

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – November 14, 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 Lyle Way.
2. Minutes of Meeting
The minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017, were approved with a correction to add Brandt Underwood as an attendee at the Texas Municipal League Conference. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Brandt Underwood, seconded by Councilman Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.
3. The Financials
The financial reports and the October 2017 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.
4. Discuss Water Rate Letter from City of Lubbock
The water rates are not increasing from the City of Lubbock; therefore, the residents will not see increases in their rates for fiscal year 2017-2018. There was an increase in the meter rates, and the City will absorb these costs this year.
5. Discuss Internet Services
Bryan Waldrip of Resound Network Services made a presentation to the City Council regarding the provision of internet services to Ransom Canyon residents.
6. Closing of City Hall Offices for the Holidays
The City Council acted upon closing city offices at noon on the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 22, 2017, and at noon on Thursday, December 21, 2017 for the staff Christmas luncheon on a motion made by Brandt Underwood, seconded by Dr. Terry Waldren; motion carried unanimously.
7. Resolution to Approve the Lubbock County Hazard Mitigation Plan
The City Council voted to approve the resolution for the Lubbock County Hazard Mitigation Plan on a motion made by Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

8. Agreement with Lubbock County for Fire Suppression and Rescue Services

The City Council approved an agreement with Lubbock County for fire suppression and rescue services in the amount of \$10,300.00 on a motion made by Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilman Michael Brooks; motion carried unanimously.

9. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee did not meet in the month of October.

Department Reports

Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- ❖ She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
- ❖ The City Hall Open House was a success with approximately 80 people in attendance at the event.
- ❖ The Veteran's Day Luncheon was held on November 9, 2017 and the Lubbock County Color Guard and the Margaret Talkington Women's Choir participated in the event.
- ❖ The Town of Ransom Canyon will host the West Texas City Manager's Association at the Ranch House on November 17, 2017 where Dr. Terry Waldren will speak about "Generational Differences," and there will be a brief presentation on City Hall. The group will also tour the Robert Bruno Steel House.

Court Report: Judge Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ Three municipal court cases were dismissed and one was issued a judgment.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The Operations staff is almost done spraying for mosquitos this year.
- ❖ Operations staff has only had to repair one water line break since the fiber optic project has started.
- ❖ Staff is winterizing their equipment and getting ready for inclement winter weather.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ The Police had three warnings and no citations this month.
- ❖ The Chief has drafted letters for individuals who need to clean their yards from construction debris or waste. The City Attorney is currently reviewing the ordinances on how to best address these issues.
- ❖ The Chief thanked those who attended Bryan Gray's funeral.
- ❖ Halloween was a quiet holiday this year.
- ❖ Buffalo is undergoing construction near the emergency road that leads to Buffalo Lakes so the emergency road is not available while this construction is underway.
- ❖ The Police Department is planning for the Christmas traffic in the Canyon.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There were ten EMS calls and eight fire calls this month.

- ❖ The Fire Department will be involved with the annual Tour of Homes so they are preparing for the event.
- ❖ The Chief extended an invitation to all city council members and city staff to attend the Fire Department Christmas Party to take place on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at the Ranch House.

Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:

- ❖ The carpet, the floor, and the cabinets are being replaced in the library as a result of a leak in the bathroom.
- ❖ The library has changed its hours for the winter.

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

The Property Owner's Association has a new website. The POA is sponsoring a Family Turkey Trot on Friday after Thanksgiving. The Annual New Year's Party is in the planning process.

The Chapel Christmas Home Tour will take place on December 14, 2017. Tickets will go on sale at City Hall, Wentz Orthodontics, and the Firehouse. Four homes are involved this year.

The Chapel has planted flowers, cabbage, and the Christmas lights are up.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. was made by Councilman Lyle Way, seconded by Brandt Underwood; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of November 2017.

APPROVED:


Billy Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary