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Town of Ransom Canyon

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This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM, June 1, 2006. The regular monthly meeting that is normally held on the second Tuesday of the Month was rescheduled because several council members planned to be out of town. The meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, located at # 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon. Aldermen Jack Randorff, Donna Clarke, Dick Hulslander, and Kevin Carlson were present. Alderman-Elect Ron Cox was also present.

The first order of business was to swear in Alderman-Elect Ron Cox. Mayor Robert Englund gave the Oath of Office, and Alderman Cox took his seat.

The next order of business was to elect the Mayor Pro-Tem. Donna Clarke made a motion to elect Ron Cox to this office. Jack Randorff seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Mayor Englund announced that the Executive Session would not be held because the city attorney was not present.

6. MINUTES: Donna Clarke made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Jack Randorff seconded, all voted aye. Ron Cox reconfirmed that the open meetings training session would be held on July 22, 9AM to 12PM.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT: This report was handed out at the meeting, so the council did not have time to review it before the meeting. Mayor Englund did not ask for a motion to approve this report at this time.

9. BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE: In May, the committee approved a repair/replacement to a sea wall located at 32 South Lake Shore Drive. Mike Selleck, at 24 Lake Shore Drive requested permission to change his hobby room to a one car garage. Permission was granted for this plan change.

7. MAYOR'S BUDGET: Highlights of the Mayor's budget:

- Tax Revenue based on a 63 cent tax rate \* 91 million tax base.
- Interest revenue based on 4.5% of cash balances.
- Court Revenue increase, and also the required court education expense budget.
- Payroll for the Judge is increased to \$75/month.
- Provisional money is provided for a color copier for the office. \$1800 per year increase.
- Operations and police gas and oil budgets are up.
- Mosquito treatment expense is maintained.
- The old John Deere Tractor will be replaced. \$12,000/year lease payment for a \$65K purchase.
- Dump Truck repair is included as a significant line item.

- A water well is added as a solution to use of potable water for sewer plant clean up.
- Payroll assumed a 3% raise for the employees, and an increase to a 6% contribution rate for TMRS retirement.
- The overall CIP budget was down, with money shifted to department line items.
- Few items from year two of last year's CIP budget were brought forward.
- Street Paving was not included, but repair to the South end of East Lake Shore Drive was included.

The council discussed a few preliminary items, and determined that a quorum would be present for the scheduled work sessions in June. The tax hearings in September will still need to take place in the evening. (Tuesday, September 5 and Friday, September 8. 7:00 PM.)

10. WATER AND SEWER SUMMARIES: This was a lengthy discussion about the responsibility of the contractors for both the Water Tower and the Sewer Plant. Harold has operations concerns about both. Donna Clarke suggested that Attorney Sims should be consulted about non-performance of the contracts. Harold submitted the water summaries in support of the high water consumption, and the high electricity consumption and related expense at the sewer plant. He believes some changes need to be made to the plant design.

Jack Randorff and Kevin Carlson toured the plant and they identified several areas of concern involving the skimmer, the blowers, the clarifier, the mufflers, the drying beds, and the noise level of the plant. Dick Hulslander asked who is responsible for these problems. Harold explained that although these are areas of concern, the labs come back in compliance.

Jack and Kevin want to meet with engineer Bernie Gradel, and this meeting will be arranged soon.

11. POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Wayne Rawls reported that boat permits are on sale, and he received his advanced TCLEOSE certificate. They are repairing buoys in the lake. The weir is functional, but the steel pipes are eroding. This equipments needs to be repaired. The repair can be done from the top. The area under water is okay. Donna Clarke asked Wayne to call the contractor that did the work at Buffalo Lake to see if he can be lined up to do the repair on our own weir.

13. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Rand McPherson reported that Asst. Chief Mark Cooper is ill and a blood drive is being scheduled. There were 0 fire calls and 0 medical calls. The grant from the Dodge Foundation has been received, and fire fighting brush pants, shirts, gloves, goggles and hard hats have been purchased. The hotdog, hamburger cookout was successful and the grill worked great.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> activities are being planned for the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the day of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Cooking will be done at the fire house due to the Ranch House construction, but the meal will be served at the island.

14. COURT REPORT: Court Clerk Linda Williams reported that an old case was cleared from the docket.

15. Pat Sykora is the new POA President.

16. Mayor Englund explained that the scheduled executive session still could not be held because the City Attorney was not present.

12. STOP SIGN ORDINANCE: The Mayor dropped back in the agenda to item # 12, the Parklane Stop Sign Ordinance.

The council held a lengthy discussion about this ordinance, to include the cost of materials, the manpower needed to install all of these signs, and the effect that this new traffic control will have on the public and on the city vehicles.

Jack Randorff moved to adopt the ordinance as prepared, Dick Hulslander seconded the motion, and all the council voted aye.

ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion from Dick Hulslander and a second from Jack Randorff.

Melissa Verett