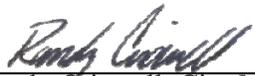


AGENDA

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the governing body of the City of Canyon will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the 16th day of May 2016, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 301 16th Street in the City of Canyon to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 2016.
5. Public Comment – Comments from Interested Citizens.
6. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution No. 07-2016, Enacting Ordinance Number 892, Prohibiting Parking Along Designated Parade Route on July 4, 2016.
7. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution No. 08-2016, Designating the Canyon Chamber of Commerce as Having Authority to Manage and Coordinate All Activities on the Downtown Square for the July 4 Celebration, Family Fall Fair on the Square (October 8) and the Chamber Chowdown (September 30 and October 1).
8. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution No. 09-2016, Approving the Discharge of Fireworks Within the City Limits on July 4, 2016.
9. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Public Input Received from Public Meetings and Survey Conducted in February.
10. Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney, and §551.072 Real Property.
11. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.
12. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on July Meeting Dates.
13. Adjournment.



Randy Criswell, City Manager

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board of the Civic Complex of the City of Canyon, Texas on the 13th day of May 2016.



Gretchen Mercer, City Clerk

The City Commission of the City of Canyon met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of the Civic Complex. Mayor Alexander presided over the meeting with the following Commissioners in attendance Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Hinders, Joseph Shehan, and David Logan. Commissioner Justin Richardson was unable to attend.

Also present were the following City Staff: City Manager Randy Criswell, Assistant City Manager Chris Sharp, Assistant City Manager for Special Projects Jon Behrens, Director of Public Works Dan Reese, Director of Code Enforcement Danny Cornelius, Community and Business Development Director Evelyn Ecker, and City Attorney Chuck Hester.

Item 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Item 2. Invocation.

Commissioner Logan gave the invocation.

Item 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Works Director Dan Reese.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of April 18, 2016.

Commissioner Logan moved, duly seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hinders, to approve the minutes of April 18, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Public Comment– Comments from Interested Citizens.

No public comment was made.

Item 6. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Second and Final Reading of Resolution No. 06-2016, Considering Direct Financial Assistance for a Project Located at 1206 23rd Street, Canyon, Texas, West Texas Western Store.

Business and Community Development Director Evelyn Ecker presented Resolution No. 06-2016 for its second and final reading.

After discussion, Commissioner Logan moved duly seconded by Commissioner Shehan to adopt Resolution No. 06-2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON APPROVING PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST TEXAS WESTERN STORE AND CANYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGARDING DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR A

PROJECT LOCATED AT 1206 23RD STREET, CANYON, TEXAS. THE FUNDING IS BASED ON EXISTING BUSINESS RETENTION.

Item 7. Consider and Take Appropriate Action Approval of Recommendation from the Parks, Open Space, and Recreational Advisory Committee Regarding the Amphitheater at Neblett Park.

City Manager Randy Criswell presented Ordinance No. 1034 to be considered for the designation and naming of the downtown park on the south half of the 1500 block of 6th Avenue. The southwest corner of this property has been historically referred to as a park, and this Ordinance would formally dedicate and name the park. Mr. Criswell said the Parks, Open Space and Recreational Advisory Committee recommended the name Neblett Park based on the historical importance of the Neblett Clinic, which eventually became Neblett Hospital, Canyon's first significant medical facility. Assistant City Manager Jon Behrens said he had participated in the Parks Board meetings and they proposed a historical marker at the park honoring Dr. Neblett. Mr. Behrens said the Parks Board proposed the marker be placed in a wall constructed from bricks saved from the clinic when it was demolished.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Hinders moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Shehan to adopt Ordinance No. 1034 as presented and as recommended by the Parks, Open Space and Recreational Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CANYON, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AN AREA CONSISTING OF 6,925 SQUARE FEET, BEING A PART OF LOTS 11, 12, 13 AND 14, BLOCK 50 ORIGINAL TOWN OF CANYON AS A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK, DEDICATING THE SAME FOR RECREATION, PLAYGROUND OR OPEN SPACE USE AND PROVIDING THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SO DEDICATED SHALL BE KNOWN AS "NEBLETT PARK".

Item 8. Consider and Take Appropriate Action Approval of Recommendation from the Parks, Open Space, and Recreational Advisory Committee Regarding the Amphitheater at Neblett Park.

City Manager Randy Criswell re-introduced this item, since no decision was made at the last meeting with regard to the recommendation from the Parks Committee pertaining to the banner and medallion that would be on the facility. He advised that a decision needs to be made now, so that the pre-fabrication can be completed on the entire order, as opposed to retrofitting something later. Mr. Criswell stated it was the recommendation of the Parks, Open Space and Recreational Advisory Committee to put a banner with "Neblett Park" on it and a medallion above that with the logo of Amarillo National Bank, recognizing their \$100,000 donation which makes this facility and the completion of the downtown park possible. Mayor Pro-Tem Hinders stated it was his opinion that putting the logo of Amarillo National Bank was advertising for them and not appropriate. Commissioner Logan stated he felt it was very appropriate to put the Amarillo National Bank logo on the medallion since they paid for the amphitheater and more, and that there were business logos all over town due to donations. It was discussed this was customary when money was

donated to a foundation or 501(c)3, but not directly to a city. Mayor Alexander asked if there was any kind of policy dealing with large donations. Mr. Criswell stated there was not, because there had never been a need for one, but that he and Mr. Behrens had discussed the possible development of a policy of that type, and Mr. Behrens had begun researching the topic.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Hinders moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Shehan, to include a banner with "Neblett Park" and a medallion with a circle around the letter "A" to match the "Neblett Park", all of the same color, and place a plaque on the amphitheater honoring Amarillo National Bank for their donation. In further discussion, it was confirmed that the letter "A" would not be the logo "bug" used by Amarillo National Bank, but a regular "A". Motion failed in a tie vote with Mayor Pro-Tem Hinders and Commissioner Shehan voting for and Mayor Alexander and Commissioner Logan voting against.

After further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Hinders moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Logan to include a banner with "Neblett Park" and a medallion with the Amarillo National Bank logo on the amphitheater with both being the same color and a plaque honoring Amarillo National Bank's donation. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; §551.074 Personnel, Appointments to Boards and Commissions (Planning and Zoning Commission), §552.072 Real Property and §551.087 Economic Development.

Mayor Alexander indicated the Commission would adjourn into executive session at 6:21 pm.

Item 10. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

Upon returning from executive session at 7:45 pm, the following action was taken.

Commissioner Shehan moved to appoint Laurie Sharp to the Planning and Zoning Commissioner fulfilling the vacated term of Kent Meyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Hinders moved this meeting be adjourned.

Quinn Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gretchen Mercer, City Secretary

To: Mayor and City Commission
From: Randy Criswell, City Manager
Date: May 16, 2016
Re: **Item No. 6: Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution Number 07-2016, Enacting Ordinance Number 892, Prohibiting Parking Along Designated Parade Route On July 4, 2016.**

Item No. 7: Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution Number 08-2016, Designating the Canyon Chamber of Commerce as Having Authority to Manage and Coordinate All Activities on the Downtown Square For The July 4 Celebration, Family Fall Fair On The Square (October 8), and The Chamber Chowdown (September 30 and October 1).

Item No. 8: Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution Number 09-2016, Approving the Discharge of Fireworks Within the City Limits On July 4, 2016.

For the sake of simplicity, I've combined all three of these items into one memo. This is pretty simple, and is something we do every year at this time.

Resolution Number 07-2016 enacts Ordinance Number 892 and prohibits parking along the designated parade route for the 4th of July parade.

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 07-2016

Resolution No. 08-2016 Designates the Canyon Chamber of Commerce as having sole authority to coordinate and manage all events and activities on the downtown square for three events: July 4th Celebration, Fair on the Square, and Chamber Chowdown.

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 08-2016.

Resolution No. 09-2016 Authorizes the Chamber of Commerce to discharge fireworks within the City Limits as a part of the July 4th Celebration.

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 09-2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON
PRESCRIBING LIMITATIONS ON PARKING OR STANDING MOTOR VEHICLES OR
TRAILERS DURING PARADE TO BE HELD JULY 4, 2016, IN THE CITY OF CANYON.**

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Canyon has previously adopted Ordinance No. 892 which added §72.12 to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Canyon; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the safety of the public during parades requires regulation of parking motor vehicles and trailers on and along the proposed parade routes in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that regulation of parking as set forth herein is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Canyon and other members of the general public attending parades in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON,
TEXAS:

1. That July 4, 2016 is designated as the day upon which a parade may be held in the City to celebrate Independence Day.
2. Parking or allowing motor vehicles and trailers to stand on or along the roadway of 4th Avenue within the City of Canyon on July 4, 2016 shall be prohibited at the following locations:
 - a) 1100 Block through the 1300 Block - 7:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m.
 - b) 1700 Block through the 3400 Block - 7:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m.
 - c) 1400 Block through the 1600 Block - 7:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.
3. The Canyon Police Department may erect any warning signage or barricades to control parking or traffic movement on 4th Avenue on the parade days as the Chief of Police and City Manager may deem appropriate.

Adopted on May 16, 2016.

QUINN ALEXANDER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gretchen Mercer, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON, TEXAS, GRANTING EXCLUSIVE MANAGEMENT RIGHTS TO THE CANYON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OVER PUBLIC AREAS IN AND AROUND THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE DURING THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, CANYON CHAMBER CHOWDOWN AND THE FAMILY FALL FAIR ON THE SQUARE.

WHEREAS, the Canyon Chamber of Commerce organizes and hosts various special events throughout the year including the 4th of July, Canyon Chamber Chowdown, and Family Fall Fair on the Square; and

WHEREAS, this patriotic holiday and other Chamber Events have become popular in the City of Canyon drawing thousands of visitors and vendors benefitting the City; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for control and management of all activities during Chamber of Commerce Celebrations to control noise; solicitors; crowding from booths, trailers, bouncers, large trucks and trailers; generators and other non-approved vendors.

WHEREAS, the Chamber, its sponsors and membership have a substantial investment in these events making each a successful and enjoyable day for the entire community and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON, TEXAS:

That the City Commission of the City of Canyon hereby grants exclusive management rights over the Downtown Square and the streets and alleys immediately adjacent to these areas to the Canyon Chamber of Commerce when utilized for the 4th of July celebration to be held on July 4, 2016, The Canyon Chamber Chowdown to be held on September 30, 2016 and October 1, 2016, and the Family Fall Fair on the Square to be held October 8, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of May 2016.

QUINN ALEXANDER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gretchen Mercer, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON, TEXAS, GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE CANYON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO CONDUCT A FIREWORKS SHOW WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CANYON JULY 4, 2016.

WHEREAS, The 4th of July 2016 Fireworks show conducted by the Canyon Chamber of Commerce will be conducted at Buffalo Stadium within the City of Canyon City Limits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON, TEXAS:

That the City Commission of the City of Canyon hereby grants permission to the Canyon Chamber of Commerce to conduct a fireworks show within the city limits of Canyon Saturday, July 4, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of May 2016.

QUINN ALEXANDER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GRETCHEN MERCER, CITY CLERK

To: Mayor and City Commission
From: Randy Criswell, City Manager
Date: May 16, 2016
Re: Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Public Input Received from Public Meetings and Survey Conducted In February.

You've been provided the compiled results of the Public Meetings and citizen surveys that were conducted in February. We have also attached a copy. This item is on the agenda for you to direct staff on further action, if any, to be taken.

TO: City Commissioners

FROM: Jon Behrens

DATE: 4/27/16

RE: Citizen Input

The included documents are the compiled results from the two nights of “Tell Us What You Think” and also from the 2016 Citizen Survey. The first documents are from the community meetings. I have provided a brief outline of the event, a copy of the handout that each participant received, and a listing of all comments that were made at each of the seven stations.

The second set of documents is associated with the 2016 Canyon Citizen Survey. I have provided a brief outline of the survey process, survey results, and a complete listing of all comments made on the surveys.

The third document is a combination of all comments received from the community meetings and the surveys. These compiled comments have been organized in broad categories.

I was generally pleased with the quality of the input that these two processes provided. I feel confident that everyone that participated felt that it was a positive step for the City to take. I believe we can grow these processes in the future.

Should you have any questions related to these processes or any of the responses, please let me know. I look forward to having the opportunity to lead you through a review of this citizen feedback in the near future.

Tell Us What You Think

Community Input Meetings

February 23 & 24, 2016

Community Invitation

- City Commissioners submitted names and all City Boards/Committee members were invited – 184 invitation letters were mailed out
- Article appeared in the Canyon News Sunday, February 21
- Coverage on television Channels 7, 4, and 13
- Posted on City Facebook

February 23 Meeting

- Butler Cain provided six WTAMU students to serve as recorders
- 36 attendees – 26 invitees and 10 read/heard about the event
- Excellent interactions and positive feedback from attendees as they left
- All attendees also received a Citizen Survey and return envelop

February 24 Meeting

- Butler Cain provided eight WTAMU students to serve as recorders
- 17 attendees – 11 invitees and 6 read/heard about the event
- Excellent interactions and positive feedback from attendees as they left
- All attendees also received a Citizen Survey and return envelop
- One attendee did not sign in or create a name tag
- Left comments from previous night on the walls and this stimulated additional ideas and comments

“Tell Us What You Think”

Citizens Input Meeting

Canyon Strategic Planning 2016

Invitation to Participate

As we enter into 2016 the City of Canyon would like to know:

- What you think about life in Canyon...
- How you rate the services currently provided by the City of Canyon...
- What you think the City needs to focus on now and in the future...

Your input is important to us. Your suggestions will assist the City Commission and City staff as they set a vision for Canyon's future. The City Commission has committed to creating a process which will allow citizens the opportunity to assist in the development of a strategic plan for Canyon. This process is designed to guide City leaders as they develop goals that will help them move the community forward in the directions that you, the citizens, believe the community should go.

You will have the opportunity through a 90 minute interactive process to express your opinion and share your suggestions. We value your input and hope that you will join us for a “Tell Us What You Think” meeting.

Citizens Input Meeting Outline

1. Participants arrive and identify their home with a pin on Canyon map
2. Brief welcome/explanation of the process and the evening
3. Participants move about the room and provide input at the stations they choose to move to
4. Participants are free to leave the event as they complete the stations they choose to visit

Citizens Input Meeting Stations

1. **Kids table** – color and drawing with supervision
2. **Anything Goes** – Share with us your wild ideas for Canyon...the bigger the better!
3. **How we get around and what we look like** – Share with us your thoughts on the Street and Code Enforcement departments. What is the condition of our streets today? What should our streets look like in the future (brick streets?)? Aesthetically, how does Canyon look? Are the current standards related to construction and development appropriate? What do you want Canyon to look like in the future? Do we need to make changes now to ensure it stays the same or changes?
4. **Where we shop and work** – What type of businesses would you like to see in Canyon? If it were here you would shop there? What are your thoughts on the CEDC – are you aware of their current or past projects and what else should they be doing?
5. **Who we are** - Share with us your thoughts on Canyon in general. What makes it or keeps it from being a great place to live? What qualities do we need to improve on or maintain in Canyon? What makes Canyon unique?

What does the future of Canyon look like? What should we be concerned about? What should we be preparing for?

6. **What we do** – Share your thoughts related to Canyon parks, athletic fields, the golf course, and the library. Do these facilities meet your needs and what should they look like in the future?
7. **Meeting our needs** – Share your thoughts related to the Water, Sewer, and Sanitation departments. Do these departments meet your needs? Are there ways they could improve? Are there areas these departments should be thinking about as Canyon moves into the future? Are there additional services that should be offered?
8. **There when we need them** – Share your thoughts related to the Police and Fire departments. Do these departments meet your needs? Are there ways they could improve? Are there areas these departments should be thinking about as Canyon moves into the future?

Organizational Process

- Requested 25 names from each of the Commissioners. City Manager may also submit names. Maximum number of participants will be 150, however, duplication of names will occur.
- Publicize in Canyon News by getting story in the newspaper
- Number of meetings...original thought is to hold two meetings – one afternoon and one evening
- Setting date & times – RSVP process from invitees
- Location – Canyon Community Center offers most convenient parking and ease of access. Holding meeting in one room on the WTAMU campus would require the use of Legacy Hall in JBK, which would be a very large space for the group.
- How will the invitees share their comments...write on butcher paper, fill out cards, speak to facilitator, ...
- What will we get back from facilitators...when?
- Large street map and pins

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Station 2 – Anything Goes

The Big Ideas

2/23/16

- Senior citizen neighborhood/city patrol
- Real Sr. citizen center with daily activities
- Fewer apartments with more single family homes
- No duplexes in neighborhoods
- Use empty buildings for development and do not build new ones
- Move county jobs to county buildings and keep city jobs in city buildings
- Giant waterpark to build a better tourism industry – with hotel inside, shuttle buses for tourist to take to and from waterpark
- Outlet mall
- Chipping site
- Light pollution control
- No more second-hand stores on the square
- Use of Court House building – for commerce, have Randall Co and Canyon to draw people into Canyon, for weddings, Randall Co. museum, keep the top floor for various events, public restrooms, develop flats in the courthouse, high end but affordable restaurant
- Retirement center in Canyon – develop amenities for the retirement community
- Coordinate with WTAMU
- Sound system on the square to lend to a festive atmosphere
- Repurpose/make new movie theater/bailout
- Promote residential growth – facilitate infrastructure
- Annex more property into the city
- More housing neighborhoods, less acreage
- Cowboy symposium on the Square
- Community Art Walk reestablished on the Square
- Free Senior citizen activities
- Courthouse buildings to be new home of the chamber
- Banquet facility as part of Kimbrough Stadium
- Invest in infrastructure to bring fiber optic internet to Canyon
- Wild west town in the summer – reenactments and dinner theater
- Pool at Hunsley Hills
- No mosquitoes, lice or fleas in Canyon
- Sculptures on the Square
- Courthouse into a true town center
- Convention Center with hotel
- Walking or biking path
- Repurpose the dump into an area for summer and winter activities
- Dome over Kimbrough
- Active Sr. citizen center with facilities for seniors that is well advertised. Social meetings for seniors like senior monthly coffee with topics addressed and networking.
- Nice hotel and convention center

2/24/16

- In the Courthouse – music and movie museum
- Utilize old theaters – show old movies, classic viewings
- Panhandle/TX movie/music museum
- Dinner theater
- South side of Square – multipurpose building, senior/youth center
- Accent lighting on Square year around, make the area attractive and uniform
- Bring parades back – College and community work together – start at FUBC weave through campus and end on square
- Clean up Palo Duro Creek
- Youth center
- Movie theater
- Busses from WT to Amarillo for students and faculty – build pick up and drop off point at Hollywood and I-27
- Tailor Square for tourists – western quaint theme, unique steakhouse on square, make touristy...even Amarillo folks will want to visit
- Draft House on the Square
- Recycling Center – paying job, use grant money to construct and maintain
- Clean Hunsley creek – inmates once a month
- Overpass or underpass for 15th street – need to detour the railroad
- City purchase the courthouse square – renovate and utilize
- Museum – unique and apart from PPHM or work with PPHM to focus on local history – Tx movies, music, PD Canyon history, WT alumni history, City history, Randall Co. History
- Homeowners (those that pay property taxes) offered a discount family pass to waterpark due to taxes going towards it (non-home owners will not be paying taxes for it)
- Pedestrian crossing at highway from Hunsley Hills to Canyon proper
- Sky bridge crossing 4th from University to residential
- Revamp Tex Randall along 15th – redo road – make a beautiful, engaging, and inviting pathway into the Square
- The Square is hidden – bring people in from 23rd and/or highway 60
- Use Tex Randall as a gateway
- Visitors center – use 23rd and 4th

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Station 3 – Roads and Codes

Thoughts on city streets and code enforcement

2/23/2016

- Bricks replaced – cover them with concrete or asphalt
- Code to stringent
- Keep bricks in downtown. Apply for Canyon Main Street sidewalk program. Programs will help pay and funds are available.
- Danny does a good job. Department enforce some codes stronger. Animal ordinances – leash law and park as restroom needs to be enforced

- Extend to 23rd – Better walking places (sidewalks?)
- Handicap accessible on Square. Hand rails for stairs. Hazard for visually impaired
- Potholes in alleys
- Make bricks smoother
- Resident street levels dip – put a sign up to warn drivers. They scratch the bottom of cars.
- Smooth out intersections
- Hate bumps and holes. Repair dips.
- Unstable roads
- Character and charm from brick streets
- Traffic flow is effective
- Codes: Lawns and weeds, good job.
- No more traffic lights or stop signs
- Never park cars in yard. Keep in good presentable condition and running.
- Canyon east: hillside or city view, don't over populate, be mindful. No volume builder. Big pot holes. More asphalt in alleys
- WT have more student parking, don't park in front of houses
- Brick streets too expensive to maintain – assess homeowners a fee if they want them
- Park in Canyon East
- Keep bricks around square
- Good job most streets...fix potholes
- Codes: Weed letters are useful and effective
- More growth control. Manage growth
- Impact fees to be paid by developers
- Cobblestone streets in the commercial area help create a special environment
- More streets with bricks if they can maintain them
- Codes are well enforced
- More green around the Square and new subdivisions
- Streets more bike friendly
- Improve sidewalks – no mailbox in the middle of a sidewalk
- Parking stripes for nose in parking
- Student parking clutters the streets
- Parking
- Residential permit parking
- WT parking for students
- Multilevel parking garage for WT. Ratio of parking spaces to students at WT.
- Owner of rental property should be responsible for grass and trees
- Landscape updated on existing buildings not just new
- Money from city funds to remove dead trees
- Neighborhood cleanup days
- Don't adopt every national code or Amarillo code...many are not relevant
- Bricks at Community Center are slippery
- No brick streets replace them all
- Relax codes. Build buildings in city to attract new business
- Canyon needs to grow – No residential, coordinate design of buildings with those around it, build for function, old needs to go away and go modern

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Station 4 – Shopping and Working

Thoughts on business and CEDC

2/23/2016

- Like local retail, but also United and Walmart
- Movie theater
- Restaurants, steakhouses
- Work in Amarillo, but enjoy living here
- Clean type of business, business offices
- Businesses that stay open later on weekends
- Walgreens/CVS
- Neighborhood Walmart or HEB
- Dessert businesses that stay open later
- Bring Hastings back or something similar
- Street signs in front of historically interesting sites informing tourists of more historical sites – maps available at businesses
- Unique restaurants, something original – fish
- Teahouse
- Live event center for high school and others
- Help Square businesses to refurbish exterior – funding and common architect
- Square is the hub – keeps and brings people to Canyon, needs to look nice and welcoming
- Yogurt place, dessert bar, little places people can visit while shopping
- Fix infrastructure on the Square – sidewalks, so people can shop without getting injured – too many falls
- CEDC need to address vacant buildings
- Building by high school, make it an educational source
- Spend money or fix up what's here, not on adding
- More restaurants now that we can sell liquor, such as Applebee's, Chili's, need a greater variety
- Competition is good for the people
- Residential structures coming in more than business structures, which raises taxes. Not good! Work smarter. Think of ways to make revenue rather than raise taxes on citizens.
- Water park should be near Lonestar dairy rather than near soccer fields.
- Use water for useful purposes from dairy – farms, gardens, treat water for personal uses.
- Water used excessively to keep golf course afloat during drought, but it's not paying for itself ...change this.
- Secondhand shops, but not thrift shops
- Teahouse
- Night club for older generation (50+)
- New hotel and convention center
- Healthy food choices
- Small businesses rather than large
- More supportive of food trucks, maybe a food truck park. Support them and bring them here because it adds more variety while also accommodating for smaller lots
- Love to shop local, so love what downtown is becoming
- Keep Canyon quaint – but open late
- No title loan places
- No more junk resale shops please
- Restaurants more variety
- No more Thai food
- Steak and Shake and others open all night
- More coffee shops

- Stores appealing to college students and younger residents
- Whataburger, Chick fila, IHOP, Waffle House

2/24/2016

- More restaurants
- Texas beef steakhouse
- Square needs to cater to tourist more
- Get rid of non-retail businesses on the square
- Chain restaurants
- Clean up downtown
- Be pro downtown
- Let people display wares outside
- Townhome development
- Keep community strong while providing multiple types of houses to live in
- Coffee houses
- Hastings or something like it
- Recreational businesses
- Outdoor shop relating to the canyon – bike rentals
- Palo Duro canyon shuttle
- Room for growth, bring in businesses that will interest those who live here – college students
- Look at Granberry, McKinney squares – restaurants, open late, celebratory, welcoming atmosphere
- CEDC great project – Milk Plant. Bring things that improve employment.
- Need more things that stay open past 6 pm
- More businesses geared toward children
- Bookstores and chocolate store
- Redo and fix up movie house – make it special – movies and live concerts, etc....
- More restaurants please
- I support the CEDC
- No title loan places
- No more junk resale shops please
- Healthy food choices and additional grocery store
- Small business only! We don't need any large businesses. Some unique shops, keep Canyon quaint.

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Station 5 – Canyon Is...

Thoughts on Canyon in general

2/23/16

- Need more variety of activities for families
- Utility rates for churches is too high
- City is disconnected – more accessibility on outskirts
- Need to define city center
- Put shops/apts/community theater in court house
- Cater better to retired citizens – develop better facilities, allow them to sit in on WT classes
- Re-open the movie theater
- Need to keep small town flavor – brick streets, old buildings, etc...
- More green initiatives – solar energy, community classes on solar energy, water conservation

- City info needs to be more available to public – all committees listed on website, meeting schedule, minutes
- Expansion and overgrowth
- Better relationship with PDC (?)
- Better enforcement of beautification regulations
- Alcohol is a negative
- Too many boutiques, lawyers, accountants on the square
- City needs to define its identity
- More family events – sports tournaments, ...
- Good support of school system
- Mainstreet program is positive
- Like the small town feel with lots of character
- City works well with WT and Chamber
- Create welcome packages for new residents, college students, new families, retirees
- Maintain parks better

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- Foster better relationship with WT
- Do something with the courthouse
- Public recycling programs
- Visitor center with history of Canyon
- Need a new movie theater
- Need to support scouts and youth programs
- Private needed in Canyon
- More open relationships toward outsiders
- Keep the small town feel
- WT parking and near campus parking is a problem
- Welcome to Canyon packages
- Paying to participate in 4th of July parade is a concern
- Not enough variety in restaurants
- CISD does not prepare students for college
- Great school system
- Alcohol is a positive
- Strong Chamber of Commerce
- Small town Texas in a great way. Keep it small town feel. Square is wonderful, keep it the focus
- Need more hotels
- Schools make it a great place to live
- Safety and police is good...keep it up
- Canyon is a great place to live because it is quaint. I feel we have enough neighborhoods. Let's keep them and grow small business that will draw tourists. We don't need to be a big city.

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Cole Community Center

Station 6 – Walk, Run, Read and Play

Canyon parks, recreational athletic fields, golf course, library

2/23/16

- Tax payer subsidizing golf course, raise fees

- Parks generally well kept, Hunsley a few grass burs
- Lonestar Dairy use water for public pool and water park – irrigation
- East Park – great family place, swamp area developed for fishing, walking track extended, also keep the pond stocked
- Problem with East park, tremendous amount of litter, trash everywhere, smells awful from the waste management
- New bike park exceptional, expand a little into adjacent property...Parks in general great...Bike racks at parks
- Variety of parks, do more for younger children and elderly, trails for strollers and families, beautification more natural appeal
- Advertise golf course a bit more
- East or West side of golf course for a country club
- More exposure to parks
- Link parks with bike trails throughout town
- Park in Canyon East subdivision, if they are still developing it, they should continue
- Developing subdivisions to have parks or at least green spaces
- Great that the golf course is city backed and is a great asset
- Better perimeter lighting around Conner Park
- Really good lighting along walking trail at Hunsley
- Community needs senior citizens center
- Facilities meet expectations
- People who own animals need to clean up more at the parks
- Library needs more advertisement
- Library needs a waiting line
- Since old parks manager retired, there isn't as much upkeep
- Do any of the parks have a volunteer program to help upkeep...awareness
- SE Park should get walking trail, jogging trail
- Better walking system in town, invest in repairing sidewalks
- City walking tours
- Exceptional library
- Use golf course and other amenities, for senior community
- Use drones to get geese off golf course
- Crack down on dogs on golf course
- New equipment at parks and additional shade (manmade or trees). Equipment is old and dated.
- Walking and bike paths
- Frisbee golf course
- Bike trails – especially south end and around all schools
- Library more books
- Senior Citizen center needed
- More parks and better equipment. New big pool – done! Walking and bike paths

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- Open library earlier
- Support new parks
- City work better with developers
- Sidewalks by the gold course – entrance side
- Get rid of the geese at golf course
- Clean the creek, Hunsley Park, and Hunsley Hill
- Creek is an eyesore and brings down property values

- Creek should be aesthetically pleasing
- Work on baseball fields – areas w/o grass and restrooms
- Dog Park – Southeast and Conner park – pond section
- PPHM – nothing new in the past few years – bigger shows
- Really big fish in all the ponds
- Better lighting in the library
- Insure all new development have parks in them
- Better stoplight timers
- Frisbee golf course at SE park

Tell Us What You Think

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Cole Community Center

Station 7 – Water and Waste

Thoughts on water, sewer, and sanitation

2/23/2016

- Shore up the long term water supply – it's vital to Canyon's future – there will be cost
- Step up infrastructure growth for waste and water – more subdivisions of land
- Waterpark is terrific idea – will keep residents and bring visitors
- Willing to pay more \$ for water rights
- Generally satisfied with the services
- How about classes on water conservation to the public, even if for a small fee? Learn to collect water – rainwater harvest
- Wish residents were better informed about what can/can't go in the dumpster
- Growth – how much water rights, reserves, wells, conservation...lots of subdivisions in the pipeline, do we have enough for the growth
- Find a way to recycle waste – recycle at the parks and golf course
- Need water restrictions during the drought
- MULTIPLE COMMENTS – Curbside recycling with built in cost, willing to pay for it, it's a long term problem
- More recycling awareness and education, but need the infrastructure...saves \$ in the long run
- Focus on infrastructure and repairing/replacing old stuff
- Put the water park by the dairy – makes more sense there – golf course losing \$, subsidized by city water, boost course fees to pay for that water
- Water tied to city budget, so it's a conflict of interest to promote conserving water – does the city really mean it?
- Waste recycling – lots of support
- City should be more proactive, promote it – promote KB recycling to individual residents
- Like the city, timely, friendly, responds quickly – really responsive
- Focus on community development
- Using graywater for laws, etc.... - too wasteful, a bad practice fix it when sprinkler is broken
- Water is a bit expensive – can we incentivize good/smart water use?
- What about an incinerator to cut down on the landfill?

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- Recycling center is a good idea
- Move landfill away from city
- How big will landfill be allowed to be?

- Recycling bins got stolen and they we don't like having to buy more
- Watering schedule should be put in place because too much water is being wasted
- Willing to pay extras for other services
- Pretty happy
- Cleaner alleys in the city
- Landfill is an eye sore
- Hold TCEQ to enforcement of the landfill regulations
- What happened with the well that tested positive for Voc? What has been done about it?
- Dumping at landfill at late hours is a problem, items that should not be dumped are being done so at night
- What is going on with flood control
- Move landfill out of Canyon or to a less populated area
- What can and cannot be put in the dumpsters
- Overpass at Hwy 60 and 2590 – check out the skid marks that are there all the time
- The code for spray on insulations needs to be simplified so that process is cheaper
- Pass new ordinance that states that trailers, motor homes, and campers must have tags and registration in the front if they want to park in yard and must have inspection sticker
- Parking garage at WT
- Artery streets should be curbed
- Bus system to and from WT and Amarillo
- Keep the bricks, keep them leveled, they are a part of history
- Traffic light timing at intersections should be coordinated
- Driving into Canyon from Hereford – eyesore
- Extension center need improvements
- 15th street into town needs improvements
- Light control on 23rd and 4th need to have coordinated timing
- Trailers parked in yards, driveways, etc. need to be moved
- Dead trees need to be removed along with cutting grass – Enforce the codes!
- Signs are too tall
- Have more zoning in town
- Recycling needs to be done, even if it is not a curbside pick up
- We need a plan for replacing water lines on 5th avenue
- Sewage system in Southeast park stinks at night
- Big recycling dumpsters by big business
- Offer incentives for people who use KB recycling service lie a percent off water bill
- Would pay for recycling
- Why is recycling expensive
- Get other communities to participate with Canyon
- Try to keep recycling local, but if it's not possible anything as far as recycling goes would be better than nothing
- Reports of lots of trash flying around
- Keep buying water rights
- Incentivize good water use.

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Cole Community Center

Station 8 – Safe and Secure

Thoughts on the PD and FD

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- More patrols at night
- Walk around the Square
- Presence of PD for merchants
- Patrols through the entire city
- 4 way stop by PakaSak
- CJHS needs more lighting
- I feel safe
- PD and FD are great
- More info on open carry – website links for safety education (fire safety, drug prevention)
- Sync of traffic lights
- Add full time FD and PD as city grows
- PD more visible to prevent speeding
- Do we have a community plan of action? Do we need one? How would we distribute water?
- Knowledge and education of volunteer FD
- Use of Sr. citizen watch groups
- Additional Animal Control officers
- Day of recognition for PD/FD – celebration and thanking

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- Neighborhood watch groups
- Educate police staff on city ordinance, doing good but always room for improvement
- Sync of lights on 4th and 23rd streets
- CJHS needs more lighting
- Additional school zone lights on Country Club rd.
- Educate citizens on Tornado Sirens testing – maybe during the day and inform schools
- Police deserve pay raise – losing police to Pantex and Amarillo
- Additional animal control
- Never really see Police around
- FD doing great
- PD doing great
- Canyon PD needs more positive PR – change of attitude towards
- Police should follow traffic laws in non-emergency situations – rolling stops and speeding

2016 Citizen Survey

February & March 2016

Survey Distribution

- Surveys and postage paid return envelopes were distributed to all participants in the February 23 & 24 Tell Us What You Think meetings.
- Invitees to the meetings that contacted the City related to their inability to attend the meeting were mailed a survey and return envelope.
- Notification of the survey was placed on the City Facebook page and a link provided to the survey was created on the City Homepage.

Surveys Returned

- 58 surveys were returned
- Largest group of participants (19) were from the 55-64 year age group
- Largest group of participants (28) have lived in Canyon more than 20 years

City of Canyon 2016 Citizen Survey Totals as of 3/22

1 Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Canyon:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Canyon as a place to live	27	24	3	0	0
Your neighborhood as a place to live	24	27	1	0	0
Canyon as a place to raise children	26	22	2	0	3
Canyon as a place to work	13	18	9	2	10
Canyon as a place to retire	12	23	11	1	3
The overall quality of life in Canyon	9	31	3	0	0

2 Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Canyon as a whole:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Sense of community	7	35	11	0	0
Overall appearance of community	5	28	12	1	0
Cleanliness of community	9	28	16	1	0
Overall quality of business/service establishments	7	35	20	0	0
Recreational opportunities	3	25	24	1	1
Employment opportunities	4	13	18	11	8
Volunteer opportunities	9	27	11	5	2
Cost of living in Canyon	10	22	17	6	0
Neighborliness of residents	22	22	7	0	1

3 To what degree, if at all, do you consider the following a problem in Canyon:

	Not a Problem	Minor Problem	Moderate Problem	Major Problem	Don't Know
Run down buildings or homes	2	17	26	8	0
Tall grass or weeds	5	30	18	1	0
Vehicles parked in yards	6	16	13	18	0
Brick streets	1	13	8	6	0
Other property parked in yards (boats, trailers, campers, ...)	7	20	11	14	1

4 Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel in Canyon:

	Very Safe	Somewhat Safe	Neither Safe/Unsafe	Somewhat Unsafe	Very Unsafe	Don't Know
From violent crime (e.g., assault, robbery)	38	16	0	0	0	0
From property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	21	27	2	4	0	0
In your neighborhood during the day	39	15	1	0	0	0
In your neighborhood after dark	27	18	3	5	0	0
In Canyon during the day	42	12	0	0	0	0
In Canyon after dark	22	24	2	3	0	0

5 In the past 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members participated in the following activities in Canyon?

	Never	Once or Twice	3 to 12 Times	13 to 26 Times	More than 26 times
Used Canyon Area Library	14	18	16	4	2
Visited a park	4	15	27	3	3
Visited the City of Canyon Website	19	15	10	0	0
Visited the City of Canyon Facebook page	39	5	8	0	0
Volunteered your time to some group or activity in Canyon	9	18	11	11	5
Talked to or visted with your immediate neighbors	2	5	13	7	26
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Canyon	5	6	13	5	17
Attended some type of community event	1	9	40	10	4

(e.g., Fair on the Square, Chamber Cook-off, WTAMU Homecoming, 4th of July events, Farmers Market, etc.)

6 Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Canyon:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Police services	19	28	5	1	3
Fire services	28	20	1	0	6
Ambulance or emergency medical services	19	23	2	0	10
Traffic enforcement	15	24	8	4	2
Street repair	4	14	29	7	2
Garbage collection	13	31	3	3	2
Drinking water	1	31	4	2	0
Sewer services	21	28	1	2	2
City parks	10	33	6	3	3
Land use, planning and zoning	6	22	13	4	8
Code enforcement (weeds, signage, permits, inspections)	7	27	14	6	3
Animal control	13	22	8	1	4
Public library services	19	15	5	1	8
Public schools	25	13	4	0	9
Palo Duro Creek golf course	8	33	4	0	28
Overall level of service provided by City departments	14	4	5	0	0

7 Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of the City of Canyon within the last 12 months?

Yes - go to question 8
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No - go to question 10
7

8 What was your impression of the employee(s) of the City of Canyon in your most recent contact?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Knowledgeable	19	23	2	3	0
Responsiveness	21	20	2	2	0
Courtesy	22	21	2	1	0
Overall impression	21	21	3	2	0

9 <u>Based on your impression or experience, how much would you agree or disagree with the following statements?</u>	Strongly			Strongly	Don't
	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Disagree	Know
I get the answers I need when I visit a City facility	16	28	0	0	2
I get answers I need when I call a City facility	14	31	1	0	1

10 <u>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to recommend living in Canyon to someone who asks:</u>	Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	Don't
	Likely	Likely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Know
	1	2	3	4	5
	32	12	1		

11 <u>Have you or another household member visited or shopped in at least one business on the Canyon square in the last 12 months?</u>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
		1 time	3 - 5 times	Over 5
	1	1	9	32

12 <u>Please rate the following categories of Canyon government performance:</u>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
	The value of services for the taxes paid	9	26	17	0
Overall direction that Canyon is moving	9	18	23	0	3
Confidence that elected leaders are acting in the best interest of the community	12	15	18	5	1
All residents are treated fairly	9	18	29	2	4

13 <u>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Canyon community to focus on each of the following in the coming five years:</u>		Very	Somewhat	Not at all
	Essential	Important	Important	Important
Overall feeling of safety in Canyon	24	21	0	0
Sense of community	17	28	8	0
Park improvements and expansion	13	19	19	0
Increased economic growth	28	16	8	0
Securing water resources for the future	30	10	4	0
Repair and or replacement of brick streets	14	15	18	4
Community recycling	25	13	11	4
Senior citizens meeting facility	22	13	12	3

14 <u>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</u>	Yes	No
	Made efforts to conserve water	41
Reported a crime to the police in Canyon	9	34
Contacted the City of Canyon (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	37	8
Contacted Canyon elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	14	30

15 <u>How many years have you lived in Canyon?</u>	Less	2 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 20	More Than
	Than 2	Years	Years	Years	20 Years
	2	3	9	10	28

16	<u>In which category is your age?</u>	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 or older
		0	0	6	13	19	12	3
17	<u>Where do you work?</u>	In Canyon	In Amarillo	Elsewhere			Not working	
		21	18	5			9	
18	<u>What is your sex?</u>			Male			Female	
				27			25	
19	<u>Do any children 17 or under live in your household?</u>					Yes		No
						8		44
20	<u>Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?</u>					Yes		No
						20		31

Please provide any comments you may have related to the survey questions and/or related to the Tell Us What You Think community meeting in the space below.

These comments are taken from the City of Canyon 2016 Citizen Survey. The majority of the comments appear verbatim from their survey. Comments have been grouped in broad categories.

Brick Streets/Streets

- Repair brick streets properly and not with asphalt patches
- Keep the brick streets.
- I love the brick streets, they just need to be smoother.
- Replace brick streets.
- The City streets 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Ave. have terrible dips and or ridges at the intersections from street resurfacing. Consider making the whole intersection a water drainage not just the two edges, like Hereford does along their north street thru town.
- The brick streets are beautiful and historic. Need to make Canyon more attractive to senior or retiring citizens.
- Brick streets are really cool.
- Fix the brick streets.
- Fix and retain the brick streets.

Growth

- Canyon is big enough, we do not need more neighborhoods. Canyon's charm is because it's small. Encourage smaller homes be updated and used for more than rentals.
- Small business needs to be encouraged around the square-no chains. No more second-hand stores.
- Be prepared for growth by slowing residential development by yearly allotments for building.
- Charge an impact fee for construction of residential homes that becomes a fund for future city services.
- Overall I feel Canyon is a great place to live, but I feel Canyon is trying to become an extension of Amarillo. We are quickly losing our small city flavor. I understand that money/economic concerns are always there, but if care is not taken by our Chamber and our University activities the city of Canyon will become a "little Amarillo". The atmosphere of Canyon, in my opinion, has changed a great deal in the last 10 years since I moved here. We moved here to live in a small town for the sense of community and quality of life. Amarillo has very little of this. Canyon needs to hold on to its own personality and build on our strengths not the strengths of those living in our county but not in our town. The city of Canyon's responsibility is to its actual citizens not those who are a "suitcase" citizen.
- Increased economic and not residential growth
- Implement growth management ordinances to control the rapid growth of the city. More homes does not automatically equal improved quality of life or tax structure.
- Pay attention to stabilizing the tax rate. Government is the single largest contributor to inflation in America. In the past 10 years, the city tax has increased more than any of the other taxing entities in Randall County. That is not something that should bring the city government pride.
- Life in Canyon is good, but it is moving in the wrong direction instead of the right direction...alcohol, residential housing that overcrowds the schools, etc. Industrial and commercial development helps the tax structure, but we are now developing outlying neighborhoods at the expense of letting the core city deteriorate. The small town atmosphere that has brought people to Canyon is being destroyed by the influx of people.
- Growth does not automatically equal progress. Uncontrolled growth is simply cancer.
- Builders of new subdivisions need to chip in money for school and city services expansion – they do in most towns.
- Builders need to be required to pay for housing development so that current citizens don't bear the cost of these expansions.

Courthouse/Square

- Our beautiful courthouse needs to be used and loved.
- Historic buildings need to be continued to be restored and appreciated.

- Need public restrooms on the square.
- The inside of the courthouse really needs to be restored and used.
- When we are marketing to get people to come to Canyon/shop the square we really need public restrooms for them to use.
- More...movie nights on the square, jobs, police, patrols on the square. Use the courthouse for new business, repair brick streets, have garden club put flowers out on Main Street and around courthouse. Get grant to update movie buildings then have picture shows again.
- Love the square, just expand options
- Develop the city center with high-end apartments/flats in upper floors of the courthouse and rent out space to shops and café below.
- Preserve the quaintness of Canyon with cobbled roads and tree lined streets – encourage store fronts to become more colorful.
- Improve sidewalks around the square and gradually expand/improve sidewalks away from the square to encourage more foot traffic to the square.
- Continue and add to opportunities for outdoor music and performances on the square.
- Put city offices in the courthouse, like they used to be.
- Is there a creative way to utilize the building while still following preservation guidelines?
- We value walkability in a neighborhood. One reason we chose to buy a house on 5th avenue is the walking distance to the square.
- We don't need another city hall building – more taxes – make the county use the courthouse.
- Don't saddle us with more debt – make the county use the court house and drop plans for another city hall.
- We don't need another City Hall and more debt. Move these services to the Court House.

Water

- Excessive overflow from watering should be ticketed – warned first then fined.
- Secure water resources, rights and develop conservation plans and incentives. Develop recycling of water to more efficient use.
- Business should incentives should be to those who do not use a lot of water resources.
- Billing small church for utilities at the business rate, which is higher than residential, is placing a burden on small churches. Recommend a rate that recognizes Canyon's support for spiritual needs. Even Congress has recognized special protection for small churches with the Religious land use and institutionalized person act.
- Water conservation is top priority. The city needs to establish a policy for people who blatantly use water unwisely. Primary example: water running off of yards from over watering. Fines should be used for repeated watering that cause's constant runoff into the city streets or gutters.
- Initiate some type of tax break for citizens who choose to xeriscape their yards. Go Green would be a great program for the city to adopt
- The biggest complaint I have about Canyon is the cost of water.
- The water bill is too high. Why is it so high?
- Locate pool near Lone Star Dairy to take advantage of excess water....sell excess water to farmers and surrounding towns.
- Water fees are very high compared to Amarillo and other cities. Are you managing money wisely? Are high water users (golf course, WT) being favored?
- It cost more to live in Canyon than Amarillo or Las Vegas or other larger cities when looking at housing and utility prices. Water is very expensive.
- Conserving water – we often see watering at WTAMU that overflows into the city street and flows down the street. I am not sure if this is a leakage problem, watering on windy days, or not monitoring sprinkling systems to ensure they are aimed correctly onto the grass. This should be monitored. On the corner of 5th Ave and 38th

street, rain water sits for days with nowhere to flow, breeding mosquitoes. This drainage issue needs to be addressed.

Codes/Services

- Like a place for recycling.
- Curb recycling
- Wood chip site.
- Find other way to control mosquitoes instead of spraying and killing our good insects.
- Allow/encourage home owners to install solar panels and small wind turbines.
- Less fluoride, more parks, be more inclusive on-line, start recycling and Sr. center.
- Get trucks that park in the streets off the streets.
- Get rid of the Title Loan place or at least make them lower that sign.
- Do not let a liquor store open in Canyon or a cigarette only type store.
- Stop talking about stricter “zoning” type regulations...like no cars in the yard, no visible boats, no trailers in yards, and no chickens. All are good!
- Lower speed limit on the residential streets.
- I haven't noticed vehicles parked in yards but have hear it is an issue in other neighborhoods.
- I feel some codes are enforced while others are not. We are building a house. I have had multiple people working on our house gripe about the person inspecting the houses. He interprets the code however he feels that day. We cannot even get good help to come work in Canyon because they don't want to deal with the inspectors. It's very sad and frustrating.
- Garbage collection – we pay comparatively high fees for garbage collection and dumpsters are in pitiful condition, alleys are not maintained, garbage trucks make a mess of the alleys when they collect.
- Street maintenance – we pay taxes to have streets and gutters cleaned and weeds-in-gutters and sidewalks sprayed. Give tax credits to owners who maintain their own areas – keep their gutters clean and weeds sprayed.
- Street repair – the inverse speed bump drainage at 38th and 5th Ave does not drain – breeding area for mosquitoes.
- Allowing large, brick mailboxes on public sidewalks is a bad idea! It's difficult to understand why this is allowed. This makes public sidewalks un-useable! Please correct this bad policy.
- Main water lines should be updated – pipes break way too often. They are old and should be replaced.
- Code enforcement should be similar to Amarillo. There is no need for Canyon to have stricter codes than Amarillo.
- We really need new trash dumpsters more than we need to bury overhead lines!
- I like seeing the police cars patrolling my neighborhood. I like that Canyon feels safe, but I think we are too comfortable in how safe we feel.
- Let citizens be aware that cats have same ordinances as dogs – on a leash if not on owner's property. Cats are a big problem and nuisance...example odor in town.
- Recycling should be offered and made a priority.
- Make WT park at WT not in front of our houses and driveways.

Departments/Staff

- The biggest compliment I have about Canyon is the Professionalism and friendliness of the City staff and employees.
- Very special thank you to Bobby Stennett for his quick response in solving a trash dumping problem in alley behind church. Not much help form others contacted.
- Thanks Jon...Great job.
- I get answers when I call City Hall...just not always the ones I wanted.
- Would love for police to be more visible.

- Have heard we need more Animal Control officers
- Consider either making the golf course profitable or selling/closing it.
- Adjust fees for services at pool/water park and golf course to charge a higher fee for non-citizens.
- The city should be entrepreneurial in its non-governmental services.
- Develop a volunteer assistance corps to aid police, and emergency personnel in case of a major emergency, especially for water distribution.
- More police presence would make me feel much safer.
- Thank you for gathering input.
- Police need better attitude
- The police department used to be proactive in traffic and liquor enforcement to teach new WT students and citizens in general that the laws are to be obeyed. I've never seen our police department enforce a Yield sign.
- Police should rigidly enforce alcohol sales laws and possession, and rigidly enforce DUI laws.
- Code enforcement does a great job on new construction.
- Code enforcement folks are professional and awesome!
- I think that our City Commissioners really have the best interest of the citizens of Canyon. However, I do not feel the same about our City Manager and other city management.

Living in Canyon

- Love living in Canyon...however we can always improve.
- Canyon is a great place to live and raise a family.
- The community meeting on Tuesday was excellent. We felt welcome and the overall event was fun and informative. Loved the casual format. Every employee that we have encountered at City Hall, the elections office, and the local vehicle registration office has been just super. So inviting and glad to assist. Wonderful ambassadors for Canyon. Such a great community.
- Schools are great and one of the main reasons I like living here.
- CISD is great and a benefit of living here.

Projects/Things to Look Into

- The corner of 23rd and 4th Ave looks bad and that is the corner people that come into town see. Wish list – buy the lot on the SW corner and make it a park where people will see something nice and get directions to downtown, WT, museum, or PD Canyon.
- There is a lot of litter on side streets.
- Crosswalks on 11th street for kids walking to Canyon int. and Jr. High.
- We moved here last May and wish we had done so sooner. We live in the Canyon East development. Two items we'd like to share. We certainly hope that the city does not allow "volume builders" to develop home sites in CE. We want to protect our investment. It would be great if the City would consider re-paving our alleyways. Construction vehicles have destroyed the integrity of the surfaces of the alleyways. Thank you for allowing us to share our compliments and comments.
- A tree replacement program. Most of the old elms are in poor shape and on the way out. The city could encourage (through cost-share) removing old trees and replacement with non-elms. In 20-30 years the payoff for such a program would be huge.
- PD Creek has to be cleaned up. Smells...I know that doesn't affect everyone, but part of what some people look for is a nice golf course.
- There is not recycling at all in this area. That is poor. Other cities do it – why can't we do it. Should be mandatory.

- Dead tree branches hanging over the street are not being addressed. This is a potential danger to those traveling on Conner Drive either on foot or by vehicle. Perhaps there are other dead trees as well that need to be checked out. SW corner of Conner and Thompson is an immediate concern.
- Love the historical features of Canyon. Need more ways to attract retired to move here. Do something with the old train station.
- No new City buildings!
- Please, no more city buildings, I am tired of paying for these!
- Give us a respectable Senior Citizens center.
- I see the need to establish a p to date Senior Citizen's Center. Reason being; the largest segment of our population will fall in the 65+ range in the next 5 to 10 years.
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Businesses

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- Please get a 24 hour restaurant or pancake house. There is no place for people to eat or visit after Texas. We are a college town with no place to eat after 9 pm except fast food.

- For all of our economic development, why are there not more restaurants of greater variety of menus available? The excuse used to be lack of alcohol. Now, what's the excuse? Why do we not have a steak house? Why do we have so many oriental restaurants and no buffets?
- Nothing against United, but where is another supermarket?
- Other than WT, there are virtually no job opportunities in Canyon. We should focus and provide economic incentives to bring in new businesses including professional businesses.
- The Care Express clinic is awesome. We need to use the court house.
- We have lovely boutiques, decent restaurants, a plethora of fast food...but Canyon lacks professional employment opportunities, evident by the number of people who live in Canyon and work in Amarillo. Perhaps we could have more incentives to bring in new businesses.

The Community

- Do more to attract a diverse population. One of the reasons I didn't rate Canon as excellent in all the quality of life categories is a need for more diversity.
- Keep beautifying – it makes us all proud.
- The more the city and WT can work together, the better...ex. Fair on the Square and WT Homecoming.
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- We like living in Canyon, these comments are meant for improvement purpose feedback
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- Is the city's goal to become a bedroom community of Amarillo? The small town charm would disappear, the faith community that is so strong here would begin to deteriorate, and the gangs from Amarillo would creep in. Now, this is a community that is strong in some many ways. I do not see a need to grow without a secure wither source for the future.
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- Value the historical sections by establishing historic districts.

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Brick Streets/Streets

- Repair brick streets properly and not with asphalt patches
- Keep the brick streets.
- I love the brick streets, they just need to be smoother.
- Replace brick streets.
- The City streets 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Ave. have terrible dips and or ridges at the intersections from street resurfacing. Consider making the whole intersection a water drainage not just the two edges, like Hereford does along their north street thru town.
- The brick streets are beautiful and historic. Need to make Canyon more attractive to senior or retiring citizens.
- Brick streets are really cool.
- Fix the brick streets.
- Fix and retain the brick streets.
- Bricks replaced – cover them with concrete or asphalt
- Keep bricks in downtown. Apply for Canyon Main Street sidewalk program. Programs will help pay and funds are available.
- Potholes in alleys
- Make bricks smoother
- Resident street levels dip – put a sign up to warn drivers. They scratch the bottom of cars.
- Smooth out intersections
- Hate bumps and holes. Repair dips.
- Unstable roads
- Character and charm from brick streets
- Traffic flow is effective
- No more traffic lights or stop signs
- WT have more student parking, don't park in front of houses
- Brick streets too expensive to maintain – assess homeowners a fee if they want them
- Keep bricks around square
- Good job most streets...fix potholes
- Cobblestone streets in the commercial area help create a special environment
- More streets with bricks if they can maintain them
- Streets more bike friendly
- Improve sidewalks – no mailbox in the middle of a sidewalk
- Parking stripes for nose in parking
- Student parking clutters the streets
- Parking
- Residential permit parking
- WT parking for students
- Multilevel parking garage for WT. Ratio of parking spaces to students at WT.
- No brick streets replace them all
- Need to keep small town flavor – brick streets, old buildings, etc...
- WT parking and near campus parking is a problem
- Better stoplight timers
- Keep the bricks, keep them leveled, they are a part of history
- Traffic light timing at intersections should be coordinated
- Driving into Canyon from Hereford – eyesore

- 15th street into town needs improvements
- Light control on 23rd and 4th need to have coordinated timing
- Overpass at Hwy 60 and 2590 – check out the skid marks that are there all the time
- Artery streets should be curbed
- Overpass or underpass for 15th street – need to detour the railroad
- Pedestrian crossing at highway from Hunsley Hills to Canyon proper
- Sky bridge crossing 4th from University to residential
- Street maintenance – we pay taxes to have streets and gutters cleaned and weeds-in-gutters and sidewalks sprayed. Give tax credits to owners who maintain their own areas – keep their gutters clean and weeds sprayed.
- Street repair – the inverse speed bump drainage at 38th and 5th Ave does not drain – breeding area for mosquitoes
- Crosswalks on 11th street for kids walking to Canyon int. and Jr. High
- Lower speed limit on the residential streets
- Make WT park at WT not in front of our houses and driveways.
- Parking garage at WT

Growth

- Canyon is big enough, we do not need more neighborhoods. Canyon's charm is because it's small. Encourage smaller homes be updated and used for more than rentals.
- Be prepared for growth by slowing residential development by yearly allotments for building.
- Charge an impact fee for construction of residential homes that becomes a fund for future city services.
- Overall I feel Canyon is a great place to live, but I feel Canyon is trying to become an extension of Amarillo. We are quickly losing our small city flavor. I understand that money/economic concerns are always there, but if care is not taken by our Chamber and our University activities the city of Canyon will become a "little Amarillo". The atmosphere of Canyon, in my opinion, has changed a great deal in the last 10 years since I moved here. We moved here to live in a small town for the sense of community and quality of life. Amarillo has very little of this. Canyon needs to hold on to its own personality and build on our strengths not the strengths of those living in our county but not in our town. The city of Canyon's responsibility is to its actual citizens not those who are a "suitcase" citizen.
- Increased economic and not residential growth
- Implement growth management ordinances to control the rapid growth of the city. More homes does not automatically equal improved quality of life or tax structure.
- Pay attention to stabilizing the tax rate. Government is the single largest contributor to inflation in America. In the past 10 years, the city tax has increased more than any of the other taxing entities in Randall County. That is not something that should bring the city government pride.
- Life in Canyon is good, but it is moving in the wrong direction instead of the right direction...alcohol, residential housing that overcrowds the schools, etc. Industrial and commercial development helps the tax structure, but we are now developing outlying neighborhoods at the expense of letting the core city deteriorate. The small town atmosphere that has brought people to Canyon is being destroyed by the influx of people.
- Growth does not automatically equal progress. Uncontrolled growth is simply cancer.
- Builders of new subdivisions need to chip in money for school and city services expansion – they do in most towns.
- Builders need to be required to pay for housing development so that current citizens don't bear the cost of these expansions.
- Promote residential growth – facilitate infrastructure
- Annex more property into the city
- More housing neighborhoods, less acreage

- Canyon east: hillside or city view, don't over populate, be mindful. No volume builder. Big pot holes. More asphalt in alleys
- More growth control. Manage growth
- Impact fees to be paid by developers
- Canyon needs to grow – No residential, coordinate design of buildings with those around it, build for function, old needs to go away and go modern
- Townhome development
- Keep community strong while providing multiple types of houses to live in
- Expansion and overgrowth
- Keep the small town feel
- Canyon is a great place to live because it is quaint. I feel we have enough neighborhoods. Let's keep them and grow small business that will draw tourists. We don't need to be a big city.

Courthouse/Square

- Our beautiful courthouse needs to be used and loved.
- Historic buildings need to be continued to be restored and appreciated.
- Need public restrooms on the square.
- The inside of the courthouse really needs to be restored and used.
- When we are marketing to get people to come to Canyon/shop the square we really need public restrooms for them to use.
- More...movie nights on the square, jobs, police, patrols on the square. Use the courthouse for new business, repair brick streets, have garden club put flowers out on Main Street and around courthouse. Get grant to update movie buildings then have picture shows again.
- Love the square, just expand options
- Develop the city center with high-end apartments/flats in upper floors of the courthouse and rent out space to shops and café below.
- Preserve the quaintness of Canyon with cobbled roads and tree lined streets – encourage store fronts to become more colorful.
- Improve sidewalks around the square and gradually expand/improve sidewalks away from the square to encourage more foot traffic to the square.
- Continue and add to opportunities for outdoor music and performances on the square.
- Put city offices in the courthouse, like they used to be.
- Is there a creative way to utilize the building while still following preservation guidelines?
- We value walkability in a neighborhood. One reason we chose to buy a house on 5th avenue is the walking distance to the square.
- We don't need another city hall building – more taxes – make the county use the courthouse.
- Don't saddle us with more debt – make the county use the court house and drop plans for another city hall.
- We don't need another City Hall and more debt. Move these services to the Court House.
- No more second-hand stores on the square
- Use of Court House building – for commerce, have Randall Co and Canyon to draw people into Canyon, for weddings, Randall Co. museum, keep the top floor for various events, public restrooms, develop flats in the courthouse, high end but affordable restaurant
- Sound system on the square to lend to a festive atmosphere
- Courthouse buildings to be new home of the chamber
- Sculptures on the Square
- Courthouse into a true town center
- In the Courthouse – music and movie museum
- Panhandle/TX movie/music museum

- Dinner theater
- South side of Square – multipurpose building, senior/youth center
- Accent lighting on Square year around, make the area attractive and uniform
- Tailor Square for tourists – western quaint theme, unique steakhouse on square, make touristy...even Amarillo folks will want to visit
- Draft House on the Square
- City purchase the courthouse square – renovate and utilize
- Museum – unique and apart from PPHM or work with PPHM to focus on local history – Tx movies, music, PD Canyon history, WT alumni history, City history, Randall Co. History
- The Square is hidden – bring people in from 23rd and/or highway 60
- Handicap accessible on Square. Hand rails for stairs. Hazzard for visually impaired
- Fix infrastructure on the Square – sidewalks, so people can shop without getting injured – too many falls
- Put shops/apts/community theater in court house
- Do something with the courthouse
- Small town Texas in a great way. Keep it small town feel. Square is wonderful, keep it the focus

Water

- Excessive overflow from watering should be ticketed – warned first then fined.
- Secure water resources, rights and develop conservation plans and incentives. Develop recycling of water to more efficient use.
- Business incentives should be to those who do not use a lot of water resources.
- Billing small church for utilities at the business rate, which is higher than residential, is placing a burden on small churches. Recommend a rate that recognizes Canyon's support for spiritual needs. Even Congress has recognized special protection for small churches with the Religious land use and institutionalized person act.
- Water conservation is top priority. The city needs to establish a policy for people who blatantly use water unwisely. Primary example: water running off of yards from over watering. Fines should be used for repeated watering that cause's constant runoff into the city streets or gutters.
- Initiate some type of tax break for citizens who choose to xeriscape their yards. Go Green would be a great program for the city to adopt
- The biggest complaint I have about Canyon is the cost of water.
- The water bill is too high. Why is it so high?
- Locate pool near Lone Star Dairy to take advantage of excess water....sell excess water to farmers and surrounding towns.
- Water fees are very high compared to Amarillo and other cities. Are you managing money wisely? Are high water users (golf course, WT) being favored?
- It cost more to live in Canyon than Amarillo or Las Vegas or other larger cities when looking at housing and utility prices. Water is very expensive.
- Conserving water – we often see watering at WTAMU that overflows into the city street and flows down the street. I am not sure if this is a leakage problem, watering on windy days, or not monitoring sprinkling systems to ensure they are aimed correctly onto the grass. This should be monitored. On the corner of 5th Ave and 38th street, rain water sits for days with nowhere to flow, breeding mosquitoes. This drainage issue needs to be addressed.
- Water park should be near Lonestar dairy rather than near soccer fields.
- Use water for useful purposes from dairy – farms, gardens, treat water for personal uses.
- Water used excessively to keep golf course afloat during drought, but it's not paying for itself ...change this.
- Utility rates for churches is to high
- Lonestar Dairy use water for public pool and water park – irrigation
- Shore up the long term water supply – it's vital to Canyon's future – there will be cost

- Step up infrastructure growth for waste and water – more subdivisions of land
- Waterpark is terrific idea – will keep residents and bring visitors
- Willing to pay more \$ for water rights
- Generally satisfied with the services
- How about classes on water conservation to the public, even if for a small fee? Learn to collect water – rainwater harvest
- Growth – how much water rights, reserves, wells, conservation...lots of subdivisions in the pipeline, do we have enough for the growth
- Put the water park by the dairy – makes more sense there – golf course losing \$, subsidized by city water, boost course fees to pay for that water
- Water tied to city budget, so it's a conflict of interest to promote conserving water – does the city really mean it?
- Using graywater for laws, etc.... - too wasteful, a bad practice fix it when sprinkler is broken
- Water is a bit expensive – can we incentivize good/smart water use?
- Need water restrictions during the drought
- Watering schedule should be put in place because too much water is being wasted
- What happened with the well that tested positive for Voc? What has been done about it?
- We need a plan for replacing water lines on 5th avenue
- Keep buying water rights
- Incentivize good water use.
- Main water lines should be updated – pipes break way too often. They are old and should be replaced.

Codes/Services

- Like a place for recycling.
- Curb recycling
- Wood chip site.
- Find other way to control mosquitoes instead of spraying and killing our good insects.
- Allow/encourage home owners to install solar panels and small wind turbines.
- Less fluoride, more parks, be more inclusive on-line, start recycling and Sr. center.
- Get trucks that park in the streets off the streets.
- Get rid of the Title Loan place or at least make them lower than sign.
- Do not let a liquor store open in Canyon or a cigarette only type store.
- Stop talking about stricter “zoning” type regulations...like no cars in the yard, no visible boats, no trailers in yards, and no chickens. All are good!
- I haven't noticed vehicles parked in yards but have heard it is an issue in other neighborhoods.
- I feel some codes are enforced while others are not. We are building a house. I have had multiple people working on our house gripe about the person inspecting the houses. He interprets the code however he feels that day. We cannot even get good help to come work in Canyon because they don't want to deal with the inspectors. It's very sad and frustrating.
- Garbage collection – we pay comparatively high fees for garbage collection and dumpsters are in pitiful condition, alleys are not maintained, garbage trucks make a mess of the alleys when they collect.
- Allowing large, brick mailboxes on public sidewalks is a bad idea! It's difficult to understand why this is allowed. This makes public sidewalks un-useable! Please correct this bad policy.
- Code enforcement should be similar to Amarillo. There is no need for Canyon to have stricter codes than Amarillo.
- We really need new trash dumpsters more than we need to bury overhead lines!
- Let citizens be aware that cats have same ordinances as dogs – on a leash if not on owner's property. Cats are a big problem and nuisance...example odor in town.

- Recycling should be offered and made a priority.
- Fewer apartments with more single family homes
- No duplexes in neighborhoods
- Chipping site
- Light pollution control
- Invest in infrastructure to bring fiber optic internet to Canyon
- Convention Center with hotel
- Recycling Center – paying job, use grant money to construct and maintain
- Code to stringent
- Codes: Lawns and weeds, good job.
- Never park cars in yard. Keep in good presentable condition and running.
- Codes: Weed letters are useful and effective
- Owner of rental property should be responsible for grass and trees
- Landscape updated on existing buildings not just new
- Don't adopt every national code or Amarillo code...many are not relevant
- Relax codes. Build buildings in city to attract new business
- Alcohol is a negative
- Public recycling programs
- Alcohol is a positive
- City work better with developers
- Wish residents were better informed about what can/can't go in the dumpster
- Find a way to recycle waste – recycle at the parks and golf course
- MULTIPLE COMMENTS – Curbside recycling with built in cost, willing to pay for it, it's a long term problem
- More recycling awareness and education, but need the infrastructure...saves \$ in the long run
- Focus on infrastructure and repairing/replacing old stuff
- Waste recycling – lots of support
- City should be more proactive, promote it – promote KB recycling to individual residents
- Like the city, timely, friendly, responds quickly – really responsive
- Focus on community development
- Recycling center is a good idea
- Recycling bins got stolen and they we don't like having to buy more
- Willing to pay extras for other services
- Pretty happy
- Cleaner alleys in the city
- What is going on with flood control
- What can and cannot be put in the dumpsters
- The code for spray on insulations needs to be simplified so that process is cheaper
- Recycling needs to be done, even if it is not a curbside pick up
- Big recycling dumpsters by big business
- Why is recycling expensive
- Sewage system in Southeast park stinks at night
- Offer incentives for people who use KB recycling service lie a percent off water bill
- Would pay for recycling
- Try to keep recycling local, but if it's not possible anything as far as recycling goes would be better than nothing
- Reports of lots of trash flying around
- Pass new ordinance that states that trailers, motor homes, and campers must have tags and registration in the front if they want to park in yard and must have inspection sticker
- Trailers parked in yards, driveways, etc. need to be moved

- Dead trees need to be removed along with cutting grass – Enforce the codes!
- Signs are too tall
- Have more zoning in town
- There is not recycling at all in this area. That is poor. Other cities do it – why can't we do it. Should be mandatory.
- Dead tree branches hanging over the street are not being addressed. This is a potential danger to those traveling on Conner Drive either on foot or by vehicle. Perhaps there are other dead trees as well that need to be checked out. SW corner of Conner and Thompson is an immediate concern.

Departments/Staff

- The biggest compliment I have about Canyon is the Professionalism and friendliness of the City staff and employees.
- Very special thank you to Bobby Stennett for his quick response in solving a trash dumping problem in alley behind church. Not much help form others contacted.
- Thanks Jon...Great job.
- I get answers when I call City Hall...just not always the ones I wanted.
- Consider either making the golf course profitable or selling/closing it.
- Adjust fees for services at pool/water park and golf course to charge a higher fee for non-citizens.
- The city should be entrepreneurial in its non-governmental services.
- Thank you for gathering input.
- Code enforcement does a great job on new construction.
- Code enforcement folks are professional and awesome!
- I think that our City Commissioners really have the best interest of the citizens of Canyon. However, I do not feel the same about our City Manager and other city management.
- Danny does a good job. Department enforce some codes stronger. Animal ordinances – leash law and park as restroom needs to be enforced
- Codes are well enforced
- Better enforcement of beautification regulations
- Mainstreet program is positive
- City works well with WT and Chamber
- Library needs more advertisement
- Library needs a waiting line
- Exceptional library
- Library more books
- Open library earlier
- Better lighting in the library

Living in Canyon

- Love living in Canyon...however we can always improve.
- Canyon is a great place to live and raise a family.
- The community meeting on Tuesday was excellent. We felt welcome and the overall event was fun and informative. Loved the casual format. Every employee that we have encountered at City Hall, the elections office, and the local vehicle registration office has been just super. So inviting and glad to assist. Wonderful ambassadors for Canyon. Such a great community.
- Schools are great and one of the main reasons I like living here.
- CISD is great and a benefit of living here.
- Good support of school system
- CISD does not prepare students for college

- Great school system
- Strong Chamber of Commerce
- Schools make it a great place to live
- Need to support scouts and youth programs
- More open relationships toward outsiders
- Paying to participate in 4th of July parade is a concern

Projects/Things to Look Into

- The corner of 23rd and 4th Ave looks bad and that is the corner people that come into town see. Wish list – buy the lot on the SW corner and make it a park where people will see something nice and get directions to downtown, WT, museum, or PD Canyon.
- There is a lot of litter on side streets.
- We moved here last May and wish we had done so sooner. We live in the Canyon East development. Two items we'd like to share. We certainly hope that the city does not allow "volume builders" to develop home sites in CE. We want to protect our investment. It would be great if the City would consider re-paving our alleyways. Construction vehicles have destroyed the integrity of the surfaces of the alleyways. Thank you for allowing us to share our compliments and comments.
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- Move county jobs to county buildings and keep city jobs in city buildings
- Giant waterpark to build a better tourism industry – with hotel inside, shuttle buses for tourist to take to and from waterpark
- Retirement center in Canyon – develop amenities for the retirement community
- Coordinate with WTAMU
- Repurpose/make new movie theater/bailout
- Cowboy symposium on the Square

- Community Art Walk reestablished on the Square
- Free Senior citizen activities
- Banquet facility as part of Kimbrough Stadium
- Wild west town in the summer – reenactments and dinner theater
- No mosquitoes, lice or fleas in Canyon
- Outlet mall
- Dome over Kimbrough
- Active Sr. citizen center with facilities for seniors that is well advertised. Social meetings for seniors like senior monthly coffee with topics addressed and networking.
- Nice hotel and convention center
- Youth center
- Busses from WT to Amarillo for students and faculty – build pick up and drop off point at Hollywood and I-27
- Revamp Tex Randall along 15th – redo road – make a beautiful, engaging, and inviting pathway into the Square
- Use Tex Randall as a gateway
- Visitors center – use 23rd and 4th
- Extend to 23rd – Better walking places (sidewalks?)
- Money from city funds to remove dead trees
- Neighborhood cleanup days
- Bricks at Community Center are slippery
- Palo Duro canyon shuttle
- Cater better to retired citizens – develop better facilities, allow them to sit in on WT classes
- More green initiatives – solar energy, community classes on solar energy, water conservation
- City info needs to be more available to public – all committees listed on website, meeting schedule, minutes
- Better relationship with PDC (?)
- Foster better relationship with WT
- More family events – sports tournaments, ...
- Create welcome packages for new residents, college students, new families, retirees
- Visitor center with history of Canyon
- Welcome to Canyon packages
- Better walking system in town, invest in repairing sidewalks
- Senior Citizen center needed
- City walking tours
- PPHM – nothing new in the past few years – bigger shows
- Bus system to and from WT and Amarillo
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- What about an incinerator to cut down on the landfill?
- Move landfill away from city

- How big will landfill be allowed to be?
- Landfill is an eye sore
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- Dumping at landfill at late hours is a problem, items that should not be dumped are being done so at night

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- Walking or biking path
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- Park in Canyon East
- More green around the Square and new subdivisions
- Maintain parks better
- Tax payer subsidizing golf course, raise fees
- Parks generally well kept, Hunsley a few grass burs
- East Park – great family place, swamp area developed for fishing, walking track extended, also keep the pond stocked
- Problem with East park, tremendous amount of litter, trash everywhere, smells awful from the waste management
- New bike park exceptional, expand a little into adjacent property...Parks in general great...Bike racks at parks
- Variety of parks, do more for younger children and elderly, trails for strollers and families, beautification more natural appeal
- Advertise golf course a bit more
- East or West side of golf course for a country club
- More exposure to parks
- Link parks with bike trails throughout town
- Park in Canyon East subdivision, if they are still developing it, they should continue
- Developing subdivisions to have parks or at least green spaces
- Great that the golf course is city backed and is a great asset
- Better perimeter lighting around Conner Park
- Really good lighting along walking trail at Hunsley
- Facilities meet expectations
- People who own animals need to clean up more at the parks
- Since old parks manager retired, there isn't as much upkeep
- Do any of the parks have a volunteer program to help upkeep...awareness
- SE Park should get walking trail, jogging trail
- Use golf course and other amenities, for senior community
- Use drones to get geese off golf course

- Crack down on dogs on golf course
- New equipment at parks and additional shade (manmade or trees). Equipment is old and dated.
- Walking and bike paths
- Frisbee golf course
- Bike trails – especially south end and around all schools
- More parks and better equipment. New big pool – done! Walking and bike paths
- Support new parks
- Sidewalks by the golf course – entrance side
- Get rid of the geese at golf course
- Clean the creek, Hunsley Park, and Hunsley Hill
- Creek is an eyesore and brings down property values
- Creek should be aesthetically pleasing
- Work on baseball fields – areas w/o grass and restrooms
- Dog Park – Southeast and Conner park – pond section
- Frisbee golf course at SE park
- Really big fish in all the ponds
- Insure all new development have parks in them
- PD Creek has to be cleaned up. Smells...I know that doesn't affect everyone, but part of what some people look for is a nice golf course.
- Clean up Palo Duro Creek
- Clean Hunsley creek – inmates once a month

Businesses

- The Chamber of Commerce can promote all of the businesses on the square by installing lights on the tops of the buildings that would be on year round. These would be the large bulbs, clear lights like some put up now.
- Establish a Panhandle or Texas Music and Movie museum in the courthouse....
- Please get a 24 hour restaurant or pancake house. There is no place for people to eat or visit after Texas. We are a college town with no place to eat after 9 pm except fast food.
- For all of our economic development, why are there not more restaurants of greater variety of menus available? The excuse used to be lack of alcohol. Now, what's the excuse? Why do we not have a steak house? Why do we have so many oriental restaurants and no buffets?
- Nothing against United, but where is another supermarket?
- Other than WT, there are virtually no job opportunities in Canyon. We should focus and provide economic incentives to bring in new businesses including professional businesses.
- The Care Express clinic is awesome. We need to use the court house.
- We have lovely boutiques, decent restaurants, a plethora of fast food...but Canyon lacks professional employment opportunities, evident by the number of people who live in Canyon and work in Amarillo. Perhaps we could have more incentives to bring in new businesses.
- Utilize old theaters – show old movies, classic viewings
- Movie theater
- Like local retail, but also United and Walmart
- Movie theater
- Restaurants, steakhouses
- Work in Amarillo, but enjoy living here
- Clean type of business, business offices
- Businesses that stay open later on weekends
- Walgreens/CVS
- Neighborhood Walmart or HEB

- Dessert businesses that stay open later
- Bring Hastings back or something similar
- Street signs in front of historically interesting sites informing tourists of more historical sites – maps available at businesses
- Unique restaurants, something original – fish
- Teahouse
- Live event center for high school and others
- Help Square businesses to refurbish exterior – funding and common architect
- Square is the hub – keeps and brings people to Canyon, needs to look nice and welcoming
- Yogurt place, dessert bar, little places people can visit while shopping
- CEDC need to address vacant buildings
- Building by high school, make it an educational source
- Spend money or fix up what's here, not on adding
- More restaurants now that we can sell liquor, such as Applebee's, Chili's, need a greater variety
- Competition is good for the people
- Residential structures coming in more than business structures, which raises taxes. Not good! Work smarter. Think of ways to make revenue rather than raise taxes on citizens.
- Secondhand shops, but not thrift shops
- Teahouse
- Night club for older generation (50+)
- New hotel and convention center
- Healthy food choices
- Small businesses rather than large
- More supportive of food trucks, maybe a food truck park. Support them and bring them here because it adds more variety while also accommodating for smaller lots
- Love to shop local, so love what downtown is becoming
- Keep Canyon quaint – but open late
- No title loan places
- No more junk resale shops please
- Restaurants more variety
- No more Thai food
- Steak and Shake and others open all night
- More coffee shops
- Stores appealing to college students and younger residents
- Whataburger, Chick fila, IHOP, Waffle House
- More restaurants
- Texas beef steakhouse
- Square needs to cater to tourist more
- Get rid of non-retail businesses on the square
- Chain restaurants
- Clean up downtown
- Be pro downtown
- Let people display wares outside
- Coffee houses
- Hastings or something like it
- Recreational businesses
- Outdoor shop relating to the canyon – bike rentals
- Room for growth, bring in businesses that will interest those who live here – college students
- Look at Granberry, McKinney squares – restaurants, open late, celebratory, welcoming atmosphere

- CEDC great project – Milk Plant. Bring things that improve employment.
- Need more things that stay open past 6 pm
- More businesses geared toward children
- Bookstores and chocolate store
- Redo and fix up movie house – make it special – movies and live concerts, etc....
- More restaurants please
- I support the CEDC
- No title loan places
- No more junk resale shops please
- Healthy food choices and additional grocery store
- Small business only! We don't need any large businesses. Some unique shops, keep Canyon quaint.
- Need more variety of activities for families
- Re-open the movie theater
- Too many boutiques, lawyers, accountants on the square
- Need a new movie theater
- Not enough variety in restaurants
- Need more hotels
- Small business needs to be encouraged around the square-no chains. No more second-hand stores.

The Community

- Do more to attract a diverse population. One of the reasons I didn't rate Canon as excellent in all the quality of life categories is a need for more diversity.
- Keep beautifying – it makes us all proud.
- The more the city and WT can work together, the better...ex. Fair on the Square and WT Homecoming.
- Would love Canyon to be wildlife friendly – by that encourage more birds, bats, etc.... to live here. Wildflowers in vacant lots.
- We like living in Canyon, these comments are meant for improvement purpose feedback
- Homes and buildings are in need of great repair. Yards need to be kept. The house across the street from us has been under construction for 4+ years and the owner had not completed the project.
- I don't know what, if any direction Canyon is going, nothing has been shared – so I have to believe we are shooting at nothing.
- Is the city's goal to become a bedroom community of Amarillo? The small town charm would disappear, the faith community that is so strong here would begin to deteriorate, and the gangs from Amarillo would creep in. Now, this is a community that is strong in some many ways. I do not see a need to grow without a secure wither source for the future.
- Thank you for this opportunity. Was there only one actual gathering to discuss ideas? I thought there were to be more. I was not available to attend the first one. For a town this size, I was surprised that only 158 (was that the number) were invited to participate. We can't be considered to be fair if only those who agree with us are invited to participate in the discussions. Best wishes.
- I would like the city to encourage upkeep in my neighborhood – original town 5th. My neighborhood is a reflection of the city during big community events (July 4, Chamber Cook-off) because our streets accommodate traffic and visitor parking. As visitor's park and walk to the Square, many homes look unkempt and sidewalks are a mess. Canyon's original neighborhoods and brick streets could be a gem if given attention and priority. Work on the brick streets, replace the sidewalks or work with owners to share costs for sidewalk replacement. Encourage people to mow weeds in their yards. A home across the street from us has been under construction for four years, empty unfinished, visible greenboard. It's an eyesore. This is my experience but all over town homes are in disrepair. People continue to move away from the heart of Canyon and into new neighborhoods on the outskirts of town. If more attention were place on older neighborhoods, perhaps more young families, empty nesters, retirees, etc. would choose Canyon's longstanding neighborhoods.

- Value the historical sections by establishing historic districts.
- Bring parades back – College and community work together – start at FUBC weave through campus and end on square
- City is disconnected – more accessibility on outskirts
- Need to define city center
- City needs to define its identity
- Like the small town feel with lots of character

Police and Fire Departments

- More patrols at night
- Walk around the Square
- Presence of PD for merchants
- Patrols through the entire city
- 4 way stop by PakaSak
- CJHS needs more lighting
- I feel safe
- PD and FD are great
- More info on open carry – website links for safety education (fire safety, drug prevention)
- Sync of traffic lights
- Add full time FD and PD as city grows
- PD more visible to prevent speeding
- Do we have a community plan of action? Do we need one? How would we distribute water?
- Knowledge and education of volunteer FD
- Use of Sr. citizen watch groups
- Additional Animal Control officers
- Day of recognition for PD/FD – celebration and thanking
- Neighborhood watch groups
- Educate police staff on city ordinance, doing good but always room for improvement
- Sync of lights on 4th and 23rd streets
- CJHS needs more lighting
- Additional school zone lights on Country Club rd.
- Educate citizens on Tornado Sirens testing – maybe during the day and inform schools
- Police deserve pay raise – losing police to Pantex and Amarillo
- Additional animal control
- Never really see Police around
- FD doing great
- PD doing great
- Canyon PD needs more positive PR – change of attitude towards
- Police should follow traffic laws in non-emergency situations – rolling stops and speeding
- I like seeing the police cars patrolling my neighborhood. I like that Canyon feels safe, but I think we are too comfortable in how safe we feel.
- Would love for police to be more visible.
- Have heard we need more Animal Control officers
- Develop a volunteer assistance corps to aid police, and emergency personnel in case of a major emergency, especially for water distribution.
- More police presence would make me feel much safer.
- Police need better attitude

- The police department used to be proactive in traffic and liquor enforcement to teach new WT students and citizens in general that the laws are to be obeyed. I've never seen our police department enforce a Yield sign.
- Police should rigidly enforce alcohol sales laws and possession, and rigidly enforce DUI laws.
- Safety and police is good...keep it up
- Senior citizen neighborhood/city patrol

To: Mayor and City Commission
From: Randy Criswell, City Manager
Date: May 16, 2016
Re: Consider and Take Appropriate Action on July Meeting Dates.

The first Monday in July is the 4th, so clearly we won't meet on that day. We also need to discuss the budget work day that we typically have in July. I would respectfully request that no meetings be scheduled the week of July 18, as I will be out of town celebrating my 30th Anniversary that week.

A July calendar is attached for your convenience.

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 City Hall Closed	5	6	7	8	9
						
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	<<Randy Vacation>>					
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