

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 12, 2008

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: Donna Clarke, John Schmersey, Billy Williams and Jack Randorff.
2. Minutes of June Meetings:
 - i. July 3, 2008 special budget session #2 meeting minutes
 - ii. July 8, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting minutes

Both minutes were approved on a motion by Donna Clarke and seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:
 - a. The financial reports
 - b. July Claims & Demands

Both financials were approved with a motion by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff and carried unanimously.

4. Building Variance Request: The building variance request of the Smith's at 9 North Rim Road for a 7' fence was approved on a motion by Jack Randorff and seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried.
5. Approve Credit Cards As Payment Option: A motion to postpone this until the next meeting pending legal research was given by Donna Clarke seconded by Jack Randorff and carried unanimously.
6. Approve Insurance Rerates: Health Insurance and Liability & Property Insurance rerates were approved on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.
7. Record Vote on Proposed Tax Rate: Since the proposed tax rate of .65 (.53903 for M&O and .11097 for I&S) is greater than the effective rate of .61708, a record vote was taken to approve the tax rates for M&O and I&S. A motion by Jack Randorff was made, seconded by John Schmersey. Council members voting for the tax rate were: Jack Randorff, John Schmersey, Donna Clarke and Billy Williams. Ron Cox was absent from this meeting.

A motion approving the 2008 certified value of \$102,277,453 and a collection rate of 100% was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by John Schmersey and carried unanimously.

8. Approve Tax and Budget Hearing Dates: The hearing dates for the public hearing on the tax rate and the public hearing on the budget were approved on a motion by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff and carried unanimously. The hearing dates are September 2, 2008 and September 5, 2008.
9. SPAG workshop for possible solid waste funding: Murvat and Harold will attend the mandatory meeting, Friday, August 15, for looking into a grant for a transfer station.
10. The building review committee approved plans for Vance Schuette, Block 7, Lots 17 & 18.
11. Department Reports:
 - Administration: See written report. Murvat added that she attended the city of Lubbock's council meeting this morning. The approval of the ordinance amendment to allow for a new water contract with Ransom Canyon and RISD was on that agenda. The ordinance amendment was approved by Lubbock's city council.
 - Court: Judge Gary Bellair did not provide a written report and was not present at the meeting.
 - Operations: see written report
 - Police: see written report
 - Fire: see written report – Rand added that a pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held September 6, 2008.
 - Library: Kim Copeland reported that the summer reading program was over. Forty six children enrolled in that program reading a total of 801 hours. Eighty people attended the award party at the pool. The top reader read 62 hours.
 - POA: Val Meixner, Vice President of the POA reported that they have appointed Tom Musiak as their representative/liaison to the Building Review Committee. Also, they have discussed appointing someone to the newly established zoning committee they will not appoint anyone to this committee at this time. The POA also discussed revising the deed restriction. This is very labor and legal intensive and the POA can not afford to take this project on at this time.
12. Open Forum: Members of the chapel board were present at the meeting to discuss their concern with the erosion control measure being taken at the residence being built by the pond.
13. Meeting Adjourned to a 15 minute break. The meeting was re-adjourned.
14. Executive Session: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM so that council could convene into executive session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings law.

15. Reconvene: When the meeting was reconvened into open session at 8:30PM, no action was taken by the council on matters discussed in executive session.
16. Budget Session: The following action was taken with respect to the budget:
- i. The council requested a definitive price for moving the siren at the back road of the canyon to the water tower. Once they receive this information they will consider moving it and adding speaker to it.
 - ii. The council approved increasing the amount of money allocated to the dam repair from \$115,000 to \$130,000. This increase is necessary to perform recommended ground injections.
 - iii. The council approved \$100,000 for next budget years seal coat and street repair.
 - iv. The council approved \$8000 for four camera systems.
 - v. The council wants an estimate for building onto the existing work shop in lieu of a storage shed for the administration department. This add-on would allow for more space for city equipment and vehicles and also allow for storage space needed for the administration department.

The meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved on the 19th day of September, 2008.

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary