

TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON
FEBRUARY 8, 2005
MINUTES

This regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Englund at 7:00 PM, February 8, 2005. Aldermen David Peterson, Richard Hulslander, Ron Cox and Donna Clarke were present. Alderman Earl Starks arrived after the meeting began. Attorney Richard Hubbert was present.

1.A. Minutes of January 11, 2005. David Peterson requested further explanation about the sewer repair to East Lake Shore Drive. The minutes shall reflect the addition of the following: "This repair was necessary due to several circumstances including worn pipeline and tree roots that were not part of the customer's sewer line. Each sewer line repair event will continue to be judged on its own circumstances when the decision is made about who will pay for the repair. " Richard Hulslander moved to approve the minutes as modified, Ron Cox seconded the motion, all approved.

B. Minutes of January 26. These minutes were approved on a motion from Richard Hulslander, second from Ron Cox. All voted aye, except for David Peterson, who abstained.

3. Financial Report. This report was approved on a motion from David Peterson, second from Richard Hulslander. All approved.

4. The 911 District Annual Report was noted, but no action was taken.

5. Mayor Englund reported that City Hall has need for repair to insulate and install ceiling vents. In the cold weather this season the roof has a condensation issue and water is dripping down through the ceiling when it is not raining.

6. The Council Ordered the May 7 2005 election for Mayor and two Aldermen. This action was taken on a motion from Richard Hulslander, second from Ron Cox. All approved.

7. The Council adopted the 2000 International Building Code, the 2000 International Plumbing Code, the 2000 International Mechanical Code, the 2000 International Fire Code, and the 2000 International Fuel and Gas Code. This action was taken on a motion from Richard Hulslander, second from David Peterson. All approved.

8. The Council adopted an Ordinance that prohibits the construction of wind generators. This motion was taken on a motion from Earl Starks, second from Richard Hulslander. All approved.

9. The Building Review Committee met January 24. They reviewed a new home on Ridge Road, a remodel to add a room to an existing home on Brookhollow, and a remodel to the back porch and deck of home on East Lake Shore Drive.

10. Engineering Report. Jimmy McDaniel sent his status report.

- Jimmy has contacted the contractor about the warranty work to be done on the wastewater treatment plant.
- Water Tower:
 1. Water Tower plans have been prepared, send to Halff Assoc for pier review, FAA Notice of Construction has been filed, response by 3/1.
 2. Topographic survey complete, plans for line to serve lower canyon underway.
 3. Electrical Engineer to complete plans ± 2 weeks after receiving lighting requirements from FAA. Receive bids ± 4 weeks after receipt of Electrical Engineer Plans to allow time for publication in paper.
- Dam repair is on hold.
- Ground Storage Tanks need to be repaired, as they will be used in the new system.
- Pump House. No need to repair since this installation will be abandoned.

Harold and the council discussed making repairs to the water tanks in October. Hugo Reed will prepare the specifications, Harold will have another inspection, and the main repair will hit the next fiscal year budget in October. Dr. Cox was concerned about the date after which the deterioration of the tanks starts to cost more. Harold said the damage is inside the tank, and the tank must be drained in order to do repairs.

Dr. Cox commented that he would like to see a timeline from the engineers on the water tower projects so that he could better calculate when we need to do repairs to the water tower.

Richard Hulslander asked about the outcome of the painting and logo question. Mayor Englund reported he had visited with the engineers about that. It will cost 2-4K or 4-6K to paint. Silver paint is cheapest, but has a shorter lifespan than either tan or white. Harold commented that you just don't see silver water tanks anymore due to high maintenance of this type of paint.

11. Harold Needham: Harold asked if the city wanted Max Garza to finish the inspections that the city had already paid him for up front, such as the house on South Lake Shore and the Hoeve's house. The council said yes, the city paid him for these, he should deliver the services promised.

Robert Englund has a guy looking at the Scholz drainage on East Canyon View Drive. He reviewed the case and commented that the two homeowners still seem to have fences on the easement. Mr. Oren wanted Harold to knock out the concrete foundation of Karl Scholz's original fence. Harold is waiting to do that.

The new fence for the water tower will extend out to within ten feet of the library. The council said this was acceptable.

12. Police Report. Chief Rawls said the department had been busy. They have not started selling boat stickers, and asked if the council wanted to keep the \$20 boat fee the same. There will be a notice in the water bill soon about the rules to register a boat. There is a

sailboat on the water that is longer than the maximum allowable. Wayne said that so far, all the owner uses it for is a guest bedroom. To Wayne's knowledge, the boat has not been operated on the water.

13. The Fire Department assisted the Police with an emergency call February 4. They also made a fire call. The fire was in the electrical wiring in the doorbell, and the firemen used their infrared thermal heat imager to find it.

The Fire Department has the new truck.

Rand and Wayne fly to Houston: 7:00 AM

Wayne and Rand flew to Houston Wednesday, February 2. Their 7 AM - 9:30 AM flight to Houston took them to meet the Chief from the Sheldon Community Fire Department. Sheldon is 30 miles North East of Houston, and this department has a 30 square mile territory. They make 600 calls per year to commercial, residential, brush fire, oil fire, etc. They gave Rand and Wayne a tour of their station and demonstrated how the new truck ran.

On the Road by 11:00 AM

Wayne and Rand drove it, checked it out and it ran well. By 11:00 AM they were back on the road on their 12 hour drive back to Ransom Canyon. The truck gets 6 mpg. It can run 60 to 75 mph on the highway. It has a video camera in back and halfway back home, Rand and Wayne discovered that the picture was displaying backward. They fixed this.

Horn Button on the Floorboard:

They also discovered a massive horn whose button is in the floorboard of the passenger side Rand found this button at a truck stop in Sweetwater, much to the ire of a trucker who happened to be in the line of fire.

Police Chief sleeps through 4:30 Dallas Traffic

The Tanker works well. So well, the Police Chief slept through Dallas rush hour traffic. Chief McPherson brought the truck on in and they arrived home at 11:00 PM. It barely just fits in the fire station bay. The volunteers managed to fit all three trucks. Rescue One, Engine One and now Tanker One are all in the firehouse on Ridge Road.

Outfit ordered from Ferrara..

The department has ordered the right equipment from Ferrara, and they believe the truck can be decked out as a tanker/pumper. They have not pumped water, yet. There is a built in battery charger and compressor. The rep from Ferrara said we got a good deal, a good buy. Sheldon is sending specs and an operating manual on CD.

November to February Project Completion.

Ron Cox commented that in November the council started discussions about buying this truck, and in early February the truck is in place. He complimented Rand on the efficient execution of a plan.

There will be a weather spotters school hosted by Ransom Canyon in the spring.

Mrs. Clarke had questions about the capability of the truck. Rand said this truck will pump and roll, or it can be attached to fire hydrants. This truck has a “drop” tank of 2100 gallons, an another tank of 1800 gallons. 1800 gallons is usually enough to put out a fire.

Pancake Breakfast is February 12.

Rand McPherson and Alderman Donna Clarke are working on the Forest Service Grant. Donna noted a February 22 school in Wolfforth put on by Homeland Security. They will craft a grant in time for the April deadline.

15.) POA Kyle Ashley is building a finish line for the September Triathlon. The dues bills are out, and late charge assessments are being delayed.

Donna Clarke asked to go back to agenda item 6.A. The city can contract our city election to the Lubbock County Voter registration office if we want to. This might be a need in order to meet new voting place requirements for handicap and bi-lingual. As it is now, bi-lingual is covered, and handicap can be managed. To sub contract this election would cost 3,000 perhaps, which is 2,000 over the \$1,000 budget for election. This decision will be made further into the election calendar. There might not even be a contest, in which case, the election would be cancelled.

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Richard Hulslander, second from Ron Cox. All voted aye.

Melissa Verett
City Administrator