

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 9, 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 Robert Englund, followed by a moment of silent meditation. Council members present: Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, John Schmersey and Billy Williams. Jack Randorff was absent due to an out of town work conflict.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting:

Minutes of the regular January 12, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:

The financial reports and the January claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Billy Williams, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

4. Agenda Items 4-8:

The following agenda items were approved with one motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Billy Williams. Donna Clarke recused herself from the voting since she is a Lubbock County employee. The motion carried.

- ❖ Order of Election – call for an election of three Aldermen At-Large.
- ❖ Joint Election Resolution – R10-0201, to hold the election jointly with Lubbock County and all cities and school districts inside Lubbock County who may need a May 8, 2010 election.
- ❖ Contract for Election Services – authorize the Mayor to execute the contract for services with Lubbock County.
- ❖ Notice of Election – council approves the election notice.
- ❖ Approve and Appoint the following in relations with the May 8, 2010 election:
 1. Dorothy Kennedy, Elections Administrator as the Joint Elections Officer
 2. Dorothy Kennedy, Elections Administrator as the Joint Early Voting Clerk
 3. Elections Office at 1308 Crickets Avenue as the main early voting polling place
 4. The Joint Early Voting Schedule and April 26th and May 4th as the two 12 hour days of Early Voting
 5. The Election Day Vote Centers
 6. The Judge/Supervisor and Alternate Judge/Rover of each Vote Center
 7. Fred Howell, Early Voting Ballot Board Judge
 8. Johnny Franklin, Bob Dunbar, Betty Wheeler & Lane Parker as Early Voting Ballot Board Alternate Judges
 9. Central Count Station Personnel:
 - a. Dorothy Kennedy, Elections Administrator as Counting Station Manager
 - b. Tom Albert, Tabulation Supervisor
 - c. Ruth Martinez, Central Count Presiding Judge

5. Resolution No. R10-0202:

Resolution No. R10-0202 authorizing submission of a grant application through the Criminal Justice Division was approved on a motion by Donna Clarke, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

6. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. contract for professional services:

The Council approved the Mayor to execute the contract for professional services with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. for the 2010 Seal Coat Program, with a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

7. Interlocal Agreement for the 2010 Seal Coat Program:

The Council approved the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement for the 2010 Seal Coat Program.

8. Volunteer Fire Department Officers for 2010:

The Council approved the following officers for the Ransom Canyon Volunteer Fire Department for 2010. The motion was made by Ron Cox, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

- a. Fire Chief, Rand McPherson
- b. Assistant Chief, Lee Jensen
- c. Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Oldham
- d. Training Officer, Rob Kienast
- e. Fire Captain, Bob Bellah
- f. EMS Director, Steve Fuller

9. Executive Session:

The Council did not convene into Executive Session.

10. Building Review Committee Report

The Building Review Committee did not meet during January.

11. Department Reports:

- a. Administration: Muvat invited everyone to the annual Mayor's Beans and Cornbread Lunch. She also invited the Mayor and Council to the employee Harassment Training to take place February 26 at 12:00pm at the Fire House. Muvat reported the following: the last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 8 at 5:00pm; Muvat will pursue researching and updating our nuisance ordinance; after the March council meeting, we will be holding the meetings at city hall, since there will be EMS training at the fire house; Muvat passed test three of four to complete her certification and anticipates taking the last test in April; Muvat will interview for a scholarship for the Certified Public Manager program April 1.

- b. Court Report: Judge Gary Bellair – Judge Bellair reported that a speeding ticket has been dismissed in our court and will be filed in JP court. This was necessary due to a conflict of interest. The only other item on the court docket is a failure to appear, for which John Sims will be filing a complaint.
- c. Operations: see Harold’s written report.
- d. Police: Wayne Rawls – Wayne reported the following:
 - A school bus hit a parked vehicle.
 - There were two citations issued for parking.
 - Wayne is working on two grant applications, one for bullet proof vests and the other for police equipment.
 - Three deer were hit and Wayne cautions everyone to be careful.
 - The Ranch House is first priority for installing the cameras but weather has prevented any work on them. He will get them installed as soon as possible.
- e. Fire: Rand McPherson – Rand reported the following:
 - There were no fire calls in January, but one medical call that turned out to be a false alarm.
 - The brush truck is expected to be delivered the 1st or 2nd week of March.
 - Ransom Canyon will be hosting EMS training from March through June at the fire house.
 - Jody James will be conducting a severe weather class on April 29.
- f. Library: Kim Copeland – Kim was unable to attend the meeting but Murvat reported for her that the annual Library Valentine Party is Thursday, February 11 at 4:30; all are invited.

12. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- Pat Sykora presented to the Mayor for display at City Hall, a watercolor painting by the late Ray Collier.
- Val Meixner reported that there have been problems on the party island with nutria. Wayne Rawls advised that people wrap the bottoms of their trees with chicken wire so as to prevent the nutria from chewing through the trees.

13. Adjourn:

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvata Musa, City Secretary