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This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called for April 4, 2006. Mayor Robert Englund called the meeting to order. Aldermen Earl Starks, Donna Clarke, Dick Hulslander and Ron Cox were present. City Attorney John Sims was also present, in addition to city department heads and a number of guests. Mayor Englund called for a moment of silent meditation.

2. MINUTES: Donna Clarke asked for a correction to the spelling of her name in the first paragraph. With that correction, Ron Cox moved to accept the minutes, Donna Clarke seconded and all approved.

3. A. FINANCIAL REPORT: Mayor Englund asked the council to note the current bank balances. Dick Hulslander moved to approve the report as printed, Ron Cox seconded, all approved. Dick Hulslander moved to approve the March Claims and Demands, Ron Cox seconded the motion, all approved.

3. C. PRELIMINARY BUDGET CALENDAR: The council agreed to meet May 16, which is the Tuesday following the May 13 election, so that they could canvass the election without calling for a special meeting. Ron Cox stated that he will be out of town for that meeting.

The council discussed changing the time of the two tax rate hearings that are required in August. No change to the normal 7:00 PM meeting time was made, due to potential lack of a quorum during any time other than evening hours.

4. CITY NEWSLETTER ENTERPRISE: The council listened to a plea for a color copier for the office. They noted that this expense was not in the budget, and should be presented during the budget cycle.

5. BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE:

- A new garden home was approved for 36 West Lake Shore Drive.
- A pre-construction conference was held for a home to be located at B 18 L 22.
- Landscape Improvements were approved for 9 Surrey Circle, existing home.
- Deck Replacement was approved for an existing home at 36 North Rim Road.

6. OPERATIONS REPORT: Harold Needham reported that he had questions regarding the Tower, but that Bernie had made a site visit, and an extra valve was recommended. This is needed to allow for a drain and for service to the Library. Underground electric for the library will cost \$11,000. Underground utilities at this location are advisable due to safety factors. Dick Hulslander moved to approve the change, stating that the change is needed for safety, Donna Clarke seconded the motion, all approved.

The Ground Storage Tanks will wait to be repaired until the Tower is finished.

A sewer repair was required for the Wray Amon home at 19 Ridge Road. This line appeared to be a city line serving one home. The line runs down the front hill, through two man holes, down an area that is an undeveloped street and cul-de-sac, and ends ending in the sewer line on West Brookhollow. This repair bill will be paid by the city, just as similar sewer line repair bills are paid by the city. The line is full of tree roots and is not on any city map.

7. POLICE: Chief Wayne Rawls reported on a burglary with shots fired this month. The city will have a \$1200 expense for extra security at UMC hospital which was needed to guard the arrested prisoner until the DA's office took over the case. The assaulted resident is home from the hospital and is recovering, including help that may be offered through the State Crime Victims Compensation Fund. The Ransom Canyon Police had a 6 minute 30 second response time to the 911 call. The burglary appeared to be preplanned by an outsider. Two ambulances and 2 helicopters landed on the ground to carry the injured persons to the hospital. The EOC, Ransom Canyon EMT's and the Fire Department all assisted in this landing and transport.

Wayne discussed the state of the fish kill that was worse in the upper creek area. Unfortunately, nothing could be done to prevent this event from happening. The department is taking calls on wildlife, the deer have moved away, and people need to watch for snakes.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Rand McPherson reported one fire call, with a six minute response time at 2:00 AM. The Fire Department/EMS also responded and assisted with the burglary event. They hosted the severe weather spotter school and they will attend the 58th Annual Lubbock Area Fire Fighter School. Attendance at the Red Cross School was good. Burn Ban is in effect.

9. LIBRARY: Librarian Kim Copeland reported that February Arcade Month was a big hit. 1200 eggs will be hunted in the April 13 Easter Egg Hunt. Every child will get a prize and the Easter Bunny will attend.

10. POA: Wanda LaGrave asked the city to waive the swimming ordinance in order to accommodate the Triathlon. Dick Hulslander recused himself from this vote. Donna Clarke made a motion to allow the athletes to swim in the lake, Earl Starks seconded the motion. Starks, Clarke and Cox voted aye. Hulslander abstained.

11. OPEN FORUM: There was a lengthy discussion about traffic speed and safety on Parklane. Police Chief Rawls will have a proposal for the May meeting.

ADJOURN: With no further business, Dick Hulslander moved to adjourn, Donna Clarke seconded the motion, all approved and the meeting adjourned.

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