

Minutes May 16, 2006  
Town of Ransom Canyon  
City Council Meeting May 16, 2006

This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM, May 16, 2006. The meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, located at # 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon. Aldermen Earl Starks, Donna Clarke and Richard Hulslander, and Mayor Robert Englund were present. Attorney John Sims was also present, in addition to department heads and a number of guests. Mayor Englund called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silent meditation.

MINUTES: Dick Hulslander moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Earl Starks seconded the motion and all voted aye.

FINANCIAL: Dick Hulslander moved to approve the financial report and the Claims and Demands as printed. Donna Clarke seconded the motion and all voted aye.

4. ATMOS GRIP FILING: Mayor Englund reviewed the history of the GRIP 1 filing by Atmos. GRIP 2 will be filed this summer. GRIP 1 was approved by the Railroad Commission without fair consideration of the West Texas cities, according to Austin Attorney G. Gay, who represents the West Texas Cities. The cities can expect other utilities to file GRIP increase requests, as they have done in the Mid-Tex Cities. After much discussion about the pros and cons of this issue, the council passed a Show Cause Resolution 06-00115. The council also approved Resolution 06-00120 that approved the establishment of a Gas Steering Committee.

5. LIBRARY REPAIR: Librarian Kim Copeland appealed to the council for help to replace the 20 year library porch. She explained that it is not safe, in addition to the difficulty it presents to anyone who uses handicap ramps to access the building. Angie Rajcic, President of the Library Board echoed Kim's appeal, and explained that the Friends had funds from the Christmas fundraiser, \$2500-\$3,000, that they were willing to commit to help pay for the porch and the cover. Earl Starks made a motion to authorize the entire project, Dick Hulslander seconded the motion. All voted aye.

6. CANVASS MAY 13 ELECTION: The election returns were provided by Lubbock County Elections and showed the following:

1. For the position of Alderman, two year term:

Ron Cox	124 votes
Jack Randorff	87 votes
James W. Overby III	76 votes
Dick Hulslander	95 votes

Ron Cox, Jack Randorff and Dick Hulslander received the most votes for the three available positions.

2. For the position of Alderman, 1 year unexpired term:

Kevin Carlson	91 votes
James Durham	57 votes

Kevin Carlson received the most votes for this one position.

3. For the Proposition to adopt a Sales Tax to reduce property tax the votes were:

For 109  
Against 69

The Proposition passed by a margin of 40 votes.

The results of the election were reviewed and were accepted on a motion from Dick Hulslander and second from Donna Clarke. All voted aye.

Mayor Englund said kind words about Alderman Earl Starks, who did not run for reelection, thanking him for his years of service on the council. The city presented Earl with his portrait that was taken for the city web site, and also with his Oath of Office.

7. OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Robert Englund administered the Oath of Office to Kevin Carlson, Dick Hulslander and Jack Randorff, and these new officers took their seats at the council table.

8. JUNE MEETINGS: Due to scheduling conflicts, the council changed the regularly scheduled meeting for June. The monthly meeting will be Thursday, June 1, 2006. A budget work session was set for Wednesday, June 14, 2006.

9. OPEN MEETINGS TRAINING: This required city council training will be taught by Donna Clarke, and will take place Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 AM to 12 PM.

10: LIBRARY: Kim Copeland reported changes on the Library Board. President Angie Rajcic, and board member Jamie Thomas are stepping down, and Maggie Webb has agreed to serve. Donna Clarke made a motion to accept these resignations and the new appointment, and Jack Randorff seconded the motion. All voted aye.

11. BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mayor Englund reported that the Building Review Committee approved a new home at 39 West Lake Shore Drive, a covered porch remodel for 15 Navajo Trail, the plans for the new POA Ranch House, and clarified set back provisions for Block 18.

12. OPERATIONS REPORT: Harold Needham reported on an incident involving the new water tower lines that resulted in excess pressure that caused several water lines throughout the city to break. The new water line was closed and the engineers have determined that a new valve is necessary. Harold expressed concern about design, as well as completion of the tower, and he is researching these issues with Engineer Bernie Gradel and Allen Doggett.

The council is concerned with the details. Jack Randorff asked about pressure and Harold explained that the tower is not operational, yet. The pressures that seemed to be involved during this event were:

1. Delivery psi pressure from the City of Lubbock, and
2. pressure that has been created by the new piping delivery system.

The City of Lubbock contract calls for 35 psi, but pressure at the time of the excess pressure event was 100 psi. Normally, pressure from the Lubbock point-of-delivery runs 65 psi. Jack wants to meet with Bernie in order to review the current situation.

*Mayor Englund excused himself for a portion of the following. In his absence, Councilman Hulslander conducted the meeting.*

13. TRAFFIC CONTROL: Police Chief Wayne Rawls proposed a list of traffic controls for Parklane, Comanche Lane/Cherokee Lane, East Brookhollow, and the unplatted area by the city dumpsters and RV park. There was much discussion. Dick Hulslander made a motion to authorize all 12 items listed, create the necessary orders and authorize the Mayor to make the purchases and proceed. Jack Randorff seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Chief Rawls reported that new car burglaries were being investigated, and he noted that the victims' cars had been unlocked in their own driveways at the time of the burglary. Wayne attended a week's school at Waco and had 1200 hours of continuing education, which earns him his "Advanced Peace Officer" license. Officer James Hill requires 1 class, (Crisis Management) in order to receive his "Intermediate" license. Officer Vance Schuette has a basic peace officer license and has completed 2 of five Intermediate core courses.

Boat registrations are being sold.

15. FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Rand McPherson delegated this report to Chief Rawls. The fire department had a 3-minute response time to an alarm on Canyon View. The department had 7 medical calls. These were due to age-related medical problems, and some terminally ill patients. The department responded to a vehicle roll-over on the front road at the 50<sup>th</sup> street intersection, by the shopping center.

16. MUNICIPAL COURT: Judge Gary Bellair reported that he just finished 12 hours of Continuing Education. The education requirements for the court are current.

17. POA: Dirt work continues for the Ranch House. The Triathlon had 75 participants and Ransom Canyon is now a qualifier for the Iron-Man.

18. Mayor Englund charged the new council to familiarize themselves with city systems, especially to understand the waterworks. Dick Hulslander moved to adjourn, and Donna Clarke seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett