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The Ransom Canyon City Council met in open session April 12, 2007. This meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon, Texas. All Council members were present: Mayor Robert Englund and Aldermen Kevin Carlson, Donna Clarke, James Overby III, and Jack Randorff, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox. Attorney John Sims was also present. Mayor Englund called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silent meditation.

MINUTES: The Council asked for corrections to the March Minutes. Page 2 last paragraph should read, "Attorney Elder commented that an antenna is not a "residence". Page 3, # 5. Jim Childress, second paragraph should read, "The Childress property is not subject to any height Deed Restriction. The last sentence of that paragraph should read, "Donna Clarke said she had concerns with nuisance issues and also with following the IBC codes. ". Jack Randorff moved to approve the minutes as amended. James Overby seconded the motion, all voted aye.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Donna Clarke moved to approve the financial report and pay the Claims and Demands. Ron seconded the motion, and all voted aye. Motion passed. Mayor Englund asked the Department Heads to have their budgets ready by May 30. The Budget Calendar was reviewed, and Mayor Englund asked everyone to review the schedule to check for vacations that would conflict with meetings.

4. MAY MEETING: The Election is May 12, and the council has to canvass the election afterwards. Dr. Cox has a conflict mid-August. Jack Randorff made a motion to change the May meeting to May 15, in order to catch the election canvass. Ron Cox seconded the motion. Donna Clarke abstained from the vote, stating that she would be out of town on May 15. The remaining members voted aye to make the change. Motion passed.

5. BUILDING COMMITTEE: No new action to report.

6. WATER CONTRACTS. Mayor Englund reported that the City of Lubbock water contract amendment is still under consideration. Leon Whetzel and Jack Randorff have agreed to look at it and to meet with the parties concerned.

7. AMEND BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE. The City Attorney had prepared two changes to add to this ordinance as an amendment to Ordinance # 24, which is the old building code ordinance. These changes were added.

SECTION 2: 1. A permit is required for ANY construction, new additions, remodeling, out buildings, garages, towers, etc.

SECTION 2:20. No plans or construction can violate the deed restriction in place on the land.

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Ron Cox made a motion to pass this amendment, James Overby seconded the motion. There were some corrections to the document regarding various references to the name of "The Town of Ransom Canyon". "Village" was changed to "Town", and "Lake" was dropped entirely. Ron Cox amended his motion to approve the ordinance with the name corrections. James Overby agreed. The voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

There was a lively discussion with Attorney Dulin Elder about the issues and circumstances that prompted this change in the Building Code. The discussion flowed into item 8 on the Agenda.

8. 22 NORTH RIM ROAD PERMIT REQUEST. Jim Childress repeated his request for a ham antenna. Mr. Childress requested an antenna that was 36 feet high. It would be located next to the back porch of his house. Donna Clarke was concerned about interference, and violation of the nuisance Ordinance. There were many questions about the antenna, about the true height, the apex of the house, the wind and ice resistance, the opinion of the neighbors. The council did not grant a permit for this antenna. Mayor Englund suggested that the council needed to hear from a specialist, or military or FCC expert.

9. MOSQUITO SPRAY. Harold is putting out larvicide. The council generally approved the letter for pilot Greg Grothusen .

10. OPERATIONS REPORT: Harold is concerned about the 1 year warranty for the water tower. He has found several spots that Caldwell needs to come and repair. He went with Jack Randorff to see a sewer operation. He believes that we can purchase five diffusers now. If the demonstration unit does not do a good job, we don't have to pay for it, at a cost of \$140,000. Harold believes the system will reduce waste, and is not weather dependent. James Overby asked if we have room for another drying bed.

11. POLICE: The council authorized Chief Wayne Rawls to engage the weir repair company for \$17,700. This action was taken on a motion from James Overby, second from Donna Clarke. Boat stickers are available. The department assisted Lubbock County with an arrest this month for an 8-liner operation. Easter weekend was quiet.

14. TRIATHLON: The council agreed to waive the no-swimming regulation for one day of the triathlon. Kevin Carlson made the motion, James Overby seconded. Kevin asked if the swim could be extended for more than one day. The council approved only the day that is designated in the insurance policy. Otherwise there was no POA report.

12. FIRE DEPARTMENT: No assists, no calls. Chief Rand McPherson reported all quiet. Weather spotter school is progressing with Norm and Terry Michaels. The Police Officers have their basic first aid certification. Wayne Rawls is intermediate.

13. LIBRARY: Kim Copeland reported that the library will be very busy come summertime.

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There was no further business and the meeting adjourned with a unanimous vote.

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City Administrator