

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – February 9, 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, John Schmersey, Billy Williams, Jana Trew, and Jack Randorff. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Executive Session

Since the city attorney was not present at the meeting, the City Council did not convene into Closed Session.

3. Contract for peer review by Waterborne Environmental, Inc.

Donna Clarke recused herself from Action Item #3 due to a conflict of interest. Ms. Clarke is an attorney for Lubbock County.

The City Council discussed, in length, conducting a peer review of the HDR Engineering/TRC Engineering, Hydrologic and Hydraulic Evaluations of McMillian Dam and Ransom Canyon Dam. The Lake Committee, who is recommending the study, has concerns about the validity of the data and would like an independent review of the Lubbock commissioned study.

The review will cost \$15,800. The City Council authorized the Mayor to engage Waterborne Environmental and expense \$15,800 to conduct the study. The Mayor will first attempt, by establishing a meeting with Jack Randorff and Aubrey Spear, to have Lubbock revisit the initial study, to re-run data through their model. If that does not yield any results, then the Mayor is authorized to spend the \$15,800 for the peer review. The motion to approve this was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried 3 to 1. Jana Trew voted against the motion.

4. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular January 10, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously. Murvat will correct Walt Clarke's name in the minutes which is miss-spelled.

5. The Financials

The financial reports and the January 2012 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve Volunteer Fire Department Officers for 2012

The following officers were approved for the 2012 Volunteer Fire Department:

- a. Fire Chief, Rand McPherson
- b. Assistant Chief, Steve Oldham
- c. Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Brooks
- d. Training Officer, Rob Keinest
- e. Fire Captain, Bob Bellah
- f. EMS Captain, Steve Fuller

The motion to approve was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

7. Additional Drying Bed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant

City Council discussed adding another drying bed to the existing three at the WWTP. Harold Needham has been in need of an additional bed for several years, and since Allen Doggett Construction is at the WWTP doing capital improvements, this is a good time to add the bed. The motion to approve the addition is as follows: The contractor and our engineer will work together on the addition of another drying bed which is not to exceed \$50,000. The motion to approve was made by John Schmersey, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

8. Building Review Committee Report

The BRC has begun meeting to discuss changes to existing ordinances and to discuss recommending new building ordinances to the City Council. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 13th at City Hall at 6 pm.

9. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat reported the following:

- In researching obtaining an easement for the 6" water line at the front road, Lubbock County is considering giving the road to Ransom Canyon, via a quitclaim deed.
- The City of Lubbock, in an effort to provide potable water to the Ransom Canyon Center, is considering installing a 6" water line to the center. The line would tie into our water system at approximately the entrance to the city. Lubbock will provide the line, two fire hydrants, one valve, and a back flow prevention device. We are still in discussion with Lubbock on the details. We hope to have the concept and/or project approved at the March city council meeting.
- Since the City of Lubbock will be entering Stage 2 Water Restrictions April 1st, Ransom Canyon will impose the same restrictions. Murvat is working with Mr. Sims on an ordinance addressing the restrictions.
- Murvat will be in Austin next week for continuing education.
- The filing period for application for a place on the ballot is open. The deadline to file is March 5th. One application has been received thus far.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported that there is no court activity.

Operations: Harold reported the following:

- The sewer and water line replacement project is going very well. The contractor is in the process of building the lift station.

Police: Wayne Rawls reported the following:

- There was one citation issued for speeding.
- Wayne delivered his annual Racial Profiling Report to the City Council (see attached).

Fire: Rand McPherson was on vacation but Wayne reported the following:

- There were two EMS calls this month.
- The old police vehicle, which is now the new Fire Department Command vehicle, is now in service.
- All the electrical work that is necessary for the new electronic sign has been done and we are now waiting for the arrival of the sign.

Library: Kim Copeland reported the following:

- Kim visited eight libraries in the Austin area to conduct research on new children's library technology. Plans for the expansion and new technology are moving along well.

10. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- Jackie Lindsey reported that the POA is hosting a soup and dessert competition on February 19th at the Ranch House. Also, the POA annual meeting will be in April, no date has been set yet.
- New trees have been planted on the island.

11. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 13th day of March 2012

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary