

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 10, 2017
Ransom Canyon Fire Department, 1 Ridge Road

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Trew. Council members present were Councilman Lyle Way, Councilman John Schmersey, and Councilman Brandt Underwood. Councilman Billy Williams and Mayor Robert Englund were absent. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 13, 2016, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports, the December 2016 claims and demands, and the Financial Investment Report were approved on a motion made by Councilman Lyle Way, seconded by Councilman Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

4. Information Item:

Three City Council Candidates, Michael Shayne Brooks, Dr. Michael R. Greer, and Dr. Terry E. Waldren, made a five-minute presentation to the City Council to discuss their interest, qualifications, and purpose for filling a vacancy on the City Council.

5. Information Item

David Hettler, CPA, presented the 2015-2016 Audit Report to the City Council

6. Amendment to the Peddler's Ordinance 57-17-010617

On a motion made by Councilman Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Lyle Way, the City Council voted to amend the peddler's ordinance to include the following language: "Any business represented by a person or persons shall maintain a rating of no lower than "B" with the Better Business Bureau." John Sims, City Attorney, elaborated on the statement and including the following language after the words "Business Bureau," "to be considered for a permit," therefore, the full statement reads as follows: "Any business represented by a person or persons shall maintain a rating of no lower than "B" with the Better Business Bureau to be considered for a permit." The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Hall Contract

The contract with Becknal Construction to build the New City Hall was approved on a motion made by Brandt Underwood, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously. Elena addressed an exhibit that was added to the contract to encourage the builder to complete the building within 115 days which was his recommended time table to complete the construction. A clause was also added that the builder shall not exceed 25% in change orders of the original cost of the construction.

8. Building Review Committee (BRC)

The Building Review Committee did not meet in the month of December.

Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ The old City Hall building is scheduled to be moved soon, and some soil testing has been conducted at the construction site.
- ❖ The May election is around the corner, and three positions will be up for election. The positions include the Mayor, and two Aldermen (Brandt Underwood and John Schmersey.) City Council packets for the upcoming election will be ready by next week.
- ❖ Elena has provided the Mayor with information for her performance review.
- ❖ The City Council Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for February 3, 2017, from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ There was no City Council correspondence.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ He is working on a judgement for a "Failure to Stop" at a stop sign citation, and he is addressing a citation for a "Discharge of a Firearm" in the Canyon.
- ❖ The Judge may consider sending a letter to individuals who have not paid their parking violations.

Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:

- ❖ A motor went out at the sewer plant, and it was replaced with a backup motor on the shelf.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ Ransom Canyon will receive a generator through a Hazard Mitigation Grant from Lubbock County. It will be housed near the water tower as a backup for the communications system.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ The City of Lubbock has not placed its truck in the City of Lubbock Auction to date; however bidding should start this year.
- ❖ There was one EMS call where an individual was airlifted.

- ❖ There were three fire calls that involved a grass fire in Slaton, a structure fire just outside of the City, and a fire that occurred in a chimney on Comanche.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- ❖ The Christmas Card Fundraiser had great success and raised \$3970.00
- ❖ The Library Christmas Party with Santa took place on Saturday, December 17, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There were 27 kids in attendance at the event.

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

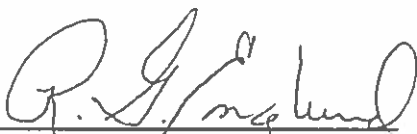
- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported that 47 percent of the dues have been collected to date.
- ❖ Jackie also reported that the New Year's Eve Party at the Ranch House had over one hundred people in attendance.
- ❖ The first POA meeting of the year will take place on January 19, 2017, and strategy will be a topic of discussion.
- ❖ The POA is partnering with the Chapel to promote the Chapel and the Ranch House in Lubbock Magazine.
- ❖ Linda Williams reported that the Chapel Christmas Home Tour Fundraiser made over \$6000.00. The Chapel is now working on the "Miracles of Christ."

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. was made by Councilman Brandt Underwood, and it was seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of February, 2017

APPROVED:



Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary