

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Called Meeting - Friday, September 19, 2008

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Robert Englund followed by a moment of silent meditation. Council members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, Jack Randorff, John Schmersey and Billy Williams.
2. Minutes of other Meetings:
 - i. Regularly Scheduled August 12, 2008
 - ii. Special Called Meeting August 19, 2008
 - iii. Special Called Meeting September 2, 2008
 - iv. Special Called Meeting September 5, 2008Minutes for all the above referenced meetings were approved on a motion by Ron Cox, and seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.
3. The Financials:
 - a. The financial reports and the August claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.
4. ORDINANCE 08-00440, Amends Ordinance 17, Clarifies Ordinances pertaining to towers. A motion to change Section 2, Number 21e to read "Only persons licensed by the FCC to operate a ham radio station can obtain a permit to build a radio tower/antenna" was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Ron Cox, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.
5. ORDINANCE 08-00450, Allows City to accept credit cards as payment option and allows for the City to charge a convenience fee. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.
6. ORDINANCE 08-00460, Adopts Atmos Rate Review Mechanism Tariff. This ordinance was approved on a motion by Donna Clarke, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.
7. ORDINANCE 08-00470, Adopts the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget. This ordinance was approved on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.
8. ORDINANCE 08-00480, fixing the tax rate/levy for the Tax Year 2008 at \$.65 per \$100.00 of taxable value. \$.53903 per \$100.00 of taxable value for Maintenance and Operations and \$.11097 per \$100.00 of taxable

value for Debt. The M&O tax rate was approved on a motion by Donna Clarke seconded by Ron Cox; the motion carried unanimously. The I&S or Debt tax rate was approved on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously. This ordinance was approved.

9. APPROVE PROCLAMATION, DECLARATION OF DISASTER. The Mayors actions were approved by the city council with a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously. A motion to continue the Declaration was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.
10. Building Review Committee: The building review committee has not reviewed any plans since the last council meeting.
11. Department Reports:
 - Administration: Murvat reported that she and the Mayor attended two SPAG/TML meetings, that all the publishing requirements for the budget and tax adoption process have been met, that she is working with Lubbock County and FEMA on applying for federal aide to repair the dam, and that Brandi is attending court clerk school in Austin all next week.
 - Court: Judge Bellair reported that one citation was issued and that the individual pleaded no contest. The judge agreed to waive the fine (not the court fee) so that he may use the money to clean up the property. The individual receiving the citation agreed to clean up his property by September 26, 2008 to the approval of the police chief or his designee.
 - Operations: see written report
 - Police: see written report
 - Fire: There have been no fire or medical calls. Bob Bella continues to work on the grant application which will not be accepted until next spring.
 - Library: Kim was not present but wanted the council to know all is well and that she is working on the annual fundraiser.
 - POA Report: The POA will provide to the city, as soon as possible, the damages incurred to their property due to the flood. This information will be forwarded to FEMA for possible reimbursement.
12. Open Forum: Several members of the community provided their input to the city on the rainwater drainage problems they are experiencing on their personal property.

The mayor called for a five minute break.

13. Executive Session: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM so that council could convene into executive session to discuss deliberations about real property in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Open Meetings law.

14. Reconvene: When the meeting was reconvened into open session at 7:50 PM, no action was taken by the council on matters discussed in executive session.

15. Meeting Adjourned.

These minutes approved on the 14th day of October, 2008.

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary