

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – November 13, 2012  
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 Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Clarke, Jack Randorff, Billy Williams, and Jana Trew. John Schmersey was out of town at the TML Annual Conference. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular October 9, 2012 meeting and the Special October 30, 2012 work session (with typographical corrections), were both approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the October 2012 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

4. Roof Variance Request

A variance request for 5 Elm Drive for roofing materials was discussed. The home owner is replacing an existing R-Panel metal roof with exposed fasteners. In April 2011, the city council approved an ordinance change to dis-allow metal roofs with exposed fasteners. The homeowner is seeking to replace the existing roof with the same roof. The roofing company, Andrus Brothers, has already purchased and special cut the materials prior to having knowledge of the ordinance change. The Building Review Committee does not support this variance. The roofer, Garrett Young, offered to use screws that are flush, as opposed to the standard hexagonal screws that stick out. He also stated that since the ordinance change, the city has issued permits for other metal roofs that do not comply with the new ordinance. The council suggested postponing this issued pending further investigation of the ordinance and other roofing permits that were issued. The motion to postpone was make by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

5. Ordinance No. 12-001113 Regulating Fences

An ordinance regulating fences within the city limits of Ransom Canyon was approved on a motion make by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; the motion carried 3 to 1 with Donna Clarke voting against the motion.

6. Ordinance No. 12-001114 Atmos Energy

The Atmos Energy ordinance providing for different considerations for purposes of calculating the franchise fee was not approved. The motion to deny the ordinance was

made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried 3 to 0 with Jack Randorff abstaining from the vote.

7. Ordinance No. 12-001115 Establishing a Speed Limit for Ransom Road

The ordinance for establishing a speed limit for the newly acquired portion of Ransom Road at 50 mph was approved on a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried 3 to 1 with Jana Trew voting against the motion.

8. Building Review Committee

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

9. Department Reports

**Administration:** Murvat Musa reported the following:

- ❖ Murvat continues to work with the auditor, David Hettler, to get the audit report complete and to the council by the December meeting.
- ❖ Murvat will be leaving for the TML Annual Conference tomorrow morning. She can be reached by cell phone any time.
- ❖ The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ Trash service for Thanksgiving week will be on Monday and Friday instead of Tuesday and Friday.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ The Seaman Jury trial resulted in two guilty verdicts. The charges were dog running at large and a failure to appear. A fine hearing was held with Ms. Seaman and the judge will make a determination on the fine shortly.
- ❖ One complaint was filed for a resident that was pumping water from the lake. The fine was paid.

**Operations:** Harold Needham was at the TML Conference.

- ❖ See written report included in council packet.

**Police:** Wayne Rawls reported the following:

- ❖ One warning was issued for failure to stop at the stop sign.
- ❖ All the officers have completed their fire arms qualifications with all the new guns; all qualified.

**Fire:** Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There were no fire calls this month.
- ❖ There were two medical calls.
- ❖ Engine 1 will be taken in for repairs.
- ❖ Rand is seeking a grant for a new tanker the will qualify as a pumper. The grant will be from the Texas Forest Service.

**Library:** Kim Copeland reported the following:

- ❖ The library grant money was received from the state.
- ❖ The Christmas card fundraiser is underway. The deadline is December 9 to get you name on the card.
- ❖ The annual Christmas part is December 7, at 6:30 pm. The theme will be the Polar Express. There will be lots of door prizes, a train ride, and watching the Polar Express movie.

10. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ The POA dues bills will be mailed at the end of December.
- ❖ The New Year's Eve Dance will be December 31<sup>st</sup>.

11. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary