

MAY 9,1995
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order by Mayor Lee Kitchens at 7:00 P.M. May 9, 1995 at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station. All members were present: Inez Speed, Charles Burford, Ken Williams, Erika Hoeve and Charley McQueen.

After a moment of silent meditation, the first order of the agenda, Canvassing the May 6, 1995 city council election was presided over by Mayor Pro-tem Inez Speed. Inez presented the tally sheet of the counting of the ballots as signed by election judge Delman Farris which was in order. The election counting revealed these results. 160 voters voted. Lee Kitchens, unopposed, had 122 votes. For two alderman at large seats, there were three candidates: Ken Williams had 90 votes, Bill Green had 84 votes and David Peterson had 74 votes. Therefore, the election was validated, and Lee Kitchens, Ken Williams and Bill Green.were elected to the council, per motion by Charles Burford, seconded by Erika Hoeve, and unanimous approval.

The Oaths of Office were given to the three candidates. The council had prepared a plaque for Charley McQueen, outgoing Alderman, to thank him for six years of service and financial guidance for the people of Ransom Canyon. Charley expressed his thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Ransom Canyon, and hoped that the plaque didn't "bust the budget." He thanked Inez for keeping her campaign promise to keep city business separate from chapel and fire department business. He commiserated with John Sims for the loss of both Ann Richards and himself. Lastly he thanked Erika Hoeve for running the bond salesman out of town.

Bill Green took his seat at the council table and the meeting continued.

MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE: Charles Burford moved to reelect Inez Speed as Mayor Pro-tem. Erika Hoeve seconded. Charlie then moved to elect her by acclamation. All agreed and Inez was re-elected Mayor Pro-tem.

MINUTES: Erika Hoeve moved to approve, Inez Speed seconded, all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Erika Hoeve had questions about the \$7399 A/R. from Buffalo Lake. Melissa explained that this represented two months' billing, one delinquent, (since had been received.) plus the \$3 800 still owing from the court judgment. Erika asked John Sims about the status of the situation. John explained that Don Graf had agreed to write the judgment, but never had done so, so the Judge had asked John to write it. John had submitted the document to the judge, and was waiting for the judge to return from Crosby

County court for his signature. Erika was assured that the current bills are being paid by Buffalo at 100%, that there seems to be no more problem with the current billing system. Buffalo simply had mailed last month's payment late, and so was not included as receivable on the May financial report. Charles Burford moved to accept the report, Ken Williams seconded, and all approved.

BLOCK 20 IMPROVEMENTS: Charles Burford asked Wayne Gentry if he was satisfied with the improvements.. (sewer and water lines, etc. streets, etc.) Wayne had two problems: 1. Condensation in the altitude valve box and,
2. A sump pump needs to be installed in the valve box at the lift station

Erika Hoeve believed acceptance should wait until these things were done. Charles Burford moved to table the item until that time, Erika Hoeve seconded, all approved.

POLICY MANUAL: Lee Kitchens stated that the city policy manual should be reviewed whenever there was a change of administration. He charged each of the council members to read and study the policy manual, noting changes that each felt should be made. A work session was scheduled for Monday, June 5, at 7:00 P.M. Changes to policies and procedures could then be prepared for the June council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CITY SUPERVISOR: Wayne Gent briefed the council re. the situation at the dam where severe erosion has damaged the concrete and the structure of the dam underneath the surface in the joints and the supporting concrete slabs. Greg Nauert from Hugo Reed reviewed the problem, and stated to the council that proper repairs would cost in the area of \$15,000. He explained that the slab that has been thrust up exposes a 12 " deep undermining cavity. The problem is that we don't know how wide the cavity is. The expansion joints have been damaged by the water running over the dam, eroding the cement, and ruining the sealant, and thus the slabs have worked free of the sealant. One joint definitely needs to be fixed. One repair plan, pumping a grout mixture into the joint, is an expensive procedure done by companies out of OKC and Dallas. The other plan is to saw the joints, 160 linear feet, and remove two 5 foot wide sections, then grout and reseal the repair. The problem with this is that we are required to release water downstream, and the downstream spout has the same problem. The traffic problem could be handled, but the lake would have to be lowered, and the valve closed, with water either diverted with sandbags, or pumped over the street, with a temporary drive built over the water hose. The repair will involve saw cutting the roadway, demolishing and hauling it off, replacing materials, grouting and sealing.

Lee asked about the urgency of the repair. Greg stated that with the rainy season upon us, the roadbed will experience seepage and it will continue to come up through the roadbed, it will erode the roadbed itself, and will be impassable, a serious, really expensive, quick fix. When asked if there were a quick fix "bandaid" to get the city through the summer season, Greg said he would investigate a product called Hypalon, a glue, and he will look

into the cost of a temporary fix for one joint, until we can get into next budget year, and survive the summer boating season. Bill Green asked if Greg had talked to Lubbock Labs about the repair, and Greg agreed to call them for their input.

Lee instructed Wayne to remove the boards on the weir, so that the lake can be brought to design level, which will be below the level of the expansion joints, thus eliminating further damage, and enabling temporary repairs. He also charged Wayne with monitoring the level of the lake, in order to accomplish this end. The council was of the opinion that they would rather put off making expensive repairs, at least until the end of the summer boating season. Erika Hoeve noted that this is a non-budgeted repair, so careful consideration of need and expense is certainly called for.

ARCHITECTURE CONTROL COMMITTEE: Tom Airhart reported on plans that had been approved since March. The Carraway's remodel, a remodel on Brookhollow, a new house on Highland, and a remodel on South Lake Shore. They have just received two new sets, which they will work on forthwith.

POLICE REPORT: Ray Short gave his report of his monthly calls, mentioning that he had several assists to Buffalo Lake. Erika Hoeve asked about the working relationship with Buffalo these days, noting that at one time they would not accept help from our police or fire or EMT's. Ray advised that he has a good relationship with the officers, or lake rangers, and that there seems to be a mutual understanding that they will back each other up to help control problems. Normal problems are currently being exacerbated by an influx of visitors and non-property owners due partly to the situation at White River Lake, who, we are told, has closed boating due to the low level of the water. The council was pleased that we have a good relationship with Buffalo in this respect.

"COPS FAST" GRANT: Lee advised that we still have not yet received the final package explaining the details of the workings of the grant. We had a letter stating that the award had been made. Lee called for a vote to go ahead and hire the second officer, but it was decided that this item was not on the agenda, and per the Open Meeting Law, action could not be taken on a non-agenda item. Erika Hoeve also expressed her hesitation to commit to the grant when we don't yet know what the FEDS will require of us in return.

Erika further stated that if we need additional police protection, Ray has a budget for part time police coverage, and if he needs the help, he should use the funds already budgeted. Charles Burford asked why we should use our own money when we can use federal money, and he moved to go ahead and hire the second officer, but in the ensuing conversation, Lee decided, upon John Sims' advice, to comply with the agenda-item action legality.

Lee did state that as soon as possible, immediately with only two hours notice, if need be, from the receipt of whatever it is that we receive from Washington, he will call a special meeting for the council to consider hiring a second officer.

FIRE DEPT. Wayne Rawls reported for the fire department zero fire calls, 2 medical calls ... 1 cardiac outside the canyon, and 1 hip and ankle fracture within the city. They continue to reduce the note to the city for the improvements at the firehouse, expecting to pay it off soon. The fire auxiliary meeting will be June 1, a Thursday, all are welcome. Thanks to Charlie and Clara Burford for the donation of a new microwave. It is national EMS week, so tell one of our volunteers just how much you appreciate their 200 plus hours per week of donated time.

Harold Chapman has revised the deed to the fire department property, altering the reversion clause, to affect this change: If the land is at some time no longer used by the fire department, the deed would be in the fire department's name, to be used at their responsible discretion. (Formerly, the reversion clause stated that the land would revert back to the developer.) Thanks and applause from the audience, as Harold handed the legal papers to Wayne Rawls.

LIBRARY; Special meeting May 17, 1:00 P.M. to do Long-range Planning. Help needed from the canyon.

POA: Karen Bornick reported that mailers will soon go out with Pool Rules, Lake Rules, Party House rules. The pool opens May 27 at 11:00 A.M., and will stay open for Memorial Day weekend, then will settle into the summer schedule to close on Mondays. The July 4 festivities will be planned starting this month's meeting.

OPEN FORUM: Ray stated that May 6 was election day, but it was also Pet Vaccination day, and the two events helped support each other. 49 pets were vaccinated, a record, and Judge Farris noted that the heaviest voting was during the pet vaccination hours. Ray noted that this project is conducted as a service to the community, not as a fund raiser.

Some discussion about "No Parking" signs on order for the dam areas. Charles Burford stated the front hill "green belt" looked really good, and that the city might one day look at a sprinkler system for this. entrance to the canyon. The street sweeper is a 1962 model, and parts to repair it and keep it running are manufactured in our own shop. It's a pretty sensitive machine, outdated, but a new machine costs \$150,000 plus.

Charles Burford moved to adjourn Inez Speed seconded, all approved.

Melissa Verett