

**Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 11, 2009  
Ransom Canyon Fire House, 1 Ridge Road**

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Robert Englund, followed by a moment of silent meditation. Council members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Randorff, Ron Cox, Billy Williams, Donna Clarke and John Schmersey.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting:

Minutes of the regular July 14, 2009 were approved on a motion by John Schmersey seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:

The financial reports and the July claims and demands were both approved on a motion by John Schmersey, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

4. ATMOS RRM Settlement:

Ordinance No. 09-00107 regarding the second annual rate review mechanism was approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

5. TML IEBP Interlocal Agreement :

The council approved this agreement with a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

6. Tax Assessor/Collector's Report:

The council has proposed to increase the current tax rate of \$.65 per \$100 valuation to equal the effective tax rate of \$.65929 per \$100 valuation. Since the proposed tax rate is not greater than the effective tax rate, no record vote was taken and all prior scheduled public tax hearings will be cancelled.

7. Building Review Committee:

There is no Building Review Committee activity to report.

8. Department Reports:

- a. Administration: Muvat Musa – Muvat reported that Mary will be on vacation 8/14 and 8/17. Muvat will be at a conference 8/19-8/21.
- b. Court: Judge Gary Bellair – there was no court activity for this month.
- c. Operations: Harold Needham – see written report.
- d. Police: Wayne Rawls – Wayne reported that the COPS grant application was denied, but if congress funds this program again, the application may be reconsidered. There was one arrest for emergency detention of a non resident. Wayne also reported that

the EOC received eight cases of emergency snack rations for use in an emergency, and the video cameras will be installed in a few weeks.

- e. Fire: Rand McPherson – Rand reported that there was one medical call and that Buffalo has requested their assistance during the Labor Day weekend activities.
- f. Library: Kim Copeland – Kim reported that the summer reading program was a success with a total of 53 children attending.

9. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

The POA reported the following up-coming events: the fall festival on 9/26, Music on the Lake in October, an art show and sale in November and a Soup & Troup event in November. The POA continues to build communication via the Slatonite.

During citizen comments, several residents had comments to make about the condition of the streets and would want to know if anything can be done to have more of the rock swept up.

Jack Randorff discussed the Police Department's Operations Manual which he will make recommended changes to and get it on an agenda for council approval. This manual has been written for several years but has yet to be approved by the council.

Jack Randorff, speaking as a citizen, wants to look into a way to help the POA financially. Jack feels that helping the POA would benefit every resident.

10. Executive Session:

The Council adjourned from Open Session at 7:12pm in order to convene into Executive Session to discuss Deliberations about Real Property in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Open Meetings Law and Consultation with Attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Open Meetings Law. The Council adjourned at 7:39pm from Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session. No action was taken by the Council in the Executive Session.

11. Dinner Break: the Mayor requested a 30 minute dinner break before beginning budget work session #3.

12. Budget Work Session #3: the following items were discussed:

- i. The revenue portion of the budget will be adjusted to reflect the newly proposed tax rate of \$.65929 per \$100 valuation and the line item for the COPS grant will be deleted since the grant was denied.
- ii. The council approved a dental and vision plan that will be paid by the employee and will be voluntary and optional. The council also approved a Section 125 Flexible Spending Account for employees.
- iii. The Police Department's budget will be modified to reflect the denial of the COPS grant. Also, the computer expense line item will be modified to include the purchase of a new police software system, "Insync". Also, the Police Department's payroll budget will be modified to reflect adding Bryan Grey onto the TMRS system since his work hours will be exceeding 1000 hour per year.

13. Adjourn:

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm

These minutes were approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

**APPROVED:**

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Robert Englund, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Muvat Musa, City Secretary