

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – October 13, 2015  
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Jana Trew. Council members present were Lyle Way, Billy Williams, Donna Clarke, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Recognition of Eagle Scout

Mr. Davis Cluff did not attend the meeting for his recognition and will try to attend later in the evening.

3. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 15, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

4. The Financials

Donna Clarke asked a question regarding the financials and why the revenues are down by \$550,244.15. Elena Quintanilla stated that she would research the difference in revenues and report back to the City Council. The financial reports and the September 2014 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Budget Line Item

Elena Quintanilla mentioned that the current budget for FY 2015-16 had a line item for fire and operations that was approved for \$120,000, leaving an amount of \$40,000 for Operations to purchase a vehicle and \$80,000 for fire to purchase a truck. The City Council had approved a budget for fire to conduct repairs on a vehicle for \$20,000 only to repair a fire truck; however, they did not approve \$80,000 for a new fire truck; therefore, the City Council adjusted the budget line item for fire and operations at \$60,000 instead of \$120,000.

6. Building Review Committee

The BRC met on September 14, 2015 to consider plans for a new home at #4 Aztec; those plans were approved.

7. Department Reports

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

- ❖ The TML Conference in San Antonio was well attended by the following Ransom Canyon representatives: John and Marti Schmersey, Donna Clarke, Harold and Cory Needham, James and Angela Hill, and Elena Quintanilla. The training was

educational in areas of Open Meetings Act, Diversity, and other public service areas.

- ❖ The Texas Municipal League (TML) Regional Meeting will be held on October 22, 2015 at the Scottish Rite Building in Lubbock, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Jana Trew will be elected as Secretary of our Region 3 TML Organization.
- ❖ Staff will meet with a builder and architect regarding the construction of a new city hall next week
- ❖ The audit process for this year will soon begin
- ❖ The City will host its Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon on November 11, 2015 at noon
- ❖ The Wildbrandt statues at City Hall were appraised at \$5,850.00.

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

- ❖ The Sharkey civil trial was cancelled because an error was made in emailing our prosecutor so the Judge made contact with the jurors not to report for jury duty. Both attorneys will work to settle out of court or agree to reschedule a trial.
- ❖ A non-jury trial was conducted and found an individual guilty for speeding. There is no information regarding an appeal at this time.

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

- ❖ The emergency road is progressing well and is still projected to be completed within the end of the month. The road has been cleared and compacted. City staff has met with Buffalo Lake in reference to having identification cards for residents in order for them to be allowed into Buffalo without paying a gate fee.

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

- ❖ James has officially received his Master Peace Officer Certification
- ❖ The police officers have been working toward their tactical weapons certification
- ❖ James has been working with SPAG on an emergency plan

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

- ❖ There were some fire calls this month, one took place at Rand's house where an electrical fire started in the back yard
- ❖ There were 3 local EMS calls and 3 Buffalo Lake EMS calls
- ❖ The pancake breakfast will be held on October 17, 2015 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

- ❖ Fall Fun will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. This is a come and go event and all are invited. There will be a book signing event with a New York best-selling author who named her book "Ransom Canyon."

8. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported that the Visions of Art was successful with attendance of 656 participants and 50 plus volunteers. \$3204.00 was the profit made from the event. The Property Owner's Association is also working on obtaining a band for the New Year's Eve event.
- ❖ Linda Williams reported that a Critter Camp was held with 21 children at the chapel on August 12, 2015. Jerry Hatfield, Chaplain at University Medical Center was present to teach the children about the critters.
- ❖ Linda Williams reported that the chapel parking lot was seal coated and that 18 students from the Landscape Design at Texas Tech chose to develop designs for the chapel.
- ❖ The Home Tour is scheduled for December 10, 2015

9. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

APPROVED:

  
Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary