

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – April 8, 2014
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 Jana Trew, Lyle Way, Donna Clarke, John Schmersey and Billy Williams. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting March 13, 2014 were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the March 2014 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

4. Police Chief Swearing In

The Honorable Gary Bellair performed the swearing in of James Hill, Ransom Canyon Chief of Police.

5. Ordinance No. 14-00408 Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Collection Rates

Ordinance No. 14-00408, Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Collection Rates was approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously. This ordinance establishes a new rate for solid waste collection of \$25.00 per month.

6. Building Review Committee

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

7. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat Musa reported the following:

- ❖ The City General Election is May 10, 2014. There will be early voting at City Hall as well as voting on Election Day. There are four people running for three Aldermen positions.
- ❖ The annual TML Conference will be September 30, 2014. If you plan to attend, please let me know as soon as possible.
- ❖ Budget season is upon us and so I will be making the budget calendar soon, please provide me with any known vacation dates.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ One parking citation and one failure to stop at a stop sign citation were issued.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The trees planted on the Ransom Road appear to be surviving.
- ❖ There is a small fish kill this year in the lake.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ James thanked the Council for their confidence in him as the Police Chief.
- ❖ Two citations were issued: one for parking a trailer on the street overnight and another for failure to stop at a stop sign.
- ❖ A junk vehicle letter has been sent to a resident.
- ❖ A letter to remove tree debris has been sent to a resident on South Lake Shore.
- ❖ The police department has purchased body cameras for the officers.
- ❖ There will be professors from Texas Tech coming this week to take lake water samples to determine the extent of the fish kill.
- ❖ A new police officer has been hired. His name is Charlie Jensen, he will begin on Tuesday, April 15th.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There were no fire calls this month
- ❖ There were two medical calls.
- ❖ The pancake breakfast was a success after which there was a presentation from the Texas Forrest Service on fire safety. The Service will conduct an analysis of our city to determine what needs to be done to become fire safe.
- ❖ The Lubbock Area Fire School is this week; several of our volunteers will be attending.

Library: Kim Copeland was unable to attend the meeting, but Murvat reported the following:

- ❖ The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 17th. This year we will be accommodating special needs children by providing them their own area to hunt and by using beeping eggs so they can better locate the eggs. The Easter Bunny will be available at 5:00pm for pictures and the hunt will begin at 5:30pm.

8. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey thanks everyone for participating in this year's city wide garage sale which was a success.
- ❖ The annual POA meeting is Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00pm at the Ranch House.
- ❖ Elections for POA Board positions are upcoming.
- ❖ 90% of POA dues have been paid for this year, and there are 13 liens on property for non-payments.

- ❖ Billy Williams reported for the Chapel that everyone who helped with the cookie and hot dog sale is thanked. That resulted in \$700 for the Chapel. Easter sunrise service at the Chapel begins at 7:30am and Easter worship service is at 10:30am.

9. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. was made by Jana Trew, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 13th day of May 2014

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary