

Town of Ransom Canyon
Council Meeting December 10, 2002
Minutes

This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. December 10, 2002, at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, located at I Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon, Texas. Mayor Robert Englund was present, as were council members Leon Whetzel, David Peterson, Dick Hulslander and Glen Robertson. Kyle Ashley called to say he would be late, and he did arrive just as the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

The council package included a memo from Robert Englund dated 9/26/02. Leon Whetzel requested that a notation be entered into the minutes to clarify that he had met with Buffalo Lake and that their board was expecting to receive current billing as construction proceeds on the lift station on South Lake Shore Drive. Leon requested that the last paragraph of that memo, p 1, noted as "sidebar" be stricken from the record in order to avoid confusion at this time about this matter. With no other corrections Glen Robertson moved to approve the minutes, Dick Hulslander seconded the motion, all approved.

The Financial report was approved on a motion from David Peterson, second from Dick Hulslander. All approved.

David Hettler of Ehler and Hettler delivered the audit report. All accounts and funds for the city are in order and accurate. The audit report is organized differently than the cash accounts report that the city council receives each month. The audit describes the city operations in terms of administration accounting and enterprise accounting for the water and sewer operations. Next year the audit must comply with GASB34 and this will create more detail in order to make the city operations reflect the city assets and liabilities, just as they would be described for a business. City assets will be depreciated, and some estimate of value will be made for all city assets including streets and water and sewer systems. There will be an opinion statement by the Chief Financial Officer for the city. Other than the creation of a new bank account to bring the city into full compliance with the bond requirements, the actual accounting for the city will not change significantly. The GASB 34 compliance will be reflected in the audit.

Dick Hulslander moved to accept the audit report, Glen Robertson seconded the motion, all approved.

Jimmy McDaniel from Hugo Reed explained some proposed changes to the West Lake Shore Drive repair plan. The bid had called for concrete that would possibly disturb some textile material that was installed at the time of the original construction of the street. Alan Butler was the only bidder on this project, and Alan remembered the problems that the contractor had when the street was originally built, problems that involved a moving, changing water table. In addition to the textile mesh, they used lime, fly ash and 10" of concrete. Alan proposed a shallower treatment for the new concrete surface that would cover a greater area of the street. The original bid was \$52,000, and the proposed change

would cost and additional \$8,000, for a new contract price of \$60,000. The council approved of this change on a motion from Leon Whetzel, second from David Peterson. Leon expressed concern that the contractor gives adequate notice and consideration to the residents who would be directly affected by this work. Alan said he would do this. The contract calls for sixty days. Alan suggested that April would be better for concrete, and the council approved, again, requesting that all consideration be made for the residents on West Lake Shore Drive.

Harold Needham submitted the engineering report with the council package. The new employee, Phillip Noey, has resigned and Harold is looking again for another employee. Two prisoners have been working and it is helpful to Harold to have this labor at this time.

The council approved the Texas Plains Trail resolution unanimously on a motion from Glen Robertson, second from Leon Whetzel.

The fire department had no fire calls, 2 medical calls and one new member. They will help this year with the Parade of Homes and Pancakes are on the menu for Saturday the

Police Chief Rawls is busy writing the Policy and Procedures Manual for the police department. The department handled one domestic disturbance and one DWI on the front hill.

Mayor Englund explained that the public streets could not be blocked off in order to charge admission to see the Christmas lights.

The Building Control committee did not meet this month.

The library had a nice reception, Operation Christmas card was a success, and the fence is installed, thanks to the people who paid for the fence and to Bennie and Harold who installed it. Kim put two coats of deck stain on the porch.

Carol Hulslander reported for the POA that the cover is up on the patio and it looks good.

With no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion from Leon Whetzel, second from David Peterson.

Melissa Verett