

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – July 9, 2013
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 Jana Trew, John Schmersey, Billy Williams, and Lyle Way. Donna Clarke was out of town. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular June 11, 2013 meeting and the special meeting budget work session, June 17, 2013, were approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the June 2013 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

4. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

Billy Williams nominated Jana Trew for Mayor Pro-Tem. No other nominations were received therefore Jana Trew will be the Mayor Pro-Tem by acclamation.

5. Comments to Lubbock Emergency Communication District for the 2013-2014 Budget

On a motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Billy Williams, the following comments will be provided to the Lubbock Emergency Communication District:

- a. For an emergency call within our city limits, Ransom Canyon VFD should be called before Buffalo VFD and Roosevelt VFD. This is not usually a problem but there was one incident when Buffalo VFD was dispatched prior to Ransom Canyon VFD for a fire within the city limits. After researching that incident, it was determined that the 911 dispatcher was confused because Ransom Canyon and Buffalo shared the same street name.
- b. For medical calls, Slaton is dispatched first. Ransom Canyon is dispatched next via the Sherriff's Office on the fire radios. Our VFD has two medical radios that will be able to hear the original medical dispatch but normally we are dispatched through the regular radios. The issue is that occasionally the 911 Dispatcher fails to contact the Sherriff's Office and so Ransom Canyon is not dispatched for the medical call.
- c. The change in radio system has created difficulty for our VFD to understand the calls.

The motion carried 3 to 1 with Jana Trew voting against the motion.

6. Code of Ordinance Change for Boat Length

Alan Butler argued a request for changing the allowable boat length from 22 feet to 24 feet. This change would not impact the engine size limit. Mr. Butler argued that if one is spending lots of money on a boat, they would want to be able to use it in other lakes that are very likely to be larger than our lake. The two feet difference makes a lot of difference in larger lakes but it does not have an effect on the Ransom Canyon Lake.

A motion to amend the Code of Ordinances, Section 1.08.032 (2), from boat length of 22 feet to 24 feet was made by Jana Trew, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

7. Building Review Committee

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

8. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat Musa reported the following:

- ❖ The next city council meeting and budget work session #2 will be on the same date, August 13, 2013.
- ❖ The new computer server has been installed but we are still experiencing some issues that we are working to resolve.
- ❖ There have been several lots that have sold recently and several new construction projects will be coming soon.
- ❖ We have experienced a large increase of home turnover this summer resulting in lots of young families with children moving into the canyon.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ There has not been any court activity this month.
- ❖ Judge Bellair has been elected as the Regional Director to the Texas Municipal Courts Association, which also puts him on the Board of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ Harold thanked his staff for all their hard work in getting the city prepared for the July 4th festivities.
- ❖ Harold thanked Alan Butler for donating his time and equipment and helping to clean up the city after the recent and devastating wind storm.
- ❖ Since the city no longer has access to aerial spraying services, the operations staff will work very hard to fog for mosquitoes regularly to keep everyone comfortable.

Police: Wayne Rawls reported the following:

- ❖ Two warnings were issued.
- ❖ One arrest was made for aggravated assault/domestic violence.
- ❖ The July 4th weekend was very quiet from a police enforcement perspective. The parade was very large this year.
- ❖ Wayne was recently elected to be the 2nd vice president of the South Plains Police Chief's Association.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There were no medical calls last month.
- ❖ There was one fire call for a small grass fire.
- ❖ There was a very large turn-out for the parade and for the July 3rd and 4th events at the Ranch House.
- ❖ Engine 2 is now back in service and Engine 1 is in the repair shop.

Library: Kim Copeland reported the following:

- ❖ The Library Reading Program is ½ completed and all is going very well. There are a record number of children participating this year. There are lots of games, reading, and food in this year's program.

9. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported that the proposal to give the park to the city has passed with 289 votes for the proposition and 8 votes against. Ms. Lindsey formally requests that an action item to consider the gifting of the park be placed on the agenda of the next city council meeting. Ms. Lindsey also reported that the next POA event will be the Visions of the Art on October 13, 2013.
- ❖ The Mayor concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their time and resources to the city for the benefit of all the residents.

10. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 13th day of August 2013

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary