

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – December 12, 2017
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Billy Williams. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jana Trew, Councilmen Lyle Way, Brandt Underwood, Dr. Terry Waldren and Michael Brooks. The pledges to the United States and the State of Texas were recited, followed by a prayer by Councilman Brandt Underwood.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2017, were approved with a correction to change the motion to approve the minutes by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, and seconded by Councilman Brandt Underwood. The motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction was made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, and seconded by Councilman Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the November 2017 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Jana Trew, seconded by Councilman Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion Item

David L. Hettler PC, Auditor for the Town of Ransom Canyon, reviewed the September 30, 2017 Annual Financial Report with the members of the City Council.

5. Resolution 12-12-17 to cast votes for candidates of the Lubbock Central Appraisal District

The City Council made a motion to cast a total of 10 votes in the following manner for District Board of Director candidates for the Lubbock Central Appraisal District:

Brady Goen	2
Greg Jones	2
Bobby McQueen	2
LeRoy Montoya	2
Noe Reynolds	2

The City Council approved a motion by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren to pass Resolution 12-12-17, seconded by Councilman Michael Brooks; motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance 121217 to approve the development of a Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC)
The City Council acted upon approval of the development of a Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.
7. Building Review Committee
The Building Review Committee did not meet in the month of November.

Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
- ❖ The Town of Ransom Canyon will be hosting the Texas Municipal League Quarterly Meeting on June 7, 2018.
- ❖ The May Election filing period will take place on January 17, 2018 - February 16, 2018, for those interested in running for an Alderman At-Large position. Three positions will be posted in this Election.
- ❖ Staff has reviewed the Strategic Plan to work on the goals established for the year. One of those items is the development of a Capital Improvement Advisory Committee.

Court Report: Judge Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ There was a new citation for a failure to stop.
- ❖ There are no other changes to report regarding the pending court cases.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The Operations staff had to repair a sewer pump in the lift station.
- ❖ The Caprock Water Association Dinner is scheduled for December 21, 2017, at the Ranch House, at 6:00 p.m. City Council and city staff are welcome to attend.
- ❖ Staff is winterizing their equipment and getting ready for inclement winter weather.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ Police issued three warnings and one citation this month.
- ❖ The Chief hired one part-time officer and a new reserve officer to help cover the weekend and night shifts.
- ❖ Police personnel is in place for the Tour of Homes and is prepared for the Christmas traffic.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ The tanker has a water leak and the brush truck was serviced this month. Engine 2 had a belt missing so it was also repaired.
- ❖ The Fire Department will be assisting with traffic and errands for the annual Tour of Homes.

- ❖ There were two EMS calls and six fire calls. Of the six fire calls, two calls were false alarms, one was a grass fire, one was a structure fire, and two calls involved the Fire Department providing mutual aid to communities.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- ❖ The repairs at the library are complete.
- ❖ The Library Christmas Party took place on Friday, December 8, 2017.
- ❖ The Christmas Fundraiser raised a little over \$3000.

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

The Property Owner's Association will host a meeting on December 19, 2017 to discuss the Schmersey property. Thanks to Heidi Wilson and her committee for getting everyone involved in a Turkey Trot, the day after Thanksgiving. The New Year's Party is coming up in Ransom Canyon so purchase your tickets.

Heidi Wilson provided comments regarding homes that are in desperate need of repair. Bitsy Culberson also provided comments regarding the homes. Both felt that it is necessary for various residents in the Canyon to clean up their homes and take more pride in their appearance.

The Chapel is selling tickets for the Tour of Homes. The Chapel is also accepting homemade baked goods for the event.

Jim Evans urged the City Council to take action to reduce the deer population by adopting an ordinance or educating the public to not feed the deer in Ransom Canyon. The deer population is growing and is causing damage to property in the Canyon. John Kelly echoed the same sentiments.

9. Adjourn

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and asked the public to leave in order for the City Council to convene into an executive session with the City Attorney and City Administrator to deliberate regarding real property. The City Council returned to open session and postponed any further action of the item for a future city council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of January 2018.

APPROVED:


Billy Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary