

Minutes
City Council Meeting
October 13, 1998

This City Council meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Lee Kitchens. The meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon, Texas. Aldermen David Peterson, Steven Oldham and Robert Englund were present. Inez Speed and Ken Williams were absent with prior arrangement.

Minutes were approved on a motion from David Peterson and second from Steven Oldham.

Financial Report was approved on a motion from David Peterson and second from Robert Englund.

Wayne Gentry briefed the council on the progress of the City Hall installation and expense. He recommended that the 1998-99 CIP funds be expended to pave Buffalo Drive. Paving will protect the investment in the new city hall, and cut down on maintenance on the building and equipment due to the dusty condition of the road, the man hours needed to constantly grade and prepare the road, etc. John Sims will look into the title transfer from Ransom Canyon, Inc to the City.

Robert Englund stated that the parking lot should be paved, to the library if funds permitted. The council questioned paving the East leg of Buffalo Drive because it bordered land that did not belong to the city, and could ultimately be developed. Wayne Gentry said that paving would enhance the park. The council discussed alternative methods for paving the road, but Wayne explained that because the park is actually a playa lake, any materials such as gravel eventually wash into the playa.

David Peterson commented that if the road is paved, the shop must be set back another year. Street Sweepers with no shelter were discussed. The council took no action on the allocation of the CIP Funds.

Wayne Gentry explained the fire department sub station was scheduled to have metal by 10/ 16. The council discussed the difficulties with this project. No building specs have ever been cemented. The driveway has had thin concrete pours. The metal was planned for only halfway up, with plywood covering the bottom of the walls, with brick to be put on the outside of the plywood. Some were of the opinion that this application could cause moisture problems. In the end, the council appointed Wayne Gentry to take matters in hand and put all of the pieces together, hopefully to enclose and weather the building in sufficient to house the fire truck before cold weather sets in.

Wayne Rawls proposed the council choose to purchase a Ford Explorer through HGAC for \$20,021, plus \$320 Admin fee, plus \$354 delivery fee. Wayne will install the radio. Other bids were \$20,035 plus delivery fee for a Crown Victoria and \$17,770 plus delivery for a Ford F 150 extended cab pick up truck.

David Peterson said there was an image problem with purchasing a high profile vehicle, believing a more conservative vehicle would be safer and more appropriate. Steven Oldham said it would be better from a prevention standpoint to have a police vehicle that was high profile. Mayor Kitchens recommended letting the chief have the vehicle he requested. Robert Englund moved to approve the Explorer purchase, Steven Oldham seconded. The vote was two ayes, one nay from David Peterson. Motion carried to purchase the Explorer.

Fire Chief McPherson said the fire department had discussed expansion of their meeting room in order to accommodate the city council, considering that with no meeting room in the new city hall, the council would still need to use the fire station for meetings. Chief Rand suggested that the city help financially with the expansion of the building. The council said they would take it under advisement.

Under Open Forum Mrs. Jean Anderson asked the council to help with a rattlesnake roundup. The cost to the city is \$300 - \$400. The Mayor explained the council could take no action because this was not an agenda item. Also this was not a budgeted item.

Steven Oldham moved to adjourn, Robert Englund seconded, all approved and the meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett
City Secretary