

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

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 Jack Randorff, James Overby, Donna Clarke, John Schmersey and Billy Williams.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting

Minutes of the regular May 11, 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 May claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Billy Williams, seconded by James Overby; motion carried unanimously.

4. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

The following were nominated for Mayor Pro-Tem:

- Donna Clarke nominated Jack Randorff
- Billy Williams nominated John Schmersey

Jack Randorff received two votes, one from Donna Clarke and one from Jack Randorff, and John Schmersey received three votes one from Billy Williams, one from James Overby and one from John Schmersey. John Schmersey was elected Mayor Pro-Tem.

5. Approve New Library Board

The new Library Board was approved with a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation Opportunity for the 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

An opportunity was provided for comments concerning the 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Donna Clarke commented on how impressed she was with the quality of the drinking water. No other comments were received by the public.

7. Variance to Ordinance No. 148 for Christiane Vogt-Harenkamp

Dr. Vogt-Harenkamp requested a variance to Ordinance 148 which limits the number of dogs and cats an owner may have to three each. In an effort to rescue and foster dogs and cats she would like to be able to have up to eight dogs and seventeen cats. After much discussion by the council concerning the ramifications of approving such an ordinance, a motion to deny the variance was made by Billy Williams and seconded by James Overby. After further discussion, Billy Williams withdrew his motion in order to allow Dr. Vogt-Harenkamp time to review her options. A motion to continue this issues to the next city council meeting, July 13, 2010, was made by Billy Williams, seconded by James Overby; motion carried unanimously.

8. Approve Sale of City-Owned Vehicles

The council approved the sale of two city-owned vehicles through the sealed bid process, the 1976 Ford Custom Service Truck, and the 1999 Ford Explorer. The motion to approve was made by John Schmersey, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

9. Moving the Regular City Council Meetings to City Hall

Currently, the regular city council meetings are held at the Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road. After much discussion on the pros and cons of moving the meetings to City Hall, the council approved such a move with a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by James Overby; motion carried. Murvat Musa will prepare and place on the June 22, 2010 agenda a resolution moving the location of the regular meetings.

10. Building Review Committee Report

Murvat reported that the Committee's last meeting to finalize all the ordinance change recommendations will be held on June 14, 2010 after which a work session will be scheduled with the council to discuss those changes. The committee did not have any plans to review in May.

11. Department Reports:

Administration: Murvat reported the following:

- ❖ The last BRC work session will be Monday, June 14th. After this meeting Murvat will schedule a work session with the Council to review proposed changes.
- ❖ The TML Quarterly meeting will be Thursday, June 17th at the Lubbock Club.
- ❖ There will be a blood pressure screening at City Hall on Wednesday, June 16 from 10 am – 12 pm.
- ❖ Murvat will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday, June 17-18 for classes.
- ❖ Murvat will be in Galveston on June 24 & 25 to attend the Texas City Managers Association Conference and receive her scholarship.
- ❖ Murvat reminded everyone that the first budget work session is Tuesday, June 22nd.

Court Report: Gary Bellair was unable to attend the meeting, but Murvat reported for him that there was one citation issued for "failure to control" and that the fine has been paid and the individual requested the deferral option.

Operations: In addition to Harold's written report, he reported the large leak on South Lakeshore Drive that he and his employees spent all of Sunday repairing. The leak has been repaired and they are now working on repairing the roadway.

Police: Wayne was not at the meeting but James reported the following:

- ❖ There was one citation issued to a resident who failed to control her vehicle and ran into another resident's gas meter.
- ❖ The officers are trying to coordinate vacation schedules.

Fire: Rand reported following:

- ❖ There were no fire calls this month.
- ❖ There was one medical call.
- ❖ The fire department is preparing for the July 4th weekend events which include a cookout on July 2nd and a BBQ lunch on July 3rd. Those residents with even number addresses are asked to bring a salad and those with odd numbers should bring a dessert.
- ❖ Three volunteers have completed the EMT Basic training course and are now doing their rotations after which they will take their test to be certified.

Library: Kim was not at the meeting but provided a copy of the Library Board meeting minutes.

12. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported that there will be a large flat screen TV for raffle on July 3rd during the BBQ lunch, the winner will be picked at 1:00 pm.
- ❖ Linda Williams announced that services for Charles Floyd will be held at First Baptist in Lubbock and to consult the newspaper for details.

13. Executive Session:

The council adjourned from Open Session at 7:50 pm in order to convene into Executive Session for Personnel Matters under Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Law to discuss the performance of the Police Department; and for Consultation with Attorney to discuss the status of the law suit under section 551.071. The council adjourned at 8:23 pm from Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session. No action was taken by the council in the Executive Session.

Prior to adjournment and after the executive session, James Overby announced his resignation from the City Council because he is no longer a resident of the city.

14. Adjourn:

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 13th day of July, 2010

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary