

**Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 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 Jack Randorff, Ron Cox, Billy Williams, Donna Clarke and John Schmersey.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting:

Minutes of the regular September 8, 2009 meeting were approved after correcting wording in item 9, removing the reference to the retaining wall. Also, minutes of the September 29, 2009 work session were approved. The motion to approve both was made by Billy Williams seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:

The financial reports and the September claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

4. Volunteer Fire Department increase in water bill credit:

The council discussed increasing the credit for the volunteer firemen from \$25 to \$50 per month. This discussion comes from a request from Rand McPherson, Fire Chief on behalf of his volunteers. After much discussion, it was determined that there are 18 people in the department, five who do not live in Ransom Canyon and three doubles (both husband and wife are serving as volunteers). This means that there are currently 10 credits of \$25 each being awarded. Donna Clarke suggested and other council members agreed to include an action item on next month's agenda increasing the credit from \$25 per month to \$37.50 per month per volunteer with a cap of \$50 per household.

5. Building Review Committee:

The Building Review Committee met to discuss new construction at 10 West Lake Shore and a carport enclosure at 15 East Lake Shore; both projects were approved by the committee.

6. Department Reports:

- a. Administration: Murvat Musa – Murvat is working on grants, closing out the end of the year financials and will be attending the TML Annual Conference.
- b. Court: Judge Gary Bellair – Gary reported that two of the three citations that were recently issued have been resolved and the court is working at a resolution of the third.
- c. Operations: Harold Needham – Harold was absent from the meeting due to surgery. He submitted a written report which Murvat highlighted as follows: A motor burned out at the waste water treatment plant and has been replaced with a new motor. The old motor will be refurbished and used for backup. Harold will be attending two programs from two different engineering companies concerning upcoming seal coating of the city streets. Pipes holding up water and sewer lines at the waste water treatment plant will eventually have to be replaced but are in no immediate danger. Harold suggests

putting these underground when that time comes. Harold will be attending the upcoming TML Annual Conference next week.

- d. Police: Wayne Rawls – Wayne reported that there was a break in at the RV lot, a wallet was stolen out of a vehicle, and a tractor was stolen from a driveway. He also reported that all officers have completed their required annual training and all but one has completed their firearms qualifications. As for the camera project, the network installation is complete and cameras have been installed at the dam/sewer plant area. He will be installing cameras so that we will be able to monitor activity at the RV lot and the roll off area. The lights around the park have been repaired and are functioning properly.
- e. Fire: Rand McPherson – Rand reported one fire call which was a false alarm and three medical calls, one of which turned out to be false. He also reported that the Texas Forest Service has approved his grant for a brush truck for up to \$78,000.
- f. Library: Kim Copeland – Kim was absent from the meeting due to illness.

7. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

The POA reported a successful fall festival and city wide garage sale. Also, Music on the Lake will be this Saturday and tickets have been reduced to \$25 per person. Jackie Lindsey prepared and the Mayor read a proclamation honoring Robert Bruno and Ray Collier for their artistic contributions to this community.

8. Executive Session:

The council adjourned from Open Session at 7:50pm in order to convene into Executive Session for Consultation with Attorney in accordance with Section 551.071, Deliberations about Real Property under Section 551.072 and Personnel Matters under Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Law. The council adjourned at 9:07pm from Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session. No action was taken by the council in the Executive Session.

9. Adjourn:

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm

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

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary