

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – April 10 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, and Jana Trew. Jack Randorff was out of town. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular March 13, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

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

4. Closed Session

The City Council convened into Closed Session at 7:01 pm for Consultation with Attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Open Meeting Law. The council reconvened into Open Session at 7:22 pm. No action was taken by the Council in Closed Session. Donna Clarke recused herself from the Closed Session and left the building. Ms. Clarke is an attorney for Lubbock County and thus may have a conflict.

5. Certification of Unopposed Candidates (*CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS*)

The Certification of Unopposed Candidates was approved on a motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

6. Order of Cancellation (*ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN*)

The Order of Cancellation, cancelling the May 12, 2012 election, was approved on a motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

7. Library Board Members

The Library Board Members were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

8. Ordinance No. 12-00410 – Unification Agreement

Ordinance No. 12-00410 revising Chapter 3 of the code of Ordinances, allowing for the use of a Covenant and Agreement to Hold Property as One Parcel (Unification

Agreement) in lieu of re-platting was approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

9. Building Review Committee

The BRC did not meet in March to review plans, but they continue to meet to review and make recommendations on building ordinance changes.

10. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat reported the following:

- ❖ The budget and tax calendar for 2012 is the packet. The dates are subject to change because the Comptroller's office has not yet posted their Truth-in-Taxation calendar.
- ❖ Dr. Maas's variance request that was postponed from the March 13 meeting to this meeting has been withdrawn.
- ❖ Harold and I are working on a backflow prevention program, in accordance with TCEQ requirements. It will require all residents with an irrigation system to have an inspection of the backflow device once every three years and if no backflow device exists, to have one installed.
- ❖ I am looking into a solid waste grant through SPAG for modifying the Citizen's Collection Station by adding ramps.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ He issued one judgment for a deferred adjudication.
- ❖ Two citations were issued, one for parking and the other for a wild animal violation.

Operations: Harold was out of town for continuing education and was unable to attend the meeting but he submitted a written report (see attached).

Police: Wayne Rawls reported the following:

- ❖ In addition to what the Judge reported, there was one more citation issued for public intoxication that resulted in an arrest.
- ❖ Boat stickers are now available and may be purchased at the Police Department.
- ❖ The city has three new "no wake" buoys for the lake.
- ❖ The fish kill is now over and the lake is back to normal.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There were four medical calls and three fire calls.
- ❖ The Lubbock Area Fire Conference is now in process and several of the volunteers are attending.
- ❖ The new LED sign has been installed and is working great. Rand thanked the following people for their time and efforts: Wayne Rawls, Kenny Schuette, Benny Garica and Robby McCarver.
- ❖ The next VFD pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st.

- ❖ On Thursday, April 12th, the VFD will be hosting the Skywarn system. Anyone who wants to attend is welcomed. It is scheduled for 6:30 pm.
- ❖ One of the volunteer firemen has finished his EMT training and is taking the state and national tests for that licensing.

Library: Kim Copeland was unable to attend the meeting. Murvat reported for her that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with over 85 children attending. Pictures were passes around for viewing.

11. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ The Mayor reported that the POA Annual meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 17th.
- ❖ John Schmersey discussed the possibility of bringing high speed internet to residents that live on South Lake Shore Drive. He would like to move forward with engaging South Plains Telephone Coop to provide the service in lieu of AT&T (which is unwilling to provide the service). John will continue to pursue this.

12. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 8th day of May 2012

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary