Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – June 9, 2015

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 Mayor Pro-Tem Jana Trew, Lyle Way, Donna Clarke, Billy Williams, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

1. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 12, 2015 and Special Meeting, June 1, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke; seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

1. The Financials

The financial reports and the May 2015 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

1. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

Billy Williams nominated Jana Trew for Mayor Pro-Tem, John Schmersey seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous for Jana Trew. There were no other nominations.

1. Consider Emergency Road Bids

Billy Williams made a motion to postpone awarding a bid for the Emergency Road, John Schmersey seconded; motion carried unanimously.

1. Building Review Committee

The BRC did not meet in May.

1. City Administrator Resignation

Jana Trew made a motion to accept the City Administrators resignation, Donna Clarke seconded; motion carried unanimously.

1. Department Reports

John Sims provided an update on the pending lawsuit; City of Ransom Canyon and Ransom Canyon Property Owners Association vs. MRHS, LP. The lawsuit has been filed and the defendant served. The answer date is June 29, 2015 and a hearing for the injunction has been set for July 9, 2015 at 9:00 am.

**Administration:** Murvat Musa reported the following:

* She is working on the 2015-2016 budget and also finding a replacement for her position.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair reported the following:

* One order has been issued for a compliance dismissal and two other orders for citation dating back to 2009 via Omnibase.
* There are two citations pending concerning the civil law suit in which the judge will either recuse himself or transfer them to a Justice of the Peace court.

**Operations:** Harold Needham reported the following:

* The staff is busy preparing the city for the July 4th activities.
* Staff is monitoring the dam that has been damaged from all the recent rains. There will likely be repairs needed.

**Police:** James Hill reported the following:

* The Police Department managed the spillway when it needed to be closed and all went well.
* 33 boat permits have been issued and one parking citation.
* Rick Vasquez will be attending a school in Huntsville in a few weeks.
* There was one juvenile arrest.
* The Drug Enforcement Agency arrested and search warrant on residents at 7 South Lake Shore Drive for the sale of synthetic marijuana.
* The individuals that were trespassing on the Party Island have been apprehended.
* James offered each city council member his cell phone number and encouraged them to contact him personally if they have questions, issues, concerns, or problems.

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

* There were two fire calls this month, one on the party island and one at Parklane.
* On Saturday, the VFD provided back up service for the Slaton Airport Air Show.
* Buffalo will be lighting fireworks on July 3rd which is when the All American Cookout will take place. On July 4th at 10 am the parade will begin and at noon a BBQ lunch.

**Library:** Kim Copeland reported the following:

* The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 20th and the theme will be Every Hero Has A Story. There was an insert in the recent water bill.

1. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

On behalf of the POA, Jackie Lindsey thanked James Hill and the police department for meeting with them to help solve the problem of trespassers on the Party Island. She also announced that Bob Bellah is the POA president and Pat Sykora is the new Vice President.

1. Closed Session

The Council did not convene into Closed Session.

1. Adjourn

* A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of July, 2015

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary