

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Ransom Canyon Fire House, 1 Ridge Road

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Randorff, followed by a moment of silent meditation. Council members present: Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, John Schmersey and Billy Williams. Mayor Robert Englund was absent due to an unavoidable work conflict.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting:

Minutes of the regular December 8, 2009 meeting were approved with a change. Item 6 line 4 will be amended to read “on his exam and graduated 3rd overall in the academy.” The motion to approve was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:

The financial reports and the December claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Billy Williams, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve 2008-2009 Audit Report

The 2008-2009 audit report was approved on a motion by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion Item

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Randorff led an informative discussion of the interruption in garbage collection service during the month of December.

6. Building Review Committee Report

The Building Review Committee did not meet during December.

7. Department Reports:

a. Administration: see written report

b. Court Report: Judge Gary Bellair – Judge Bellair reported five moving violation citations, two of which have opted for Driving Safety School, one is unresolved, one has paid costs and fine, and one was a failure to appear. He also reported five ordinance violations involving parking, all of which have been paid. Additionally, Judge Bellair recommends that the council consider appointing an alternate judge for those occasions when he must recuse himself from a case or is otherwise unable to fill the bench.

c. Operations: see Harold’s written report

- d. Police: Wayne Rawls – Wayne reported the following:
- Ransom Canyon received the NWS StormReady Certification. We are the only small city in Lubbock County to get this so far.
 - The cameras have been installed at City Hall. Installation of other cameras has been delayed due to the cold, snowy weather.
 - The final address list for the census has been completed. Residents will soon be receiving post card sized census forms to complete.
- e. Fire: Rand McPherson – Rand reported the following:
- We assisted with one fire call at Buffalo Lake
 - There were five medical calls for the month
 - The brush truck is in Haskell being outfitted.
- f. Library: Kim Copeland – Kim passed around pictures of the Library Christmas Party. During the party, the children performed a play directed by Melissa Rice and memorial books were presented in memory of Royce Mullins, Robert Bruno, Henry Hoeve, and Stan Grassel. Her Christmas card fund raiser raised \$4,000 which they will use for new books and improvement projects at the Library.

8. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- Val Meixner thanked the Council and the Operation staff for the new Ranch House road signs. She also reported that the New Year's Eve party at the Ranch House was a big hit and was well attended.
- Linda Williams thanked everyone for their help and support during the Chapel Home Tour.
- Several people spoke up to thank Harold and the crew for working so hard to clear the streets during and after the snow storm on Christmas Eve. James Hill and Wayne Rawls were also mentioned for their part in assisting during the snow event.

9. Adjourn:

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Randorff adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Brown, Deputy City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of February, 2010

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary