

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting, August 30, 2023
Property Tax Public Hearing
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Pledges/Prayer

The property tax public hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jana Trew. 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 Jana Trew, Councilmembers Corey Evans, Val Meixner, Ron McWilliams, and John Hand. Councilmember Dr. Terry Waldren was absent. Staff members attending the hearing included City Administrator, Elena Quintanilla; and Chief of Police, James Hill. The prayer was said by Elena Quintanilla, followed by the pledges of allegiance. Guests attending in person included Leslie and Lesa Reed, Cindy Riley, and Judy Stout. Guests attending virtually included Charlie Carroll, John Hodges, Ashley Hougland, Vicky Keller, Joan Lumen, and Ron Rieken.

Proposed Property Tax Rate

The City Council reviewed the following information and proposed the following tax rate for fiscal year 2023-2024.

❖ 2023 Certified Taxable Value:	\$191,316,180 (2022) \$174,525,485
❖ Certification of Collection Rate:	100%
❖ 2023 No New Revenue Rate:	.558751
❖ 2023 Voter Approval Rate:	.683635
❖ 2023 De Minimus Rate:	.825239
❖ 2022 Tax Rate:	.610091
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The City Council voted to propose the same tax rate of .610091 which was adopted in 2022.

The following public comments were addressed at the meeting:

Leslie Reed commented that the tax rate needs to be reduced so that the citizens can afford to live in Ransom Canyon. He also commented that the city should consider cutting the budget in regards to the library, pickleball, and city employee salaries, and gas costs. Cindy Riley mentioned that the taxation in New Deal is more reasonable than in Ransom Canyon and that she would like the City Council

to consider a homestead exemption. Judy Stout stated that pickleball injuries do occur more frequently than what people realize.

The City Council asked Elena Quintanilla to research whether other cities in the Region provide a homestead exemption to their residents. They also requested information regarding the financial impact for the city if a homestead exemption is granted.

The property tax public hearing ended at 6:43 p.m. and Mayor Jana Trew announced that the vote for the property tax rate will take place on September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall during the regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Adjournment

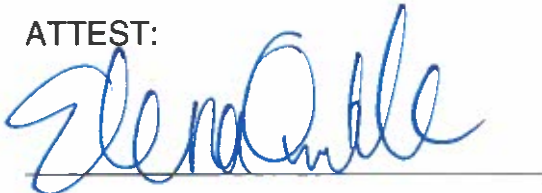
The City Council adjourned the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on a motion made by Councilmember Ron McWilliams, seconded by Councilmember Val Meixner; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Jana Trew, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elena Quintanilla", written over a horizontal line.

Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary