

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – March 12, 2013  
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, Jana Trew, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular February 12, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the February 2013 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

4. Lease Agreement with Claude and Donna Ricks for City Owned Property

A 100 year lease agreement between the city and Claude and Donna Ricks for city owned property that is directly adjacent to Block 30, Lot 33, owned by the Ricks, was approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Volunteer Fire Department Officer for 2013

The Volunteer Fire Department Officers listed below were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

- 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

6. Approve Library Board for 2013

The Library Board listed below were approved on a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

- a. Monica Nowlin
- b. Mary Ann Crow
- c. Jane Hodgkins
- d. Missy Rice
- e. Crystal Miller

7. Building Review Committee

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

8. Department Reports

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

- ❖ Murvat has been keeping a close eye on the LP&L bills since the increase in water rates. The February bill was \$5,000 more under the new rate structure which represents a 42% increase. We are 42% through our fiscal year and have collected 39% of the water revenues, which is in line since our heaviest usage months are yet to come. Also, we have paid out 22% of the budgeted water expenses.
- ❖ May 11, 2013 is Election Day. We will be having a regular election as well as a special election. There are three people running for the two aldermen positions in the regular election. The Mayor is running unopposed. Also, there are two people running for the one year unexpired term in the special election. For the convenience of our resident, they can vote at Roosevelt Club House or at the Slaton ISD Building.
- ❖ The city of Lubbock has received authorization from TCEQ for the water line to the Ransom Canyon Center. Construction will begin shortly.

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

- ❖ The court has rendered judgments in both of the Seaman cases.
- ❖ One judgment in one of the fireworks cases has been rendered. The other two judgments are awaiting the clerks proofing.
- ❖ A final judgment has been drafted in the Hoffman case, which is also awaiting the clerks proofing.

**Operations:** Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The department is installing flush valves on all the dead end lines. We will need a total of eight valves.
- ❖ Water meters that were not replaced four years ago are now being replaced.
- ❖ The mosquito machine is being calibrated and will soon be ready for the upcoming mosquito season.

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

- ❖ One parking citation was issued.
- ❖ On stop sign warning was issued.
- ❖ Pet vaccinations will be available at the fire station on Election Day, May 11.
- ❖ The annual Racial Profiling Report has been included in the council packet.

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

- ❖ There were no fire calls this month but there were two medical calls.
- ❖ Engine One is at the repair shop and is almost finished.
- ❖ One March 18, there is a meeting with Slaton and UMC on changes to responding to EMS calls.
- ❖ On March 26, Shallowater will be hosting a fire science class that some of our firemen will attend.
- ❖ A pancake breakfast will be held on April 13 from 8am – 11 am.

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

- ❖ The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Thursday, March 28. The Easter Bunny will come at 5 pm and the hunt will begin at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ This summer's reading program will be "Dig into Reading."
- ❖ The library is looking for a new board member as one has resigned.

9. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported 14 new trees have been installed on the party island as well as a retaining wall.
- ❖ The annual POA meeting will be April 16, at 7 pm, at the Ranch House.
- ❖ Linda Williams announced that the Chapel is having an Easter Sunrise Service, a cross dedication, and Easter brunch with the Fellowship Church on Easter day.
- ❖ The Mayor thanked everyone who is running for office for their willingness to serve. He also thanked the POA for the outstanding job of the Cunningham funeral at the Ranch House.

10. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary