

MAY 22, 2007 RANSOM CANYON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Robert Englund. A Quorum was present: Donna Clarke, Ron Cox, Jack Randorff, and James Overby. Kevin Carlson was absent.

2. MINUTES; Donna Clarke requested a change to the April 12 minutes, page 5, paragraph 3, line 4, to read, “.and violation of the nuisance Deed Restriction.” With this change, Ron Cox moved to approve the minutes; James Overby seconded the motion, all voted aye.

3. A. B. FINANCIAL REPORT: Jack Randorff moved to approve the May Financial and Claims and Demands Report. Donna Clarke seconded the motion, and all agreed.

3. C. Amendment to Address Workers Compensation Operations Policy: Mrs. Verett asked for clarification of payroll procedures to deal with duplication of payroll in the event of paid time off for a worker’s compensation injury. The council did not think any adjustment was needed, and the Ransom Canyon policy remains the same.

4. FEMA changes from NAVD to NGVD. Engineer Bernie Gradel sent a message that this change in engineering designation was causing considerable confusion for structures in Lubbock that are in flood zones. Engineer Gradel considered that the change of designation might not be necessary for Ransom Canyon, and if it were passed, it might indeed cause the same confusion for homes that are in the flood zone. The designation changed 1 foot, and although the flood zone point of demarcation itself did not change, the number does change. FEMA, and the flood insurance carriers, and the home owners don’t always understand what has changed, and Bernie explained that much discussion and explanation is necessary in some cases to convince FEMA that some structures really are not now in the flood zone.

Ron Cox moved to table this item. Jack Randorff seconded, all approved.

5. CITATION ISSUANCE ORDINANCE; Municipal Judge Gary Bellair advised the city that they needed an ordinance that authorizes the city building administrator to issue a citation. The council agreed and all voted aye to Jack Randorff’s motion, and Ron Cox’s second.

6. CANVASS ELECTION: The council approved the election returns from the county for the city council election. They were Donna Clarke 66, Kevin Carlson 53, Ron Bostick 52, Claude Ricks 30, and Kyle McCoy 30. Mayor Englund ran unopposed and won with 112 votes. A total of 133 people voted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Englund. Mayor Englund administered the Oath to Donna Clarke. Kevin Carlson was absent.

8. JUNE COUNCIL MEETING DATES: The June Council Meeting on the second Tuesday, June 12. Budget work sessions are good for June 19, 26. The Preliminary Budget Hearing is July 10. Work sessions are July 17 and 24. There is one August 7 work session, if needed, before the August 14 council meeting. Work sessions will be at the fire station, at 6:00 PM.

9. SPEC EXTENDED CALLING. Due to the expense involved, the council voted unanimously to vote no on the SPEC ballot. This action was taken on a motion from Ron Cox, second from Jack Randorff.

10. Librarian Kim Copeland described the extensive summer reading club activities that are planned for the library. The library is open 10-2 on Thursdays, 2 to 6 on Tuesdays, and 10 to 1 on Saturdays.

11. No Building Review Committee Meetings.

12. OPERATIONS. Harold Needham discussed concerns that more of the back hill was shearing away from the wall above Hillside Drive. The council discussed, but took no action about solutions for this problem. There is a question of ownership in this area.

Jack and Harold have looked at blowers for the sewer plant. They express concern about the noise levels.

Concrete has been poured at 98 South Lake Shore Drive, but the ham antenna tower has not been constructed, yet. There was a good deal of discussion about action, if any, that should be taken by the city. Jack Randorff asked if Harold could contact the owner directly, and directly warn him not to put up the antenna. The council agreed that the city should send a violation warning letter, if it appears that construction is going on without a permit.

13. Police Chief Wayne Rawls reported that there was an accident at the triathlon, when a bicycle rider crashed. He did not have a helmet on, and he was knocked unconscious.

Hopefully the weir will be repaired by June 4. The council discussed the benefits of electrolysis treatment to prevent corrosion.

Donna Clarke asked the police if there were any other incidents to report, and Wayne reported on a traffic accident with a car in the culvert at the foot of Ransom Road. It was foggy and difficult to see lanes.

Dr. Cox reported on vehicles around Parklane that are still running the stop signs and that are speeding. Jack Randorff told Dr. Cox that he must be specific if he wants the police to watch any particular stop sign.

The council discussed citizen complaints about neighbors who park in their yards, in addition to parking in their driveway. Wayne explained that there is no zoning law that

requires parking only on paved surfaces. Dr. Cox asked Wayne about possible laws that might be helpful, what else is out there. Wayne did state that the vehicles that are being parked at one particular home are all registered. They are not junk vehicles.

14. Rand McPherson reported four medical calls. Four EMT students are finishing hospital rotations and are ready for national and state tests. The fire department helped at the triathlon, and they will help at the Slaton Air Museum Show. The July 3 and 4th BBQ is on. There has been a change in dispatch, and now Ransom will be dispatched automatically as back up. If we are not needed, we go home. The \$450 payment for backup is not automatic. A TCEQ permit is required now for controlled burn.

The Lubbock County Sheriff handed out laptop computers to non-profits, and our department will get 2 or 3 PC's. These are loaded with GPS systems, and longitude and latitude.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett