

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting, May 14, 2024
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The regular city council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Val Meixner. The City Council met in person at City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive, Ransom Canyon, Texas 79366. The following City Council members physically attended the meeting: Mayor Pro Tem, Val Meixner, Councilmembers Ron McWilliams, Dr. Corey Evans, Dr. Terry Waldren, and John Hand. After Oaths of Office were conducted, Councilmembers Jim Rose, Vicky Keller, and Ronnie Hill replaced Councilmembers Dr. Terry Waldren, Ron McWilliams, and John Hand. Staff members attending the City Council meeting included City Administrator, Elena Quintanilla; Deputy City Secretary, Leslie Randolph; Chief of Police, James Hill; Public Works Director, Cory Needham; Fire Chief, Rand McPherson; Assistant Fire Chief, Angela Hill; Librarian, Angie Fikes, and General Counsel, Garrett Ferguson. The prayer was said by Councilmember, Dr. Corey Evans, followed by pledges of allegiance. Guests attending in person are included in the attached list.

2. Citizen Comments

Dr. Denton Collins spoke regarding the sound financial management of the City and informed the residents that the City conducts an audit every year which also demonstrates that the City is operating in a fiscally responsible manner. Linda Williams reported that the Chapel will host a garden tea party on Saturday. She also suggested to the City Council that the minutes reflect the attendance of Marti Greer at the last City Council meeting.

3. Repealing Sections of Parking Ordinance

There was a discussion regarding Ordinance 111423 to remove signage of stop signs in certain intersections with respect to the parking of vehicles.

4. Resolution to Declare the Duly Elected for the May 4, 2024 Election

The City Council approved Resolution 24-0514 declaring Councilmembers Jim Rose, Ronnie Hill, and Vicky Keller elected to the City Council for the purposes of the May 4, 2024 Election on a motion made by Councilmember Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilmember John Hand; motion carried unanimously. Councilmembers Jim Rose, Ronnie Hill, and Vicky Keller executed their Statements of Officer and their Oaths of Office.

5. Mayor's Resignation

The City Council accepted the resignation of Mayor Jana Trew as of April 30, 2024 on a motion made by Councilmember Dr. Corey Evans, seconded by Councilmember Jim Rose; motion carried unanimously. Mayor Jana Trew thanked the City Council and City staff for all that they did for the community during her term in office.

6. Appointment of Mayor

The City Council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Val Meixner as Mayor on a motion made by Councilmember Dr. Corey Evans, seconded by Councilmember Vicky Keller; motion carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

The City Council appointed Councilmember Dr. Corey Evans as Mayor Pro Tem on a motion made by Councilmember Vicky Keller, seconded by Councilmember Jim Rose; motion carried unanimously.

8. Appointment of Alderman At-Large for a One-Year Term

Councilmember Vicky Keller made a motion to postpone the appointment of the Alderman At-Large to June to obtain more interest from citizens in the community to serve in this role. Her motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans made a motion to appoint Ron McWilliams as the Alderman At-Large for a one-year term because the voters had demonstrated their approval of Ron McWilliams since he secured the next number of votes in the election on May 4, 2024. Jim Rose seconded the motion; motion carried three to two with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans and Jim Rose voting aye and Councilmembers Vicky Keller and Ronnie Hill voting nay. Mayor Val Meixner broke the tie by voting aye. Motion carried three to two.

9. Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting on April 9, 2024, were approved on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Corey Evans, seconded by Councilmember Ronnie Hill; motion carried unanimously.

10. Financials

The financial reports and the April 2024 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans, seconded by Councilmember Ronnie Hill; motion carried unanimously.

11. Solid Waste Proposal

The City Council approved a proposal with Caprock Waste-Waste Connections for solid waste services on a motion made by Councilmember Ronnie Hill, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans; motion carried unanimously.

12. Appointment to the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

The City Council approved the appointment of Ashley Hougland to the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans, seconded by Councilmember Vicky Keller; motion carried unanimously.

A. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee met April 8, 2024, to review plans for an addition to the home at 1 South Lakeshore and review of plans for a carport and shed for 6 West Lakeshore. No permits were granted at this meeting.

B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- She discussed her schedule for the next few weeks.
- The bid for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant came in over budget by approximately \$225,000.
- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the sewer plant took place on April 12, 2024, and it was well attended.
- The Texas Municipal League financial consultants were at City Hall assisting the staff with budget reformatting.
- The construction process for McMillan Dam at Buffalo Springs Lake is progressing and piezometers are being installed.

b. The Municipal Court: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:

- The Municipal Court Judge will hold Court on May 23, 2024.

c. Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:

- The Operations Department sprayed the weeds.
- The Operations staff will handle any mosquitos as they arise and continue to apply larvicide as needed.
- The Operations Department has been actively mowing and controlling the weeds in the Canyon.
- Two trees were removed on the back hill.
- The Operations Department will be assisting with the volunteer Clean-Up-Day which begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

d. Police: Chief James Hill reported the following:

- There were twenty-four (24) written warnings and nine (9) citations in the Canyon this month.
- Round three of weed notices have been issued, and the department is about to issue another round.

- Lt. Charles Jensen attended a Leadership Command Class.
 - The Chief attended a two-day training for mass emails and text notifications so that citizens are informed about emergency and critical issues through their cell phones.
 - The pet vaccination scheduled for May 4, 2024 will be rescheduled for a future date.
- e. Fire: Angela Hill reported the following:
- The Volunteer Fire Department responded to one fire call and no EMS calls.
 - Nine firefighters attended the Lubbock Area Fire Conference.
 - The Fire Department Push-In Ceremony was a huge success.
 - Six people attended the Firewise Presentation.
- f. Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:
- The Summer Reading Program will start on June 8, 2024.
 - She is working on soliciting prizes for the Summer Reading Program.
 - The Children's Library received many book donations, and the teens sorted through them to decide which ones to keep.

Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans, seconded by Councilmember Jim Rose; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Val Meixner, Mayor Pro Tem

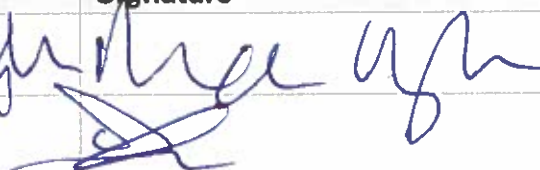



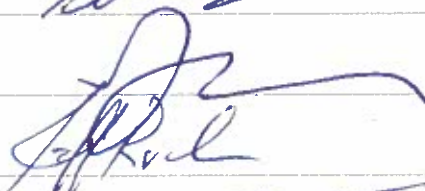

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Project:	REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING	Meeting Date:	5/14/2024
Facilitator:	Town of Ransom Canyon	Place/Room:	Ransom Canyon City Hall

Name	Signature	
Marianna Wightman		
Dexter Quinn		
Joyce		
Ashley Hougland	Ashley Hougland	
Allen Butler	Allen Butler	
Linda Williams	Linda Williams	
Larue Aard	Larue Aard	
Sam Leising	Sam Leising	
Bob Armstrong	Robert Armstrong	
Samuel Anderson		
Bobby		
Joe Lawson		
JEFF KOCIT	Jeff Kocit	
Scottie Hildebrandt		
Janelle Roe	JRoe	
Garrett Ferguson	GTF	
Rand Georgette McPherson		