

**TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2002  
MINUTES**

Mayor Robert Englund called this meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council to order at 7:00 P.M., October 8, 2002. Glen Robertson, Dick Hulslander and Leon Whetzel were present. David Peterson and Kyle Ashley were absent. Attorney Richard Hubbert was present. The meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon fire station, 1 Ridge Road. The Mayor called for a moment of silent meditation.

The agenda called for an executive session. The subject of that session was water contract negotiations with the City of Lubbock. The City Attorney had advised that this discussion did not qualify for a closed meeting. The council members present had no comment about the topic, so Mayor Englund tabled the item.

The lake committee met in open session September 30<sup>th</sup> to listen to a report from Jim Bertram about a possible diversion of reclaimed water from the City of Lubbock to the V-8 Ranch, Buffalo Lake, Ransom Canyon lake system. If these three entities would join in an agreement to take reclaimed water, Terry Ellerbrook made the comment that he would lend his support. Jim commented that this might solve the low water condition that Ransom Canyon experiences during drought season.

A lively discussion followed about such matters as 1. The quality and quantity of water available, 2. The controls of this water during flood events, 3. The image of reclaimed water, 4. Any contractual conditions that might accompany this project, 5. The built-in filter system provided by Buffalo Lake, 6. The need to work with the City of Lubbock to renegotiate the drinking water contract, and the opportunity to make that happen, 7. The high cost of water from the Canadian River Water Authority, if it ever became a necessary alternative water source for Ransom Canyon.

In the end, the council encouraged the lake committee to pursue conversations with the City of Lubbock in order to answer some of these questions and get more information.

Minutes of the September 10 and September 17 meetings were approved on a motion from Glen Robertson, second from Dick Hulslander, all approved.

The October Financial Report was not finished and was not included in the council package.

The subdivision committee met twice to do work using Wolfforth's ordinance. The ETJ was established, and it was established that Ransom Canyon could regulate subdivision development within this ETJ. The planned ordinance will refer to a Land Use Plan, which should be adopted by Resolution, which describes the streets, the steep slope not suitable for housing areas, the green areas, the highway system, and the residential development around the city. This plan and the drafted ordinance will be ready for consideration by the council at the November 12 meeting.

Mayor Englund reported on the status of the engineering projects. Hugo Reed is researching using the two present water storage tanks to function as gravity pressure for the homes on the bottom. The new tower will then serve as gravity pressure for the homes on the top. This would streamline the system and save some money.

The Lake Committee is planning a presentation at the November council meeting.

Harold reported that the new water employee is Phillip Noey. Allen Doggett is starting to move equipment to the sewer plant construction site. The location and type of measuring meter for the Buffalo line was discussed, and Robert, Leon and Harold will meet with Bernie and Allen Doggett to make this decision.

Harold asked when the council wanted to send Phillip to school, and the council said to wait six months. Harold asked if the council would approve the use of prisoners for work release projects and the council did not make a motion about this issue.

Chief Rand McPherson reported no fire calls, but one medical call in September. The truck is at DACO; the tank is in, installed and on its way to being finished. Saturday is Oktoberfest. The fire department auxiliary furnished the new EOC center.

The council authorized the expenditure of \$997.18 to buy a used defibrillator from the City of Slaton, Slaton EMS. This machine has a value of approximately \$3,000. The machine is completely automatic. Ransom Canyon's other defibrillator machine is semi-automatic. Glen Robertson moved to approve the expenditure; Dick Hulslander seconded the motion, all approved.

Chief Rawls reported record boat permit sales for the summer season. A plumbing fixture was stolen from the chapel. Two semi-automatic rifles and two shotguns are due to arrive in two weeks.

There was no building committee report.

Librarian Kim reported on a successful Saturday fall fun day that included pumpkin carving, story time, bobbing for apples and lots of refreshments. Tutoring is continuing on Thursdays. There will be a December open house.

The Property Owner Association is replacing the shingles on the Mansard on the party house. A roof is planned for the concrete slab, to be paid for by the fire department auxiliary.

Flood control maps are at City Hall.

Dick Hulslander moved to adjourn; Glen Robertson seconded the motion, all approved.

Melissa Verett