

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2003

### MINUTES

The City Council of the town of Ransom Canyon met in open session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 8, 2003. Mayor Robert Englund, Council members David Peterson, Dick Hulslander and Glen Robertson, and Kyle Ashley were present. Leon Whetzel was absent. City Attorney Robert Wilson attended.

Mayor Englund opened the meeting with a moment of silent meditation.

1. Minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion from Glen Robertson and second from Dick Hulslander.
2. Financial Report and Claims and Demands. These were approved on a motion from Dick Hulslander and second from Glen Robertson.

SPAG Solid Waste Grant. A new resolution No. 77 was approved on a motion from Glen Robertson and second from Kyle Ashley. This resolution is for a new grant amount of \$21,240. SPAG responded to a 10% mandated reduction in grant monies by passing along a 10% reduction to each entity. Ransom Canyon has already purchased the chipper for \$23,600. Ransom Canyon will absorb the purchase price difference of \$2360, because the equipment has already been purchased. The vote to accept these terms was unanimous to accept the new Resolution.

4. The Council adjourned into a closed session with the city attorney in order to discuss pending litigation.
5. The Council reconvened into open session and Mayor Englund announced that there would be no action taken relevant to the closed session.
6. There was no report from the Building Committee.
7. Department Report: Operations

Harold Needham discussed cattails with the council and all agreed that this was an issue that each property owner needed to address. They are trimming trees now as people call in.

Harold requested a raise for Cory Needham to \$7.00. David Peterson commented that raises should be handled during the budget, not mid-year. Kyle Ashley noted that the funds would come from shifting the existing budget and he moved to approve the requested \$7.00/hour amount, Dick Hulslander seconded, and all approved the motion.

Harold wants to continue to call on Wayne Gentry as a consultant for building inspection.

Harold reported that the use of the work release individuals was going well, but that the city fuel consumption would be up with two trips per day to Lubbock to pick these people up and take them back. Glen Robertson commented that the work that was being done outweighed the cost of fuel, which would be an extra \$100 per month.

Glen commented that Harold should continue to use this program, that it was worth the gasoline.

7. Department Report: Fire Department

The Fire department had no fire calls and 1 medical call. EMS recertified all with CPR, Heimlich and the defibrillator, and intubations. Wayne Rawls recertified with IV's. They have a new member who is a certified intermediate firefighter.

A. FEMA is taking applications for grants from fire departments, and the city council approved an application for this money. Chief McPherson explained that the grant was for personal equipment and 15 sets of bunker gear. This grant is a 10% matching grant. The actual expenditure of funds would be in the next fiscal year. David Peterson made a motion to approve the application, Kyle Ashley seconded, all approved.

7. Department Report : Police Report

The Police have had a quiet spring break. The policies and procedures manual is still being reviewed by Kyle Ashley. The disaster plan has been submitted to the regional coordinator and 9 of 23 annexes are finished. The TEEX grant fund application has been submitted. Any grant from this agency will be in the form of equipment, not cash. 12 counties are competing for 16 million dollars.

Wayne Rawls has completed his National Emergency Training and has a certificate.

7. Department Report: Library Report

Librarian Kim Copeland reported that the Easter Egg Hunt 4/17 will be fun, fun, fun. Earth day will also be busy with planting and watering projects for the kids. Summer reading club "Mission Possible- Spy a Book" starts June 21 for ages K-6. Science Spectrum is presenting a program; the Ransom Canyon police will be fingerprinting and talking about safety and detective "stuff"; and there will be a treasure hunt and more...

8. Property Owners Association: The annual POA meeting elected new officers Candy Fletcher, Andy Wilson and Helen Musiak. This is good energy for the POA. The triathlon is May 25. Thanks for the city support.

9. Open Forum: Glen Robertson thanked Kyle Ashley for time served on the council, and his willingness to address tough issues.

David Peterson moved to adjourn, Dick Hulslander seconded, all approved.

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