

**Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 10, 2009
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: Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, John Schmersey, Jack Randorff and Billy Williams.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting:

Minutes of the Regular January 13, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Cox seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:

The financial reports and the January claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

4. Order of Election:

An election was ordered for May 9, 2009 for a Mayor and two Alderman At-Large on a motion by Ron Cox, seconded by Jack Randorff; all voted in favor of this motion except Donna Clarke who recused herself because attorneys in her office authored the documents and the contract for election services, which are to be provided by Lubbock County, her employer.

5. Joint Election Resolution:

The joint election resolution was approved on a motion by Billy Williams, seconded by Ron Cox; all voted in favor of this motion except Donna Clarke who recused herself because attorneys in her office authored the documents and the contract for election services, which are to be provided by Lubbock County, her employer.

6. Contract for Election Services:

The Council approved the execution of the Contract for Election Services by the Mayor on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; all voted in favor of this motion except Donna Clarke who recused herself because attorneys in her office authored the documents and the contract for election services, which are to be provided by Lubbock County, her employer.

7. Notice of Election:

The Notice of Election was approved on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; all voted in favor of this motion except Donna Clarke who recused herself because attorneys in her office authored the documents and the contract for election services, which are to be provided by Lubbock County, her employer.

8. Appoint/Approve Judges, Clerks and Other Items in Relation to the Election:

The Council appointed and approved election judges, clerks and other items in relation to the election on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; all voted in favor of this motion except Donna Clarke who recused herself because attorneys in her office authored the documents and the contract for election services, which are to be provided by Lubbock County, her employer. Items approved include:

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. Exhibit A, the Joint Early Voting Schedule and April 28th and May 5th as the two 12 hour days of Early Voting
5. Exhibit B, the Election Day Vote Centers
6. Exhibit C, Judge/Supervisor and Alternate Judge/Rover of each Vote Center
7. Geneva Botkin, Early Voting Ballot Board Judge
8. Johnny Franklin, Early Voting Ballot Board Alternate Judge
9. Central Count Station Personnel:
 - a. Dorothy Kennedy, Elections Administrator as Central Count Manager
 - b. Tom Albert, Tabulation Supervisor
 - c. Ruth Martinez, Central Count Presiding Judge

9. Approve New Volunteer Fire Department:

The new Volunteer Fire Department was approved on a motion by Ron Cox, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously. The list includes:

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

10. Executive Session:

The Council adjourned from Open Session at 7:09pm in order to convene into Executive Session to discuss Deliberations about Real Property in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Open Meetings Law and Consultation with Attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Open Meetings Law. The Council adjourned at 7:42pm from Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session. No action was taken by the Council in the Executive Session.

11. Building Review Committee:

The committee has not had any plans to review, therefore there was no report.

12. Department Reports:

- a. Administration: Muvat Musa – submitted a written report.
- b. Court: Judge Gary Bellair – there was no court activity for this month.
- c. Operations: Harold Needham – submitted a written report.
- d. Police: Wayne Rawls – submitted a written report.

- e. Fire: Rand McPherson – Rand reported there were no fire calls and that there is a Countywide fire ban. There was one medical call. Rand followed up with Slaton on the train situation. If a train is on the track and impedes EMS's ability to cross the tracks, it is their (Slaton EMS) decision whether or not to contact the east Lubbock station or Aerocare. They will base this decision on whether or not they can respond in a reasonable time.
- f. Library: Kim Copeland – submitted a written report at the Council meeting which was read out loud by Murvat

13. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

The POA reported that the Hans York concern was a success netting them \$3500.

14. Adjourn

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm

These minutes approved on the 10th day of March, 2009.

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvata Musa, City Secretary