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RANSOM CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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This regular meeting of the City Council of the Town of Ransom Canyon was called to order by Mayor Lee Kitchens at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road. Aldermen present were Steve Oldham, Ken Williams, Inez Speed and Robert Englund. David Peterson missed the meeting due to a business conflict.

Minutes and Financial Report were not ready, with the City Secretary's apologies. Mayor Kitchens explained do was an extraordinary month, and that both items would be on March Business.

Council approved one refund to Chase Manhattan for a duplicate tax payment. This action was taken on a motion from Robert Englund, seconds from both Ken Williams and Inez Speed, all approved.

Council declared election May 1 for Mayor and two Aldermen. (Ken Williams and David Peterson terms end.) This action was taken on a motion from Inez Speed, second from Ken Williams, all approved.

Chief Rawls announced that James Hill passed his interim EMS exam, and both policemen are working out at the Roosevelt gym three nights/week.

Chief Rawls asked the council for permission to apply for another COPS FAST Grant from the federal government. Grant Funds would be paid at 75% in various payout modes over the course of three years. Our proposal would be decided by need for FTE's as configured by the Chief Mayor Kitchens called for a motion to authorize the Chief to pursue the grant application. Motion was made by Steve Oldham, seconded by Ken Williams, all approved.

Chief Rawls requested permission to use the police vehicles outside jurisdiction, off duty/on call. Inez Speed stated that her motion last month tabled this question, and she requested that the Chief discuss the issue in depth with each council member. Chief Rawls stated he had not taken that info from last meeting. Mrs. Speed repeated her motion to table the issue until Chief Rawls had time to visit individually with each councilman , adding that the issue would be placed again on the agenda only as a new item by one of the councilmen. Second to the motion from Robert Englund, all approved.

Bernie Gradel addressed the engineering issue of the adequacy of the city sewer main at the area of West Lake Shore Drive, Ransom Road and Brookhollow intersection. In his opinion the city main was big enough, the problem was not with the city, and the city should not be liable for individual homeowner in this case. Letter so stating was given to the council. Council took no further action on this matter.

Melissa Verett briefed the council on the issue of TML medical insurance coverage. Letters had been written to elected officials, asking for help on the issue. The problem still persists, no satisfactory resolution in sight. Inez Speed asked if another insurance carrier is the answer to the problem> Melissa replied it might be the only solution, but it will be expensive, and there are no guarantees that we will not have the same problem. 'Me council told Melissa to continue to write letters.

Harold Needharn is sending packets of TNRCC required notices to new homeowners asking for their signatures to agree to install only TNRCC approved double check valves in their homes and sprinkler systems. This requirement to insure no backflow into the city water supply.

Inez Speed requested that Lee write a strong letter to Judge Tom Head about the decreased library funding. She insisted that he write this letter, and he said he would.

Inez Speed moved to adjourn, second from Ken Williams, all approved and the meeting adjourned.
Melissa Verett, City Secretary