

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting – July 17, 2018
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Jana Trew. Council members present were Brandt Underwood, Dr. Terry Waldren, Mike Greer and Ingram Rich. The pledges to the United States and the State of Texas were recited, followed by a prayer by Councilman Ingram Rich.

2. Budget Work Session #1

Elena introduced the following Capital Improvement Advisory Committee members that were present: Judge Penny Golightly, Allen Butler, and Jim Bertram, Chair of the Committee. Jim Bertram reviewed the process of the capital improvement program, the staff's role, and how the committee arrived at their recommendations. Brian Stephens and Leonard Nail, engineers of Parkhill Smith, and Cooper, provided an overview of the wastewater treatment plant options, the rehabilitation of the water tower and storage tanks, and the recommendations for the back hill. Chief Rand McPherson provided an overview of his request for a new fire pumper truck.

The City Council did not make a formal decision on the capital improvement projects since no action was necessary at this meeting. The City Council will review whether they add the rehabilitation of the water towers to this current budget.

Elena provided the overview of this year's budget. The 2018-2019 budget proposes the following:

- The budget increased \$7.00 since last year. Overall, a 0% change.
- Increase of 3% for all employees as a cost of living adjustment. Currently, the inflationary rate is at 2%, and the additional 1% is to reward the employees for performance and also to assist in covering additional healthcare costs.
- Employees will be impacted with this year's healthcare costs. Overall, the copay for a doctor's visit will increase from \$25 to \$35, and the deductible for a surgery or procedure will increase from \$750 to \$900.
- Police added another ½ time person into their department so that they now have a full-time equivalent. This additional increase also requires full-time benefits.
- Operations will add a full-time employee with full benefits to support their team, and will also propose to keep one position open for summer assistance.
- Seal Coat is the largest expenditure this year at \$83,000.

- The City will absorb the mosquito spraying fee and not charge residents.
- City Administrator requests that any fund balance remaining at the end of the year be set aside this year to pay the first bond payment that may come up in the future to fund infrastructure.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 on a motion by Councilman Ingram Rich, seconded by Dr. Terry Waldren. Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of August 2018.

APPROVED:

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Jana Trew, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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

Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary