

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting, July 18, 2023
Ransom Canyon Ranch House, 1 Island Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The special meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jana Trew. The City Council met in person at the Ransom Canyon Ranch House, 1 Island Drive, Ransom Canyon, Texas 79366. The following City Council members physically attended the meeting: Mayor Jana Trew and Councilmembers Corey Evans, Val Meixner, Dr. Terry Waldren, and John Hand. Councilmember Ron McWilliams was absent. Staff members attending the meeting included City Administrator, Elena Quintanilla; Deputy City Secretary, Leslie Randolph, Executive Assistant, Rochelle Pointer Chief of Police, James Hill; Public Works Director, Cory Needham; Fire Chief, Rand McPherson; Assistant Fire Chief; Angela Hill; Librarian, Angie Fikes; Police Lt., Charles Jensen; Police Officer, Nathan Flynn; Operations Staff Members, Robby McCarver and Jason Robb; City Attorney, Garrett Ferguson. Guests in attendance included the residents listed in the attached sign-in sheet. The prayer was said by Councilmember Corey Evans, followed by the pledges to the United States and the State of Texas.

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

John Hodges reported that the POA held a meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, and hired Attorney Keith Thompson to obtain clarity on the current bylaws. He has also scheduled a meeting with City Administrator, Elena Quintanilla, to discuss issues with Ransom Ranch.

Cherie Rickard invited the residents to the chapel to see the new renovations. She invited the residents to attend bible studies at the chapel.

Trey Taggert requested a homestead exemption for seniors and asked City Council to consider limitations on overnight parking at the subdivision and to consider a rental ordinance. He also asked the City Council to conduct a study on annexation and disannexation.

3. Public Hearing for Consumer Confidence Report – Water Quality for 2022

The public hearing for the Consumer Confidence Report was opened at 6:40 p.m. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

4. Update on the Buffalo Lake Dam Renovation
Commissioner Jason Corley was not present to provide an update on the dam.
5. Lake Ransom Canyon Habitat Conservation Organization
Trent Riddle briefly discussed the issues with the lake in Ransom Canyon and the need to plan for the future and review how to increase the depth of the lake by researching options to dredge the lake.
6. Update on Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant
Sam Moody, Parkhill Engineer provided an update and presented a plan for the grant application that will be submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife on August 1, 2023.
7. Pickleball Interest in Ransom Canyon
Ronnie Hill made a presentation regarding the community's interest in pickleball.
8. Minutes
Approval of the minutes for the special meeting on May 16, 2023, Regular Meeting June 13, 2023, Special Meeting on June 19, 2023, Special Meeting on June 20, 2023, and Special Meeting on July 6, 2023, were approved on a motion made by Councilmember Val Meixner, seconded by Councilmember Corey Evans; motion carried unanimously.
9. Financials
The financial reports and the June 2023 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Councilmember Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilmember John Hand; motion carried unanimously.
10. Bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
The City Council voted to allow Parkhill to negotiate costs with L. Howard Construction, the low bidder on the sewer plant, and to present more cost-effective options to the City Council at a future City Council meeting on a motion made by Councilmember Dr. Terry Waldren, seconded by Councilmember John Hand; motion carried unanimously.
11. Texas Parks and Wildlife Resolution
The City Council approved a resolution to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 and allow the City Manager to act as the authorized official in all matters pertaining to the grant on a motion made by

Councilmember Val Meixner, seconded by Councilmember John Hand; motion carried unanimously.

12. First Reading of Ordinance to Change Water Meter Fee

The City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to change the water meter fee so that it is assessed according to current costs on a motion made by Councilmember John Hand, seconded by Councilmember Val Meixner; motion carried unanimously.

A. BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Building Review Committee (BRC) met on June 19, 2023, to review plans for a new residential construction at 34 Highland Drive. The builder is Windridge Construction. The Committee also discussed house plans for the Ransom Ranch Addition.

B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:
 - She discussed her schedule of events for the week.
 - She encouraged residents to send support letters for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant.
 - She is scheduling an orientation for new and current city council members.
- b. The Municipal Court: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:
 - Three parking citations were written. Two of the three parking citations were paid.
- c. Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:
 - The Operations team applied larvicide to help mitigate mosquitoes.
 - The Water Meter Replacement Project will begin in July.
 - The Operations team had the streets swept and beautified the canyon for the Fourth of July festivities.
 - Operations staff is spraying for weeds.
- d. Police: Chief James Hill reported the following:
 - The Police handled five citations, fourteen warnings, and three arrests this month.
 - Officer Matthew Garza has completed certification and is now an Intermediate Peace Officer.
 - 20 weed notices were sent out, all but two have been mowed.
 - Chief Hill and Lt. Jensen went to Matador, TX to take supplies and assist after the tornado.
 - There were no major problems during the Fourth of July Holiday.
 - Movie Night is scheduled for July 29, 2023, no movie chosen yet.
- e. Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- There were seven (7) EMS calls and four (4) fire calls this month.
 - The Fourth of July activities went well, thank you to all that helped
 - Issues with the Tanker Truck have been fixed.
- f. Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:
- The Science Spectrum participated in the Summer Reading Program activities.
 - Proposing changes to the summer reading program to spread out throughout the year.

Adjournment

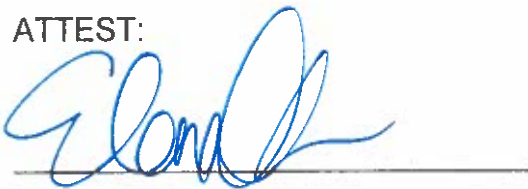
The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. on a motion made by Councilmember Dr. Terry Waldren; seconded by Councilmember Val Meixner; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary









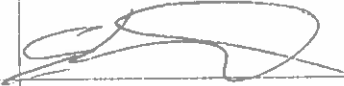
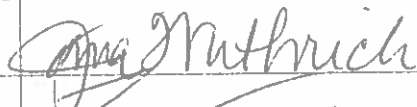

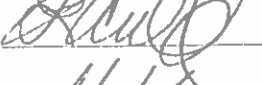

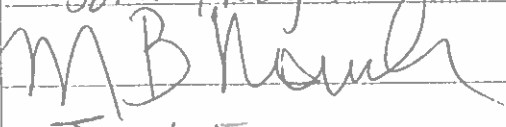





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Facilitator:	Town of Ransom Canyon	Place/Room:	Ransom Canyon Ranch House, 1 Island Drive

Name	Signature	
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	Parkhill
Leonard Nail	Leonard Nail	Parkhill
Sam Madry	<i>[Signature]</i>	Parkhill
Laura Fitzgerald	Laura Fitzgerald	
Barbara Keimast	BARBARA KEIMAST	
Helen Davidson	Helen Davidson	
Leonard Wanen	<i>[Signature]</i>	
RON ISA O'NEAL	Ron O'neal	
Ruby O'neal	Ruby O'neal	
LARUE HAND	Larue Hand	
Billy Grandon	Billy Grandon	
Kay Grandon	Kay Grandon	
Cherie Rickard (Heardorff)	Cherie D. Rickard	
Linda Williams	Linda Williams	
Ashley Hougland	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Jayne Hein	Jayne Hein	PBall
Michael Nolan	Michael Nolan	
Jann Nolan. Bevers	Jann Nolan Bevers	
Donnie Alan Jaymes	<i>[Signature]</i>	

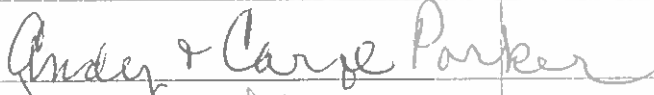
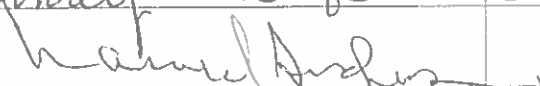




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Name	Signature
Bobby Bowen	
Blenda R. Fugua	
ELOON FUGUA	
LAURA BISHOP	
SHERI L. HINER	
Gene Smith	
Robert Gillespie	
Dawn Gillespie	
Elbert Wuthrich	
Jana Wuthrich	
Erin Cargile	
Leslie Auld	
John Hodges	
M B Kaul	
Joel EVANS	
Melissa Evans	
Ronnie Hill	
Vicky Keller	
Thonda Murdock	

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Name	Signature	
Andy & Caryl Parker		
Kamuel Anderson		
Jane Shipley		
Doc Worby		
Glen & Christine Roberts	Christine Roberts	
INGRAM REED		
AARON PAN		
Jennifer Pan	Jennifer Pan	