

**Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 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 Jack Randorff, Ron Cox, Billy Williams and John Schmersey. Donna Clarke was out of town.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting:

Minutes of the regular October 13, 2009 meeting and minutes of the October 26, 2009 special called meeting were approved on a motion made by John Schmersey seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:

The financial reports and the October claims and demands were both approved on a motion by John Schmersey, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

4. Volunteer Fire Department increase in water bill credit:

A motion to approve increasing the water bill credit for the volunteer fire person from \$25 per month to \$37.50 per month per household was approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution No. R09-00601:

Resolution No. R09-00601 – revised, was approved on a motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously. The resolution authorizes an application for a Justice Assistance Grant. This resolution was previously approved by council and is now being revised per the State's request to only have one person, the Mayor, be the authorized official. The previously approved resolution allowed the Mayor, Murvat Musa and Wayne Rawls to be authorized officials.

6. Resolution No. R09-01101:

Resolution No. R09-01101 was approved on a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously. This resolution authorizes submission of an Energy Efficiency and Conversation Block Grant.

7. LCAD Annual Collections Report:

The Mayor discussed the annual collections report with the council who were pleased with the collection rate of 98.97%.

8. Executive Session:

The council did not convene into executive session.

9. Building Review Committee:

The Building Review Committee met to discuss construction plans for a workshop at 113 South Lake Shore Drive. The project was approved.

10. Department Reports:

- a. Administration: Murvat Musa – see Murvat’s written report.
- b. Court: Judge Gary Bellair – Gary was absent from the meeting.
- c. Operations: Harold Needham – see Harold’s written report.
- d. Police: Wayne Rawls – Wayne reported the following:
 - ❖ A resident reported telephone harassment.
 - ❖ A parking citation was issued to a resident.
 - ❖ Information on parking during the Christmas home tour and information on turning out Christmas lights will be published in the Slatonite. The police are requesting that residents turn out lights no later than 11:00pm.
 - ❖ Vandalism was reported at the chapel which included lights being knocked down and sprinkler heads broken.
 - ❖ Charlie Jensen applied for a reserve officer position. Wayne will be requesting council approval at the next meeting.
 - ❖ The census information is complete and beginning January 2, 2010, census takers will be knocking on resident doors.
- e. Fire: Rand McPherson – Rand reported the following:
 - ❖ No fire calls this month, but there were three medical calls.
 - ❖ The new brush truck has been ordered.
 - ❖ All of the fire trucks have been serviced.
 - ❖ Rand is looking into replacing the two garage doors with one larger door and removing the column in the middle. The current doors are in constant need or repair and need to be replaced.
- f. Library: Kim Copeland – Kim reported the following:
 - ❖ The afterschool adventure program is going very well. The library in conjunction with the fire department had a special program concerning fire safety week.
 - ❖ The children had an opportunity to “show and tell” their art that was entered into the Lubbock fair, several of the children won awards for their art.
 - ❖ The annual Community Christmas Card fundraiser program is going on now and the deadline is December 4, 2009.
 - ❖ The annual library Christmas gathering will be December 8, 2009 from 5:30pm until 7:00pm.

11. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey presented the Mayor with a framed picture of the recent art show and the proclamation he signed.
- ❖ The art show was a big success with over 400 people attending.
- ❖ Val Mixner is requesting the city consider adding signs directing people to the Ranch House. There are currently signs directing people to the Chapel and the POA feels the additional signs will help non-residents find the Ranch House easier. The Mayor agreed to put this as an action item for next month’s meeting.
- ❖ Linda Williams reported that the Christmas tour of homes will include four homes and the Chapel and will be on December 10, 2009.

12. Adjourn:

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm

These minutes were approved on the 8th day of December, 2009.

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary