

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 8, 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 Mayor Pro-tem Donna Clarke, John Schmersey, Jana Trew, Billy Williams, and Jack Randorff. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 13, 2011, were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously:

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the October 2011 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

4. LCAD Annual Collections Report

The Annual Collections Report for property taxes showed that 99% of taxes for the 2010 tax year were collected.

5. Resolution casting votes for LCAD Board of Directors

The following votes were cast for the LCAD Board of Directors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Goen	2
Jackson	2
Jones	3
McQueen	3
Montoya	2

The motion to approve the Resolution casting the votes was made by Jana Trew, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

6. Sewer Line Project – Bid Award

On a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams, the City Council unanimously awarded the sewer line project to Allen Doggett Construction. Mr. Doggett expects to begin the project in mid December and expects completion within 120 days.

7. Ransom Canyon VFD Variance Request

The Ransom Canyon VFD requested a variance from Section 3.07.002 of the code of Ordinances to allow installation of a changeable electronic variable message sign (CEVMS). The City Council believes it to be in the best interest of the whole community

to approve such a request. The motion to approve was made by Jana Trew, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

8. Kingsbery Variance Request

This agenda item, which requests a variance to allow for the use of refurbished/remanufactured wood in a new home construction, was withdrawn by the requestor.

9. Ron Childress Variance Request

Ron Childress requested a variance of Section 3.04.021 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for a 5' variance in the required side setback for the construction of a carport and storeroom. The only adjoining neighbor is Jana Trew, who does not have an objection to the variance. The motion to approve the variance as made by John Schmersey, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

10. Building Review Committee Report

The BRC met on October 25, 2011. At that time, they approved plans for new construction at 77 South Lake Shore Drive. The architect contacted City Hall shortly after the approval to inform us that the owners have cancelled the project.

11. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat reported the following:

- The annual city financial audit is underway and we hope to have the final audit report ready for the December city council meeting.
- Since the sewer and water line repair project came under budget by approximately \$50,000, the amount of money borrowed will be \$350,000 instead of \$400,000 which is what was originally projected.
- The city annual Veteran's Day lunch will be this Friday at the Ranch House at noon. I encourage all of you to attend.
- For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the city council met 19 times for approximately 95 hours. Thank you for your service.
- Murvat will be in Austin on December 12 to graduate from the Certified Public Manager program. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. This program is very valuable to me and to Ransom Canyon.

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

Operations: Harold reported the following:

- Cory Needham and Harold both attended the annual TML conference.
- The excess rock from the streets has been picked up and the city is satisfied with the work. West Texas Paving has been paid in full.
- Harold attended a management course in Lubbock last week and Robert McCarver took a calculation course. Harold thanks the council for their continued support of education.

Police: Wayne Rawls reported the following:

- Three warnings were issued for failure to stop at the four way stop sign.
- One warning was issued for failure to signal at a turn.
- There were two domestic violence calls.
- Tomorrow, the National Emergency Alert Systems is conducting a nation wide alert at 2 pm that will interfere with all radio and television signals.
- Wayne reminded everyone that RV's will not be allowed to park on the streets overnight in December.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- There was one medical call but no fire calls this month.
- The burn ban is stiff in effect.
- All the EMT's will be attending an EMS conference this Saturday.
- The pancake breakfast was very successful.
- During the last dust storm, the sign at the front entrance was completely destroyed. The VFD would like to replace it with a sign that will cost approximately \$13,000. The VFD will be able to contribute \$6,000 towards the sign and is requesting the city pay for the balance.
- The Council approved allocating \$2,000 from the ECO budget with the balance coming from the Fire Department budget to help pay for the sign. The motion to approve was made by John Schmersey, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

Library: Kim Copeland reported the following:

- The Fall Fun program in October was very successful. Every Saturday in October, the Library hosted some type of fall activity.
- The annual Christmas card fundraiser has been mailed.
- This year's Christmas gathering is set for December 6 at the Library from 6 pm – 7:30 pm.
- Contrary to what we were told by the state, the Library received its annual grant for this fiscal year.

12. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

Jackie Lindsey reported the following for the POA:

- As of November 1st, the note for the Ranch House has been paid off.
- Next Tuesday at 5:00 pm, prior to the regular POA meeting, there will be a celebration to especially recognize pat Sykora and Helen Musiak for all their hard work and dedication.
- Everyone is welcome to attend the annual New Year's Eve party at the Ranch House.

Linda Williams reported that the Chapel annual tour of homes is scheduled for December 8th, tickets are \$10. Also, the Chapel will be selling ornaments as a fundraiser.

Jim Evans of 28 Sioux Trail voiced concerns about the new Citizen's Collection Station policy of 12 dumps per year. He accesses the station once or twice per week and this would cost him a significant amount of money. He believes that limiting access will encourage people to dump their grass and tree clippings on empty lots. He feels that he is being penalized for following the rules.

Donna Clarke replied that we are in an experimental phase and we will revisit the policy.

13. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 13th day of December 2011

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary