

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

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Jana Trew. Council members present were Lyle Way, Billy Williams, Donna Clarke, and John Schmersey. Mayor Robert Englund was not at the meeting. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. An Executive Session to discuss pending litigation was cancelled.

3. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 15, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams; seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

4. The Financials

The financial reports and the December 2015 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

5. Authorization of Space for Venture Communications on Water Tower

On a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jana Trew, the city council authorized Venture Communications to pursue the opportunity to place equipment on the water tower contingent upon negotiations for space with the City Manager and an agreement will be provided to the City Council in the future with these arrangements for space. The motion carried unanimously.

6. South Plains Region Planning 2 Mutual Aid Agreement

Elena Quintanilla briefed the City Council regarding a mutual aid agreement that will allow Ransom Canyon the ability to provide and accept mutual aid from surrounding cities in the event of an emergency that consists of a flood, fire, natural disaster or other emergency event. This mutual aid agreement is a standard template used in the South Plains provided by the Texas Division of Emergency Management in the Governor's Office. The agreement was approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

7. Golf Carts in the Canyon

The City Council discussed the pros and cons of having golf carts in the Canyon. This was not an action item; however, city council members voiced the opinion that golf carts could present some dangerous situations for the residents.

8. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee did not meet this month.

9. Department Reports

**Administration:** Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ Elena will be attending a City Secretary seminar in Frisco, Texas scheduled for January 20-22, 2016.
- ❖ The City offices will be closed on January 18, 2016 in honor of Martin Luther King.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ Gary is anticipating resolution on the Sharkey case soon.
- ❖ The court received a new ticket regarding a case with an individual for failure to stop at a stop sign.

**Operations:** Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The backflow/sprinkler system letters will go out in the month of January and all residents must have their systems inspected for compliance every three years.
- ❖ The citizen collection grant was not awarded to Ransom Canyon. The City will pursue this opportunity again in the next grant cycle.

**Police:** James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ Lubbock County is filing a reimbursement request to FEMA and Ransom Canyon provided Lubbock County with the costs involved in clearing the roads and emergency response that occurred due to the blizzard. Ransom Canyon sent Lubbock County projected costs in the amount of \$9600.00. The City could potentially be reimbursed for these costs if Lubbock County had sufficient damages.

**Fire:** Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There was one fire call and a false alarm fire call this month
- ❖ No medical calls to report
- ❖ Sam Hohbein provided an educational presentation on Fire Wise.

**Library:** Kim Copeland reported the following:

- ❖ Books were purchased for the library

10. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Bob Bellah mentioned that they have discussed Fire Wise at the Property Owner's Association (POA) meetings. The New Year's Eve Party was a success, and the POA is providing additional parking at the Ranch House to accommodate more vehicles in the future.

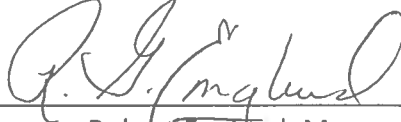
- ❖ Linda Williams commented that December was a busy month for the Chapel with the Home Tour which made over \$6100.00. She thanked everyone for their support.
- ❖ Alice Cunningham thanked the City Council and staff for getting the emergency road built in an expedient manner. She requested the City to conduct a road drill on how to use the road prior to an emergency.
- ❖ Billy Williams reminded everyone not to feed corn to the deer

11. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016

APPROVED:

  
Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary