

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Robert Englund. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem John Schmersey, Jack Randorff, Billy Williams, Jana Trew, and Donna Clarke. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular April 12, 2011 and the special April 19, 2011 meetings were approved with a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the April 2011 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

4. 2011 Budget and Tax Rate Calendar

The Council discussed the 2011 budget and tax rate calendar. There were no issues with the dates proposed for meetings and work sessions.

5. Sale of City Owned 1977 Dump Truck

The Council approved the sale of the 1977 dump truck through the sealed bid process with a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

6. Building Review Committee Report

The BRC has not met since the last City Council meeting.

7. Legislative Update

Jack Randorff reported that there is no legislation pending that would directly affect our city.

8. Department Reports

**Administration:** Muvat reported the following:

- ❖ Muvat is working on the budget which includes new water rates for the upcoming fiscal year. Budget information from department heads will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Muvat will be in Amarillo on Friday, May 13.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair was unable to attend the meeting.

**Operations:** Harold reported the following:

- ❖ The sewer line running north and south on East Lakeshore Drive has been cleaned out and re-videoed. It is very clean.
- ❖ The fence for the Citizens Collection Station has been installed. The remaining components will be installed in the next few weeks.

**Police:** Wayne was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a written report, see attached.

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

- ❖ There was one medical call

- ❖ There were two fire calls, one of them was in Dickens County who needed assistance with a very large grass fire that was 15 miles long and had already burned 30,000 acres and 10% contained. This fire was caused by lightening.
- ❖ Rand would like to see a fire break between Ransom Canyon and Crofoot's property. This would help reduce the risk of fire spreading over to our city. Jack Randorff questioned whether or not it would be a good idea to begin weed notices now.

**Library:** Kim reported the following:

- ❖ The Easter Egg Hunt was very successful with over 100 children attending. Kim passed around pictures of the event.
- ❖ The summer reading program, Dig Up A Good Book, will begin June 11 with a huge kick-off event at the park. There will be an insert in the next water bill.

9. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported that the Kentucky Derby Party was very successful and the POA is on course with having the note for the Ranch House fully paid off by year end.
- ❖ Steve Anderson is concerned about and wanted to discuss the Lubbock Lake 7. He is concerned that the lake will adversely affect our property values. The Mayor explained that the lake will actually help protect our property and its value. That the lake would help with the flooding by being another holding devise and that it would also filter the water that we do eventually receive. Mr. Anderson does not believe this to be the case. He also brought up dredging our lake to remove the built up sediment. The Mayor explained that this is not an option (cost and TCEQ permitting would be huge hurdles) and not necessary since in the last 40 years the sediment has only built up 6-8 inches.
- ❖ Dr. James Durham discussed his issue with his neighbors barking dogs (Dr. Ron Kendall). He wrote letters to the Mayor and City Council about the situation and is seeking their help in resolving the situation.

10. Adjourn:

Having no further business to discuss, Robert Englund adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Muvat Musa, City Secretary