

RANSOM CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2001  
MINUTES

This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was held at 1 Ridge Road, December 11, 2001. Mayor Robert Englund called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Aldermen David Peterson, Inez Speed, Kyle Ashley and Leon Whetzel were present.

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

Minutes of the November 13, 2001 council meeting were approved unanimously on a motion from Kyle Ashley and second from Inez Speed.

The Financial Report and Claims and Demands were approved unanimously on a motion from David Peterson and second from Inez Speed.

The first item on the agenda was a request for a LAN server for the office computer system. Lee Kitchens discussed the present status of the computer at City Hall, and he explained that a server system was the next step toward the future computer capability that would be of benefit to the city. All the departments could access a server, which would be a help to the police department, the operations manager, and even the fire department. All of these departments will have "read only" access to the resident list of the water utility billing system. In addition, next budget year, ideally, the city can sign on to a DST network internet service. This will allow the city to have a web page and five e-mail addresses. The city can use the web page for City and department FAQ's and for news events.

The current computer is not operating at maximum capacity because it is full of data. The water utility has no back up system. A CD-ROM external system or a zip drive could possibly be installed, per Lee, but it would be cumbersome and would take a day to back up the data. Lee explained that the server would be the next step in growth for the city's Info Technology Systems.

Kyle Ashley made a motion to approve the purchase for a server, packaged bid from INCODE of \$5,000. Leon Whetzel seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The council next considered the adoption of Ordinance # 178, which adopted five new Universal Building Codes. The council had many questions about the wording of the ordinance, the adoption of the codes, the need to possibly repeal former code adoption ordinances. Leon Whetzel has much experience with the application of building codes, and he volunteered to work this issue. He will study the new codes, the requirement of HI3 217 and SB 365, and discover how these new laws apply to Ransom Canyon; and he will research what action the city needs to take to be in compliance. The council tabled this issue until such time as Leon is able to work this problem.

Resolution No. 73 adopts the Racial Profiling Policy that is required by the 77th Legislature. The Policy provides for the measures that the police department must take to document and protect the officers from unwarranted claims of discrimination, and to insure that racial profiling does not occur by an officer of the department. Inez Speed moved to adopt the Resolution and the policy as written, Kyle Ashley seconded the motion, all approved.

Dick Hulslander requested permission to irrigate a strip of POA property from the lake. The council replied that the Metes and Bounds were specific when the certificate of adjudication described the island property that could be irrigated. The council will verify this info, and will get back to the POA if they think it would be okay to irrigate the lakeshore/parking lot strip of land.

The POA took bids for mowing the meadow, park and island, and they wanted to know what the city would charge them to mow this area. Mayor Englund commented that the council would look at it, put a number to it, and will get back with the POA. He did comment that he had a problem with mowing for a fee in a competitive bid situation with a Ransom Canyon resident.

The Lake Committee met with the engineers of the City of Lubbock, and the engineers explained what they explained a year ago to Mayor Whetzel. The drainage programs planned for south Lubbock project a normal rise of less than one inch to the Ransom Canyon lake. The committee members met in December and will meet again in January to discuss this meeting and future action/discussion. The council discussed that the lake is full when the water is flowing over the weir, not when the water is up to the roadway at the dam.

There were no building permits this month.

The council accepted the resignation of Earl Starks on a motion from Inez Speed and a second from Leon Whetzel. All approved.

The council did not discuss replacement at this time. Kyle asked for this item to be on the January agenda, since Dick Hulslander was volunteering to serve. This position is up for election in May.

The council suggested to Harold Needham that travel to Corpus Christi for a one-day conference on the energy code might be an expensive use of his travel/education budget. Harold will look for an alternative seminar. Harold will attempt to pass the state plumbing license test. The landscape meter line on Navajo that was installed in a neighbor's yard was buried deeper. The weir was closed and then opened 2 turns. Since it was closed when water was running over the dam it was unknown if the close was a tight seal.

The police were nearly involved in a county car chase, but the county stopped the car just as it was turning into Ransom Canyon. Wayne said there were gunshots. There have been several criminal mischief violations. The first camera was sent back for remote activation modification, and the current camera was fixed so that it could be turned on from a remote. The lake buoys have been ordered.

The fire department fought another fire on Johnston Road. The burning shed was lost, but the houses were saved. 911 did not work due to a faulty switch downtown. It has since been repaired.

The meeting adjourned on a unanimous vote on a motion from Inez Speed and a second from Kyle Ashley.

Melissa Verett  
City Administrator