

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – April 11, 2017
Ransom Canyon Fire Department, 1 Ridge Road

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

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

2. The Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 14, 2017, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

Mayor Robert Englund removed the Financial Investment Report out of the vote for the financials and reserved it for the next action item. The financial reports and the March 2017 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Councilman Lyle Way, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

4. Annual Review of Public Investment Policy

The Financial Investment Report for March and The Public Investment Policy that was originally approved on May 11, 2010, were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

5. 2017 Town of Ransom Canyon Strategic Plan

The City Council approved the 2017 Town of Ransom Canyon Strategic Plan on a motion by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance 17-0411 Establishing Fines for Abuse of Usage of Solid Waste Citizen Collection Station

Elena Quintanilla, City Administrator, discussed the need to establish an ordinance for fines to residents and non-residents who abuse the use of the citizen collection station. The code has been shared with individuals who do not live in the Canyon and to contractors of residents who are hauling their trash to the citizen collection station. The City Council postponed any action of this item until the next City Council meeting for its second reading and opportunity for citizens to comment.

7. Building Review Committee (BRC)

The Building Review Committee did not meet this month.

Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ A City Election will take place on May 6, 2017. Early voting will begin on April 24, 2017 – May 2, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. On April 25, 2017 and May 2, 2017, voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Locations for early voting will take place at the Lubbock Elections Office at 1308 Crickets Avenue, New Deal Community Clubhouse, Roosevelt Clubhouse, and Shallowater Community Center. On the day of the general election, May 6, 2017, residents can vote at the New Deal Clubhouse, Roosevelt Clubhouse, and the Shallowater Community Center, from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. A reminder of the election dates and times will be submitted with the next water bill. The Lubbock County Elections Office will be testing their new equipment at the Pancake Breakfast and at the Annual Property Owner's Association Meeting.
- ❖ The City Administrator provided an email to City Council regarding her schedule of events for the week and asked if anyone had questions or comments regarding the email.
- ❖ The construction of City Hall is underway and dirt has been tested and site preparation is in the works.
- ❖ City Council was well represented at the TML Quarterly Meeting on March 30, 2017, with Mayor Pro Tem Jana Trew serving in her capacity as an Officer at the meeting. Councilmen Lyle Way, Brand Underwood, Dr. Terry Waldren represented the Town of Ransom Canyon City Council. James Hill and Elena Quintanilla were also present.
- ❖ The City Offices will be closed on Good Friday.
- ❖ The tax and budget calendar were provided to all City Council members.
- ❖ All City Council Members received a handout with an update on Senate Bill 2 which has passed the Senate.
- ❖ Elena delivered correspondence to the Council Members.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ The Judge held a hearing with a minor who agreed to do some community service.
- ❖ One of the defendant's attorneys responded that his client is too indigent to pay her fines so he requested a show-cause hearing with the Judge.
- ❖ An individual was issued a warning for a broken tail light, and he was cited for no insurance. A parent will need to accompany him to the Court.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The Property Owner's Association paid to have the tall grass cut around the Party Island. If we are to burn the grass in the future, the City needs to notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

- ❖ The sewer sludge has to be tested three times a year. One of the tests came in high with a chemical concentrate and it was retested and passed the test.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ James reported that the Police Department issued six warnings, one citation, two arrests for domestic violence, and one juvenile was run out of the Canyon for trespassing.
- ❖ James attended a tabletop exercise at Buffalo Lakes regarding McMillan Dam. There were discussions on how to prevent any flooding that will affect Ransom Canyon.
- ❖ The Police Department monitored the Ransom Canyon Annual Garage Sale. Forty-seven garage sales listed in the newspaper took place in the Canyon, and twenty-seven additional garage sales took place that were not listed in the paper.
- ❖ The Police is working on weed notices to its frequent fliers.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ The City of Lubbock has not placed its truck in the City of Lubbock Auction. This could occur in 3-6 months.
- ❖ There were four medical calls. Two of those calls involved back-to-back seizures at two different locations.
- ❖ There was one fire call.
- ❖ The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for April 22, 2017.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- ❖ The Library is hosting activities for Earth Week.
- ❖ Plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday. The event begins at 5:00 p.m.

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

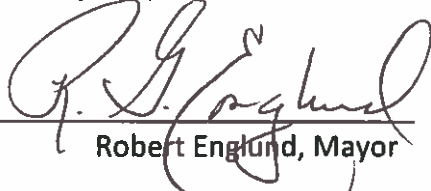
- ❖ Val Mixner reported that the POA Annual Meeting will take place on April 25, 2017. The volunteer committees are up and running and the strategic planning efforts are also underway.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jana Trew, seconded by Councilman Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 16th day of May, 2017.

APPROVED:



Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary