

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 10, 2011  
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

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

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular February 8, 2011 meeting was approved with a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

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

4. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Contract for Professional Services

The Authorization for Professional Services with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper was approved on a motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

5. Ordinance No. 11-0038 Adopting and Enacting a New Code of Ordinances

The ordinance adopting and enacting a new Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 11-0038, was approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously. As required by law the ordinance will be published in the Slatonite.

6. Building Review Committee Report

The BRC has not had plans to review since the last City Council meeting.

7. Department Reports

**Administration:** Muvat reported the following:

- ❖ She reminded everyone of the quarterly TML meeting on March 24, 2011.
- ❖ Water rates will be increasing for the next fiscal year. Muvat will begin working on rate models.
- ❖ The last day to file an application for a place on the ballot will be March 14 and the write-in deadline is March 21. Muvat does not expect to have anyone other than the incumbents sign up so it is very likely the election will be cancelled.
- ❖ The meet and greet for Charles Perry is scheduled for April 8, 2011 at the Ranch House from 5 pm – 6:30 pm. The POA will be planning the details.
- ❖ The Mayor reported on the meeting that he and Muvat had with Mayor Tom Martin and LeAnn Dumbald concerning storm water runoff. A lively discussion took place about our concerns on the water that is being pushed down to our city as a result of all the storm water and construction improvements that Lubbock has done.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair was unable to attend the meeting.

- ❖ Muvat reported that there is one outstanding parking citation.

**Operations:** Harold was unable to attend the meeting. Muvat reported the following:

- ❖ The water tap and line installation for Terry Crofoot has been completed. We have installed a galvanized meter can. A meter will be installed if and when he plans to use the water.
- ❖ Harold wants to have serious discussion on making an official change in engineers. Hugo Reed is still officially the city engineers. He would like to make the change to Parkhill, Smith & Copper, who have been providing us with engineering services for the past year. This matter will be further discussed during summer work sessions.
- ❖ Cory has received the Operator of the Year award and was also inducted into the “A-Club”. Cory loves his job here and appreciates all the council for their continued support.
- ❖ Harold’s staff are in the process of servicing all the lawn mowers, weed eaters, and weed sprayers for the upcoming spring and summer.
- ❖ The office is getting many calls on the dead fish in the lake. This occurs every year and we believe it’s a normal part of the cycle. Murvat received a request from the Fish and Wildlife Department at Texas Tech about obtaining lake samples to test for golden alga, which some people believe may be the cause of the fish kill. They will share their findings with us.

**Police:** Wayne reported the following:

- ❖ There was one citation issued for parking on an unapproved surface.
- ❖ Wayne handed census statistics; those that are currently available. When more detailed information becomes available, he will prepare a report for the council. The city’s official 2010 population total is 1,096.
- ❖ He participated on a committee that makes law enforcement recommendation for grants at SPAG.
- ❖ He attended the Mayor’s Beans and Cornbread lunch at the Civic Center.

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

- ❖ There were no fire calls and one medical call for a car rollover on FM 400.
- ❖ There is a burn ban in effect.
- ❖ The tanker fire truck received a new battery.

**Library:** Kim was out sick but Murvat reported the following:

- ❖ This year’s Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Kim is working on a sign for the library.

8. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- ❖ On May 7<sup>th</sup> the POA will host the Kentucky Derby Party at the Ranch House.
- ❖ The canyon wide garage sale is scheduled for April 30.
- ❖ The TV raffle will be July 4.
- ❖ Carol Patterson expressed concern about the lake filling up with silt. She wants to begin a discussion of eventually dredging the lake. The Mayor explained to her that the city is aware of the lake levels and that they are monitored. Also, there are many issues involved with dredging the lake from TCEQ permitting to disposal of the sediment.
- ❖ Carol also expressed concern about Buffalo’s dam. She would like monthly updates of its condition.
- ❖ John Schmersey wants to get a estimate of how much it would cost to light the trees on the front road.

Adjourn:

Having no further business to discuss, Robert Englund adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Muvat Musa, City Secretary