

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting – Tuesday, September 21, 2010
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, Jack Randorff, Donna Clarke and Jana Trew. John Schmersey and Billy Williams were out of town. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting

Minutes of:

- the Regular Meeting and Budget Work Session #3, August 10, 2010,
- the Public Hearing #1 on the Proposed Tax Rate, August 31, 2010, and
- the Public Hearing #2 on the Proposed Tax Rate and Hearing on Budget, September 10, 2010

were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting, Building Review Committee & City Council Work Session, August 26, 2010, were approved with the following change: Murvat will include in the minutes that the BRC has been requested to consider proposing an ordinance that will limit the size and height of accessory structures. The motion to approve was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Jana Trew. Donna Clarke abstained from the vote since she was not at the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the August claims and demands were both approved on a motion made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation by Specialized Public Finance Inc.

A presentation on a proposal for refunding the 2001 Series General Obligation Bonds was made by Paul Jasin and Vince Viaille of Specialized Public Finance Inc. The refunding will end in a net savings to the city of approximately \$65,000 over the remaining 10 years of the original issue.

5. Financial Advisory Services Agreement, Specialized Public Finance Inc.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Financial Advisory Services Agreement was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance No. 10-00200 Adopting the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-00200 was made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

7. Ordinance No. 10-00210 fixing the tax levy for Tax Year 2010

Ordinance No. 10-00210 was not considered because there was not a 2/3 quorum of the city council. This ordinance will be considered at a meeting to be scheduled for September 27, 2010.

8. Engagement Agreement with Ehler & Hettler, LLP for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Audit
A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the engagement agreement with Ehler & Hettler for audit services was made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.
9. State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Grant Award
A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the SECO Grant Award contract was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.
10. Ordinance No. 10-0921, Atmos West Texas
A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute Ordinance No. 10-0921 adopting new rates under the Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) and extending the RRM for one additional year was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.
11. Resolution No. R10-0921, Veteran's Hospital
A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute Resolution No. R10-0921 in support of a Veteran's Hospital in the Lubbock area was made by Jana Trew, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.
12. TML IEBP Board of Trustees for TML Region 3 Ballot
A motion to nominate Thressa Harp for the Region 3 TML Board of Trustees was made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously. Voting for Ms. Harp were Jack Randorff, Donna Clarke and Jana Trew. Voting against Ms. Harp were none. The ballot will be reflected so that Ms. Harp will be voted for by the city.
13. TML IRPB Board of Trustees
A motion to nominate the following:
 - Place 6 Peter Canney
 - Place 7 Kevin Caddell
 - Place 8 Larry Melton
 - Place 9 Andres GarzaWas made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously. Voting for the above list nominees were Jack Randorff, Donna Clarke and Jana Trew. Voting against the above listed nominees were none. The ballot will be reflected so that the above listed nominees will be voted for by the city.
14. Building Review Committee Report
The BRC met on August 9, 2010 to consider plans for new home construction at 103 South Lakeshore Drive. Those plans were approved. The committee also met on September 13, 2010 to consider plans for a carport at 6 Willow Lane, those plans were approved pending the receipt of one additional document, and for plans of a new home at 98 East Canyon View, those plans were not approved. The committee has requested additional information.
15. Department Reports
Administration: Murvat reported the following:
 - ❖ FEMA has set up a temporary office in Slaton for individual assistance. Murvat has posted the information on the web-site and will contact directly those individuals that the city is aware of that had flooding issues related to the July 4 flood event.

- ❖ Murvat discussed the city's options for trash service, including doing it in-house and getting quotes from other vendors. Lately, the trash service by Caprock Waste has been interrupted too many times.
- ❖ Murvat has had sever meetings with FEMA personnel concerning possible state and/or federal dollars for mitigation.
- ❖ Murvat reminded everyone about this year's Veteran's Day Lunch which will be at the Ranch House on November 11, 2010.
- ❖ Murvat invited everyone to this year's Red Mass celebration chaired by Gary Bellair. Red Mass is the event that begins the church's Judicial Year.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported that a trial was held for a citation that resulted in a conviction and that one new citation was issued and he is waiting for the prosecuting attorney to decide what to do.

Operations: In addition to Harold's written report, he reported

- ❖ that the seal coat project has been completed. The engineer on-site noted one area that may be a problem. He has notified the city, his office and the contractor who has stated that he guarantees his work and if it does become an issue, he will do whatever it takes to resolve it.
- ❖ that the fog seal portion of the project will be done in a few weeks.
- ❖ that city property adjacent to Jack Chapman's lot been surveyed, pinned and flagged. Jack Randorff suggested placing a piece of pipe over the pins so that they stick out of the ground several feet for better viewing.

Police: Wayne reported the following:

- ❖ two citations and six warnings were issued.
- ❖ The new in-car video has been installed; the two others needed will be purchased in the next budget year.
- ❖ Concerning the break-ins at the RV lots, Wayne has sent letter to all renters to make them aware of the problem, ask them to ensure the gates is locked and to not give out the combination lock number to anyone.
- ❖ Last week, Wayne completed the 40 hour required Police Chief training.

Fire: Rand reported following:

- ❖ There were three fire calls this month and the department assisted Buffalo with one fire call.
- ❖ The ISO inspection is scheduled for September 28, 2010, and his department is preparing for that.
- ❖ The department held a pancake breakfast on September 11.
- ❖ In response to the near drowning incident at the Ransom Canyon pool this summer, Rand presented awards to Steve Fuller, Steve Oldham, Lee Jensen, James Hill, Rick Vasquez and Vance Schuette.

Library: Kim Copeland reported that the summer reading program was a success with 67 children enrolled. The after school adventure program begins in October and Kim asked for volunteers to come to read to the children. The Christmas party will be on or about December 7th and the annual Christmas card fundraiser will begin in November.

16. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

No one representing the POA attended the meeting and there were no citizen comments.

17. Adjourn:

Robert Englund adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 12th day of October, 2010

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary