

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Robert Englund followed by a moment of silent meditation. Council members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox, James W. Overby III, Donna Clarke, and Jack Randorff.
2. Minutes of regular March Meeting: March 11, 2008 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Ron Cox, and seconded by Jim Overby; motion carried unanimously.
3. The Financial Report: was approved with a motion from Donna Clarke, a second from Jim Overby and carried unanimously. The Mayor requested all council members to provide him with their summer schedules in order to begin scheduling budget sessions.
4. Executive Session: The Mayor and Council along with the attorney, John Sims retired into Executive Session per the Open Meetings Act.
5. Reconvene: The Mayor and City Council reconvened to open meeting. No action was taken.
6. Information Item: The Mayor's report on water issues. The Mayor would like John Sims to finalize the negotiations with RISD and Lubbock on the two water contracts. Meetings will be scheduled. The amount charged to RISD will be 60% over what Lubbock charges Ransom Canyon. We are still waiting for Lubbock to give us a final rate and depending on what that is, we may return to a flat rate billing system. We will inform the residents once we know by including a letter in with their utility bill.
7. Hugo Reed Engineer's Report: Greg Nauert of Hugo Reed discussed the dam repairs. Greg submitted a spreadsheet of the proposal for repairs to the dam by Rudd-Palmer. It will take 2 to 3 weeks to complete the repairs. The bid is good for 30 days, but they will work with us if we need more time. Greg suggests beginning the work in September. This will allow us the opportunity to revisit lowering the lake. On the issue of zoning, Terry Hollman reported he is working on the zoning plan. He submitted a document with a list of procedural items for the Council to consider. We will need to establish a Zoning Board of Adjustment to hear variances, this can be the Council. Terry is using Lubbock zoning as a template. He will be incorporating Ransom Canyon deed restrictions into our zoning plans. This will give the city "teeth" for enforcement.
8. Information Item: Stage 1 Drought Contingency. We will follow Lubbock's restrictions.
9. Adopt FY07-08 Budget Amendment: Ordinance to pass the budget amendment #08-00430. A motion to pass the budget amendment was made by Ron Cox, seconded by Jack Randorff and approved unanimously.
10. Building Review Committee: nothing to report this month, but anticipate a busy next month.

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11. Department Reports:

- a. Administration: Murvat leaves this week for a budget seminar. All else well in the department.
- b. Operations: Harold Needham reported a representative will be coming to next months meeting to present an automatic meter reading system. These consultants will provide us with a review of our current system at cost of \$1200. Mayor wants a proposal from them before we spend the money.
- c. Police: Wayne Rawls was absent. He is in Abilene at police school. Mary Brown relayed a question from James Hill concerning an ice cream truck that was in the city this weekend. Does he require a peddler's permit? We need to review the ordinance to see if the ice cream truck falls under this.
- d. Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following
  - There were two medical calls and three fire calls.
  - Ransom Canyon fire department received a call from Garza County to help with a very large grass fire. We mainly supplied water for them and they have agreed to reimburse the city for fuel costs.
  - Rand will be attending fire school this week.
  - There is a state wide burn ban.
  - The Fire Department is still waiting for parts to finish out the new truck.
  - Ransom Canyon hosted a hazard weather storm spotter school.
  - We have submitted the ISO information, waiting for them to get back to us.
  - We are looking into the cost of replacing the two garage doors with one large door.
  - The department is submitting an application for a grant from the Helen Jones Foundation for purchasing equipment.
- e. Library: Kim Copeland issued a written report about the Easter egg hunt and Earth Day activities.
- f. Court: Judge Gary Bellair reported he has problems with the two citations that were issued (exhibition of speed or acceleration). These are not within our courts jurisdiction and we do not have the authority to enforce them.

12. Property Owner's Association Report: Approve a variance to allow swimming in the lake for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Triathlon. Motion was made by Jim Overby to allow for this variance. The motion was amended by Donna Clarke to include that Ransom Canyon must be the named insured on their liability policy as part of approving this variance. Ron Cox moved to approve the variance with this amendment, seconded by Jim Overby and motion carried.

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13. Open Forum: Council was provided with additional items for their review and consideration.
14. Meeting Adjourned.

These minutes approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

**APPROVED:**

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Robert Englund, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary