

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – July 12, 2016
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

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

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the regular meeting, June 14, 2016, and special meeting, June 28, 2016, were approved on a motion made by Brandt Underwood; seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports, including a financial investment report, and the June 2016 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Participation Opportunity

A copy of the 2015 Consumer Confidence Report for Water Quality was provided to each City Council member. There were no public comments from any resident regarding the report. The report will be provided to all residents in the upcoming water bill, and residents will have another public participation opportunity at the City Council Meeting in August.

5. Joint Agreement and Engineering Management of Street Seal Coat Services

The City Council approved a Joint Agreement with Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper to seal coat a portion of South Lakeshore on a motion made by Brandt Underwood, seconded by Billy Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with Texas Municipal League

The City Council approved an agreement for COBRA Continuation of Coverage with the Texas Municipal League (TML) Multi-State Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (IEBP) on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Brandt Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Section 125 Flexible Spending Agreement

The City Council approved an agreement for the maximum amount of \$2550 under Section 125 Flexible Spending Arrangement Account with the TML Multi-state IEBP on a motion made by Brandt Underwood, seconded by Lyle Way. Motion carried unanimously. This cafeteria-type benefit plan for healthcare is paid by the employee.

8. Request to Waive Taxes for the Property Owner's Association (POA)

Jackie Lindsey with the Property Owner's Association requested a waiver from property taxes. She provided the City Council with a handout with the reasons for the request. The information is attached.

9. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee met on June 13, 2016, and June 27, 2016, to discuss plans for a new workshop/garage at 9 Elm, a new workshop/garage at 30 Foothill Drive, and a new home at 32 E. Canyonview Drive.

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ An orientation session with the City Council is scheduled for Friday, August 26, 2016, at City Hall to discuss the roles of the City Council members and address any questions regarding the City.
- ❖ The next City Council budget session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016, which is a regular scheduled City Council meeting.
- ❖ Strategic planning is budgeted for the next year so that Jim Bertram, the strategic planner, can have time to meet with all the groups involved in the process.
- ❖ Mary Brown will be taking some time off in July and Kim Copeland will be leaving at the end of July.
- ❖ The City interviewed candidates for the Librarian position and hired Angie Fikes for the part-time position.

Court Report: Elena Quintanilla reported the following for Gary Bellair:

- ❖ There are no new citations to discuss with the City Council.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ Ransom Canyon is ninety-seven percent compliant with the Backflow Prevention Program. There are only 15 households who are not in compliance.
- ❖ We had a donor provide the City \$10,888.00 to install an irrigation system at the front entrance where the trees are located. Some of the dead trees will be replaced.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ The Police Department was very busy on the Fourth of July addressing complaints regarding fireworks and monitoring activity. The largest challenge was keeping people out of the Canyon that were not from the area.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There was one fire call on the Fourth of July.
- ❖ There were 3 medical calls. Two of the calls were from Buffalo, and one was a local call.

- ❖ The Texas Forest Service was in Ransom Canyon to present the Fire Department with a Firewise Award. This award demonstrates the ability of the community to work at making the community safer and to remove fire hazards from the area. Building the emergency road was significant in helping Ransom Canyon receive the award. The July 3-4, 2016 hamburger cookout had a smaller crowd than in previous years.
- ❖ The Fire Department is working on getting a new fire truck through the City of Lubbock, and the Fire Department has applied for a grant through the Texas Forest Service.

Library: Kim Copeland reported the following:

- ❖ The Texas Tech mascot and his horse, "Fearless Champion," visited the Library this past Saturday. It was a fun day for the children. There was a huge crowd.
- ❖ There will be an Awards party to complete the Summer Reading Program on Sunday, July 24, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

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

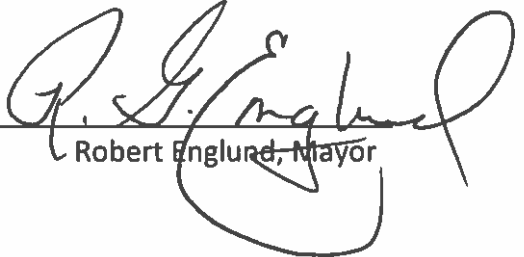
Jackie Lindsey reported on behalf of the POA. She stated that there was a good audience at the Fourth of July Parade. The barbecue at lunch was successful, and representatives of Cabela's came to the Canyon to assist with the fishing competition and provide awards. The water aerobics at the pool is still in progress. There was no report from the Chapel.

11. Adjournment

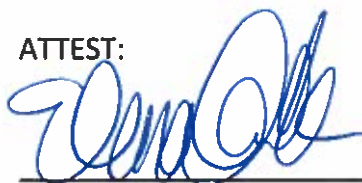
A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of August, 2016

APPROVED:


Robert England, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary