

RANSOM CANYON CITY COUNCIL

**TAX HEARING SEPTEMBER 5, 2006**

MINUTES

The Tax Hearing set by the Town of Ransom Canyon for September 5, 2006 was called to order as posted at 7:00 P.M. This meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon, Texas.

In addition to Mayor Robert Englund, the following Aldermen were present: Ron Cox, Donna Clarke Jack Randorff and Kevin Carlson. James Overby was absent.

Nobody from the public attended this meeting.

With no business to discuss or conduct, the council adjourned on a motion from Donna Clarke and second from Jack Randorff.

**TAX HEARING SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**

MINUTES

The Tax Hearing set by the Town of Ransom Canyon for Friday Night, September 8, 2006 was called to order as posted at 7:00 PM. This meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon, Texas.

In addition to Mayor Robert Englund, the following Aldermen were present: Donna Clarke, Ron Cox, Kevin Carlson and James Overby. Jack Randorff was absent as arranged.

Two members of the public attended this meeting, but they had no questions or comments.

With no business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion from Donna Clarke, second from Ron Cox.

**CALLED MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**

MINUTES

This Called Meeting was called to order immediately after the close of the Tax Hearing.

2. TML Insurance Coverage changes. TMLIEBP (Employee Health Insurance Benefits) has signed on with United Health Care, which is a large benefit network. TML believes that United Health Care negotiations will secure for taxpayers better use of taxpayer money through provider discounts. United Health Care is still in negotiations with

Covenant. United Health Care does not have a discount provider agreement with Covenant at this time.

TML leased the HealthSmart Network so that Ransom Canyon could keep the Covenant system. Some individual Covenant doctors may still be outside the HealthSmart Network, so care must be taken to be sure that they are in Network prior to receiving services. Individual employees will need to do this on a regular basis. If United Health Care does succeed in signing a contract with Covenant, employees may receive a second insurance card this year reflecting that change.

3. In budget sessions this summer, the city council indicated that they would offer retiree health coverage, if it cost the city nothing. The council at that time did not define what they considered to be an eligible retiree. This is a city council decision that must be recorded via city ordinance.

An ordinance was prepared that defined “retiree” as an employee that has worked 5 years and reached the age of 60, or an employee that has worked 20 years for the city at any age. (These requirements are the same as they are for the city’s definition of “retiree” that is used for the city pension plan with TMRS.) The council tabled this decision.

TML also is offering additional life insurance for the employees this year, with no qualification requirement, this year only. After this year, employees will have to pass a physical in order to qualify for additional life insurance. The city now carries \$10,000 life insurance on employees. No insurance is carried for spouses or children. This year only, the employee can purchase life insurance on spouse equal to ½ of the insurance amount that is paid for by the city. The cost for an additional \$20,000 life insurance and AD&D insurance was \$52 per month for the entire group. The council tabled this issue.

4. Blue Moon Solutions is a company operating out of the Reese Technology Center that has approached the city regarding a cooperative effort to fund a Wi-Fi network for Ransom Canyon. The council wished to talk to Mr. Marty Hale, who is the Blue Moon representative. The council discussed potential need, competition, maintenance and delivery of the product, and also reception of the citizenry as consumers and taxpayers. The financial investment on the city’s part is considerable.

5. Hancock Property. The city’s water installation is on land that is owned by Ken Hancock. This land is for sale. Mayor Englund will contact the owner to discuss terms, and this will be discussed with the City Attorney at the next council meeting.

6. Meeting adjourned on a motion from Ron Cox, second from Donna Clarke.

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