

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 14, 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 May 10, 2011 and the special May 18 and May 19, 2011 meetings were approved with a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

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

4. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

Nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem were opened. John Schmersey nominated Donna Clarke for the position, Billy Williams seconded the nomination. A vote was called, Donna Clarke was elected unanimously.

5. Public Participation Opportunity – Consumer Confidence Report

There was an opportunity for discussion by anyone at the meeting concerning the annual Consumer Confidence Report. Gary Bellair (through Murvat Musa because he was not in attendance) was concerned about the arsenic levels in our water given the recent findings of arsenic in wells in the surrounding area. Gary was concerned that those levels, according to the report, had not been checked since 2004-2005. Harold Needham explained that that test is performed by Lubbock in accordance with TCEQ requirements but he would look into doing that test ourselves. No one else had comments about the report.

6. Bids for 1977 City-Owned Dump Truck

There was one bid for the city-owned 1977 dump truck. That bid was for \$200 from Wicker Nowlin. On a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; the council voted unanimously to accept the bid.

7. Resolution R11-00614, authorizing borrowing money for the sewer line replacement project.

The council approved the resolution authorizing borrowing up to \$400,000 from Citizen's Bank of Slaton for the sewer line replacement project on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

8. Building Review Committee Report

The Mayor reported that the BRC met last night, June 13, to consider a seawall, dock, and deck at 84 South Lake Shore; the plans were approved by the committee.

## 9. Legislative Update

Jack Randorff reported changes in legislation that would affect our city council elections. More will be reported on this once details are available from the State.

## 10. Department Reports

**Administration:** Muvat reported the following:

- ❖ Muvat reminded everyone that it is very important that she get the council's vacation plans for the summer to ensure a quorum at each meeting.
- ❖ Muvat reminded everyone that this Thursday was the quarterly TML meeting and that next Tuesday, June 21 is the first budget work session, at City Hall at 5 pm.

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

**Operations:** In addition to Harold's written report, attached, he reported the following:

- ❖ A surveyor was out surveying the land for the new sewer line that is being replaced.

**Police:** Wayne reported the following:

- ❖ One citation and one warning were issued for the four way stop sign at the entrance of the city.
- ❖ Wayne and Bryan Gray attended the TML sponsored "Active Shooter" class held in Ralls. Eight city police departments were represented.
- ❖ The lake water level is down approximately nine inches below the weir. If the water levels continue to decline, we may have to shut down usage of the lake to high speed traffic (anything above wake speed, or 5 mph).
- ❖ The department has three new buoys ready to be placed, but are waiting for the "no wake" signs that are on back order.
- ❖ A county wide ban has been issued on the sale and detonation of fireworks. Violators will be charged with a Class B Misdemeanor.
- ❖ John Schmersey discussed his conversation with Alan Butler who is concerned about the dry grass behind his house (these lots are vertical). Mr. Butler is willing to clear them himself in order to remove any fire hazard. Wayne Rawls cautioned that mowing these lots will take out the natural grasses allowing weeds to grow and possible erosion.
- ❖ Wayne reported that he has not heard from Dr. Durham concerning the barking dog situation.

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

- ❖ There were two fire calls for grass fires, one in Roosevelt, and one in Buffalo.
- ❖ All of the fire trucks have had repair issues recently. Rand urged the council to consider purchasing a new fire truck for the safety of the community. He estimates that he would be able to get a naked truck for \$150,000 and we would be able to take all the equipment off the ones we have to complete it. This would save approximately \$50,000. Jack Randorff recommended having all the trucks evaluated so we can determine the need for a new truck.

**Library:** Kim was not at the meeting, Muvat reported the following:

- ❖ He Library has a new sign that has been installed.
- ❖ The summer reading program flyer is attached for council review.

## 11. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey thanked anyone who had any connection with the Kentucky Derby party which was very successful and netted \$5,100.
- ❖ Once again, the POA will be raffling a 54" TV during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

12. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Muvat Musa, City Secretary