

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – August 8, 2017
Ransom Canyon Ranch House, #1 Island Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Billy Williams. Council members present were Mayor Billy Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Trew, Councilman Lyle Way, Councilman Brandt Underwood, Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, and Councilman Michael Brooks. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. The Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 11, 2017, were approved on a motion made by Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Michael Brooks; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the July 2017 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Councilman Michael Brooks, seconded by Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.

4. Endorse, Enforce, and or Approve Changes to the Town of Ransom Canyon Personnel Manual

Elena Quintanilla, City Administrator, provided a copy of the proposed changes that she and the Chief of Police, James Hill, drafted for the review and approval by the Ransom Canyon City Council. The Town of Ransom Canyon Personnel Policy Manual, Sections 2.03 City Owned Vehicles, 17.05 Riders in Police Vehicles, and 17.04 Uniform and Dress Code were approved with the changes proposed by Mayor Billy Williams and an amendment to the Police Chief's dress code to include that a badge worn on the shirt by the Chief can be substituted for the logo, "Ransom Canyon Police," identified on the shirt.

The policies and changes were approved on a motion made by Councilman Brandt Underwood, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

5. Guidelines and Procedures for City Council Meetings

The guidelines and procedures for city council meetings were postponed for the next regular scheduled city council meeting on a motion made by Councilman Michael Brooks, seconded by Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

6. Texas Municipal League (TML) Risk Pool Real and Personal Property Coverage for Wind and Hail

The City Council approved TML Risk Pool Changes to Real and Personal Property Coverage for changes to wind and hail damage so that a deductible applies to a community who sustains damage on their property through wind and hail for a \$1000 deductible per occurrence versus a \$1000 deductible per building. Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Trew, made the motion to approve the changes, and Councilman Lyle Way seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. Ordinance to Authorize Golf Carts

There was a discussion regarding authorizing the use of motorized golf carts in Ransom Canyon. This is the first reading of the ordinance, and there will be a second reading at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

8. Tax-Assessor Collector's Report to Consider a Proposed Tax Rate

The City Council considered action to propose the effective rate of .612933 for the citizens of Ransom Canyon. Citizens of Ransom Canyon made several public comments regarding the tax rate. A record vote of the following City Council members was taken to propose the effective tax rate:

Michael Brooks - Yes

Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Trew - Yes

Brandt Underwood – Yes

Dr. Terry Waldren - Yes

Lyle Way – Yes

9. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee did not meet this month.

10. Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ The City Administrator provided an email to city council regarding her schedule of events for the week and asked if anyone had questions or comments regarding the email. Elena will be headed to the City of Slaton and the City of Abernathy to review the citizen collection stations.
- ❖ The construction of City Hall is progressing well. The contractors are currently painting the building.
- ❖ City Council orientation is scheduled on August 11, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. for all City Council members. The new interim city attorney will be conducting the orientation.
- ❖ The Town of Ransom Canyon has entered into an engagement letter with Alan Bojorquez of Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, Texas Municipal Lawyers, out of Austin, Texas. Their Law firm is one of the few comprehensive municipal law firms that exists in the State of Texas.

- ❖ City Council members are scheduled to attend the Texas Municipal League Training in Houston on October 3-6, 2017.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ The Judge is working on some judgments for cases that are pending in the Court.
- ❖ There are no new municipal court cases to report.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The Department is busy mowing, weed-eating, and spraying for mosquitos.
- ❖ Operations purchased an additional sewer pump for the lift station.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ Five warnings were issued.
- ❖ Weed notices are slowly getting addressed.
- ❖ There were over 125 boat permits issued this summer.
- ❖ The summer movie night at the Canyon was successful. Residents enjoyed the movie "Sing" behind the Party Island. Approximately 100 people attended the event.
- ❖ The Police Department participated with Lubbock County in applying for a generator grant that will benefit both Ransom Canyon and Lubbock County.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ The City of Lubbock has placed its truck in the City of Lubbock Auction. Currently, the Ransom Canyon Fire Department is the high bid at \$4550.00.
- ❖ There were two EMS calls. They were not serious.
- ❖ There were no fire calls

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- ❖ The Library completed the Summer Reading Program.
- ❖ The library is being digitized and this process is almost complete.
- ❖ The Back to School Bash will occur in early or mid-September.

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

- ❖ Ronnie Hill reported that the revenue is increasing as a result of wedding rentals, and the revenue from the pool has doubled. Approximately \$100,000 was the total revenue from party house rentals.
- ❖ At the last wedding held at the Ranch House, the renters "trashed" the party house so the POA is committed to fixing this problem in the contract process for future renters.

- ❖ Elena reported that there will not be any tax hearings as a result of the City Council proposing the effective rate for the upcoming 2017-2018 budget cycle. She will get a public notice to the Slatonite following the City Council meeting.
- ❖ Dr. Waldren commended Angie Fikes for her hard work on the Summer Reading Program. He attended the Summer Reading Party and was excited to see the response of the children and how Angie organized this event.

Adjourn

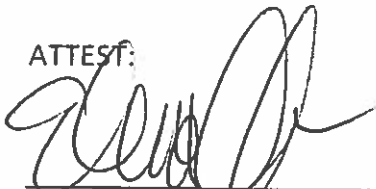
A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Trew, seconded by Councilman Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 19th day of September, 2017.

APPROVED:


Billy Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary