost complete.

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

Rand McPherson reported that the Family Fun Night will take place on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at the Ranch House with food trucks for pizza and gelato. On the last Saturday of every month, the POA is hosting another star gazing party with the South Plains Astronomy Association. The next one will take place on August 31, 2019. The Taste of the Canyon will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Executive Session

The City Council entered into executive session at 7:33 p.m., as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code in accordance with Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

Return to Open Session

The City Council returned into the Regular City Council meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Ingram Rich; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary