

TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 1997
MINUTES

This meeting of the City Council of the Town of Ransom Canyon was brought to order by Mayor Lee Kitchens at 7:00 P.M. at the Ransom Canyon Fire House. All council members were present, except David Peterson, who had advised the council that he had a prior commitment and could not make this rescheduled meeting. (The normal meeting is the second Tuesday of the month, but the January 14, 1997 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather conditions.) Council Members present were Charley McQueen, Inez Speed, Ken Williams and Erika Hoeve.

MINUTES: Inez Speed requested to change the minutes of the December 10, 1996 meeting to reflect that her late arrival had been excused by prior arrangements due to her county precinct election duties. These changes noted, Inez Speed moved to approve the minutes, Ken Williams seconded, all approved.

ROLLBACK ELECTION CANVASS: Mayor Lee Kitchens reported the results of the January 18, 1997 tax rollback election. A total of 406 votes were cast, 166 FOR the rollback and 240 AGAINST the rollback. Inez Speed made the motion to accept the findings of the election judge, Erika Hoeve seconded, all approved.

Charley McQueen noted for the record that the 21 cent accrual for rollback tax refunds is no longer necessary, and requested that Melissa release this accrual. Council agreed. Lee Kitchens also noted for the record that we should now fund the Capital Improvement Program and the Reserve Fund that were passed by Ordinance and Resolution in the last budget deliberations. Council all agreed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No notations to be made, motion to approve from Ken Williams, second from Inez Speed, all approved.

AUDIT: Ron Howell from Mason Warner presented the audit for the past fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. He noted that we paid off all debt, discontinued unnecessary funds and consolidated funds and fund balances. He had both the audit and supplementary material that reflected the change in the health of the city from debt to being debt free with available assets. A clean opinion was issued. No irregularities were found. The city's condition was very good, very liquid. Erika Hoeve moved to accept the audit, Ken Williams seconded, all approved.

LAKE LEASE: Mayor Kitchens noted that our attorney had issued an opinion that the lease with the POA should be renewed every year, and that the city should be listed as a named insured on the POA's liability policy. The POA had been contacted and their

policy had been corrected to name the city, although no one on the POA could remember when or why the city had been dropped in the first place.

Melissa will provide the council with copies of the now-defunct lake lease document. We do not have a signed lease, and John Sims says we really should have one. Lee will get with Chip Polk and rewrite the lake lease for presentation to the council for council approval. The city's liability insurance covers the city for any lake incident.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Wayne Gentry reported that the new altitude valve is on line. The road should be open again soon. Lee Kitchens commended Wayne and his crew for their work to keep the roads open during the extreme cold snap. They had equipment problems and had to work on the equipment in the elements, because we do not have shop space.

GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT: Inez Speed requested this item on the agenda in an effort to draw attention to the inconsistent quality of garbage collection. Her own, in fact. Wayne Gentry mentioned that part of the problem was that the truck arrived sometimes at or before 8:00, and people just missed the pickup, but that efforts were being made to improve individual problems.

TAX COLLECTION: Melissa had two tax refunds over \$500, requiring council approval. Erika Hoeve moved to approve the refund of the duplicate payments, Ken Williams seconded, all approved.

ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE: One house on Comanche Lane had been approved, and one carport on Parklane had been approved.

POLICE: Wayne Rawls reported for Ray Short for the month of December. 0 accidents, 0 arrests, 64 calls requiring service, 0 tickets, 0 offenses, 3 traffic warnings, 17 trespass warnings. 39 vacation watches, 5 dog dispositions and 10 assists to other agencies.

COURT CLERK: \$20 collected this month.

FIRE DEPT: Wayne Rawls reported no activity but the election of 1997 officers.

Chief - Wayne Rawls

Asst. Chief - Rand McPherson

Fire Captain - Charley Hobbs

Medical Captain - Nancy Rawls

Sec/Treas - Steve Oldham

Aux. Pres. - Georgette McPherson

Ken Williams moved to approve these officers, Inez Speed seconded, all approved.

LIBRARY: Kim Copeland reported 85 patrons, 70 children, 15 adults. 21 movies are available for circulation, the library had issued their mission statement and they had submitted their grant application to the Tolker Foundation.

POA: Nothing

OPEN FORUM: Nothing

ADJOURN: So moved by Inez Speed seconded by Charley McQueen, all approved.

Melissa Verett, City Secretary