

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting, July 9, 2024  
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order

The budget work session was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Mayor 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 Val Meixner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans, Councilmembers Ronnie Hill, Ron McWilliams, Jim Rose and Vicky Keller. Staff members attending the City Council meeting included City Administrator, Elena Quintanilla; Chief of Police, James Hill; Public Works Director, Cory Needham; Fire Chief, Rand McPherson; Assistant Fire Chief, Angela Hill; Librarian, Angie Fikes; and Dr. Denton Collins attended as a guest. The following major points were discussed at the work session:

- Per the recommendation of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee, add funding for signage at the entry of Town of Ransom Canyon for a total cost of \$12,000.
- 4% increase for city employees which is consistent with other cities and entities in Lubbock County
- Separate line for the TML Financial Services and the Audit and have TML Financial Service consultants provide a timeline and cost for upcoming year
- Have staff research building permits to have a comparison, particularly City of Lubbock
- Continue to use the Built-Rite Inspections for building plan reviews
- Increase the boat fee and continue to research the golf cart fee
- Review AirBnb as this could potentially increase as a revenue source
- Research whether the Lubbock County "Critical Needs" funds and "Fire Suppression" grants can be used for the fire truck lease payment

2. Adjournment

The City Council adjourned the budget work session at 6:20 p.m.

3. Call to Order

The regular city council meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor 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 Val Meixner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Corey Evans, Councilmembers Ronnie Hill, Ron McWilliams, Jim Rose and Vicky Keller. Staff members attending the City Council meeting included City Administrator, Elena Quintanilla; 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 Vicky Keller, followed by pledges of allegiance. Guests attending in person are included in the attached list.

4. Citizen Comments

Jim Rickard commented that the cable barrier on the bridge near the chapel was removed due to citizens running into the pole connected to the cable. He would like the city to replace the cable barrier and either add signage or speed bumps to encourage vehicles to slow down as they cross the bridge's wet surface. Dr. Denton Collins made comments regarding the financials and the fact that the city is very transparent due to its auditing process and the City Council processes that are outlined due to legal requirements and protocols. Linda Williams thanked everyone for their participation in the parade on July 4. On July 22 – 26, The chapel is hosting an event to teach the children and teens about Jesus.

5. Public Hearing

The Public Hearing to discuss the Consumer Confidence Report for water quality for fiscal year 2023 began at 6:45 p.m. There were no comments. Therefore, the hearing ended at 6:46 p.m.

6. Comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan

Councilmember Ronnie Hill made a presentation regarding a comprehensive strategic improvement plan, and he would like to see a follow-up of that plan for the fiscal year of 2024-2025.

7. Minutes

The minutes for the special meeting on June 11, 2024 were approved on a motion made by Councilmember Vicky Keller; seconded Mayor Pro Tem Corey Evans; motion carried unanimously.

8. Financials

The financial reports and the May and June, 2024 claims and demands were postponed until the next City Council meeting on August, 2024 and a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Corey Evans, seconded by Councilmember Jim Rose, but no vote was taken. The motion was amended to review the financials on July 23, 2024 during the budget work session on a motion made by Councilmember Vicky Keller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Corey Evans; motion carried unanimously.

9. Agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife

The City Council approved an agreement for a local park grant in the amount of \$150,000 through the Texas Parks and Wildlife on a motion made by Councilmember Ron McWilliams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Corey Evans; motion carried unanimously.

A. Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee met on June 10, 2024 to discuss new house plans for 52 South Lakeshore Dr., Block 30 Lot 26. The Builder is Jason Nesloney, and the owners are Kim and Patricia Chesser. The Building Committee also reviewed plans for an addition to a home at 22 East Lakeshore Dr., Block 4 lot 11. The Builder is Madewell Construction, and the owner is Dr. Terry Waldren.

B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Administration: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:
  - She discussed her schedule for the next few weeks.
  - Don Jennings from the Texas Municipal League Finance Boot Camp will be at the office to assist staff with the bank reconciliation for the operating and enterprise accounts.
  - The city staff is working on an approval for the website to obtain a .gov assignment.
  - The Capital Improvement Advisory Committee met on June 7, 2024.
  - The City Council orientation for both new and current City Council members is scheduled for July 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - Parkhill is meeting with city staff on Thursday afternoon to discuss the details for the upgrades to the city park.
- b. The Municipal Court: Elena Quintanilla reported the following:
  - Court was cancelled on June 27, 2024 and was rescheduled for another date.
- c. Operations: Cory Needham reported the following:
  - The Operations Department will continue spraying the weeds due to the rainfall.
  - The Operations Department beautified the Canyon for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.
  - The electrical and drying beds have been completed at the sewer plant.
  - The aerial mosquito spraying in the Canyon took place on June 30, 2024.
  - The homes in the Ransom Ranch addition were red-tagged due to the lack of construction clean-up in the area.
  - The two signs in the islands were removed and the curbs were painted yellow with "No Parking" signage.
- d. Police: Chief James Hill reported the following:
  - There were fourteen (14) written warnings, four (4) citations, and no arrests in the Canyon this month.
  - List four of weed notices will go out next week.
  - The Police Department attended Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery Training.
  - The electronic kiosk is operational.

- e. Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:
- The Volunteer Fire Department responded to one (1) fire call and four (4) EMS calls.
  - The Fourth of July Parade took place on July 4. The fishing tournament took place on Saturday, July 6, 2024, and sixty-five (65) kids participated this year. The Fire Department served hamburgers and hot dogs to those in attendance.
- f. Library: Angie Fikes reported the following:
- The Children's Library will start a Harry Potter event on Saturday.
  - The youth enjoyed a "Glow in the Dark" Teen Night Party.
  - A reading party will be hosted on July 23, at the Ranch House at 6:30. The youth will paint, sew, and play games.

Adjournment

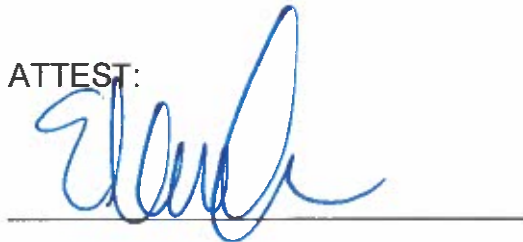
The City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. on a motion made by Councilmember Ron McWilliams, seconded by Councilmember Ronnie Hill; motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Val Meixner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary