

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 13, 2011
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert Englund. Council members present were John Schmersey, Jana Trew, and Billy Williams. Donna Clarke and Jack Randorff were out of town. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Special Meeting, September 20, 2011, were approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously:

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the September 2011 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

4. Building Review Committee Report

The BRC has not met since the last city council meeting.

5. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat reported the following:

- Citizen's Bank has lowered our interest rate from 1.25% to .5%. Murvat is shopping round for a better rate.
- The 2010-2011 fiscal year is being closed out and preparations are being made for the audit.
- The Administration department is working on records retention.

Court Report: Judge Bellair reported that there was no court activity.

Operations: see Harold's written report.

Police: Wayne Rawls reported the following:

- All of the police officers have finished their continuing education for this year.
- All training money from the state has been eliminated.
- Money from the state for Police Chief's school has been greatly reduced.
- John Schmersey brought up the subject of adding sirens to South Lakeshore side of town. Wayne advised that in the past the police department has requested sirens and the council have not, to date, approved them. The approximate cost is \$15,000. Wayne will request money for the sirens in the next fiscal year budget.

Fire: Rand McPherson was not at the meeting but Wayne reported the following:

- The cost to repair the fire truck will be \$19,500.
- The VFD received a check for \$1,000 from the National Farm Bureau and \$334 from the local office of the Farm Bureau as part of a grant program to help VFD's re-coup money for all the fires this year.

- A pancake breakfast will be held at the fire department on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Library: Kim Copeland was not at the meeting but Murvat reported the following:

- There is a flyer in the council packet outlining the children's activities at the library every Tuesday in October.

6. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- Helen Musiak reported that Lyle Way has volunteered to write the Ransom Canyon column for the Slatonite.
- The Mayor announced and congratulated our Judge, Gary Bellair, for receiving the Madison Sowder St. Thomas More Justice in Action Award at the 11th Annual Judicial Red Mass at Christ the King Cathedral.

7. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 8th day of November 2011

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary