

## 9-13-05 MINUTES

September 13, 2005 Minutes

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This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M., at the fire house, 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon. Mayor Englund was present, along with Aldermen Earl Starks, David Peterson, Dick Hulslander, Donna Clarke and Ron Cox.

After a moment of silence, Mayor Englund called on Police Chief Wayne Rawls to present the Resolution for the Adoption of NIMS and ICS. This resolution established the National Interagency Incident Management System – Incident Command System, as the county standard command and control system during emergency operations. This action was taken on a motion from Dick Hulslander, second from R on Cox. All voted aye.

James Hill finished all requirements to achieve his intermediate police officer standing. When Wayne finishes Police Chief school this year, he will have achieved advanced peace officer standing.

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Changes to P 4 : Third paragraph, delete third sentence. Middle of the page, second bullet, delete phrase “based on the fees as represented today.”

Changes to page 9, second paragraph. “The Havelly’s said that when their home was for sale...” Add,”The house has since sold.”

With these changes, Dick Hulslander moved to approve, Earl Starks seconded, all approved.

Financial Report was approved on a motion from Ron Cox, second from Dick Hulslander.

Citizens Bank. Mayor Englund reviewed the earned interest issue with this bank. He asked that this experience be remembered when the depository bid is revisited in three years.

Martin Luther King Day was added as a holiday. This action was taken on a motion from Donna Clarke, second from Ron Cox. All approved.

The budget resolutions and ordinances were adopted in the following order.

4. B: Resolution 05-00100, Release 04-05 Balances to Undesignated Funds was approved on a motion from David Peterson, second from Dick Hulslander.

4. C: Resolution 05-00105 the Operating Reserve Fund Budget was approved on a motion from Dick Hulslander, second from Ron Cox.

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4. D, E, Ordinance 05-00260, Capital Improvement Budget, and Ordinance 05-00265, Operating Budget were approved on a motion from Ron Cox, second from Dick Hulslander. All approved.

4. F. The tax rate, Ordinance 05-00270 was adopted on a motion from David Peterson, second from Ron Cox. All approved.

4.G. New water utility rates, Ordinance 05-00275 was adopted on a motion from Dick Hulslander, second from Ron Cox, all approved. The new base is \$25. The 1,000 gallon rate for 4,000 to 14,000 gallons is 2.29. The rate per thousand above 15,000 is 3.29 per thousand. A monthly mosquito spray fee of \$3.00 is added.

5. ) Ordinance 05-00285. New Building permit fees were set. Construction was set at \$.30 per square foot. Reinspection fees were established at minimum \$50, maximum \$150. This is a dollar for dollar pass-through charge to the contractor. Roofing Permit fees were set. Plan Review fees were set at 50% of the permit fee, to be applied to the permit when it is issued. Investigation fees were established. The investigation fee shall be equal to the amount of the permit fee required by this code. These fees apply to landscape work and cut and fill flatwork. This Ordinance was unanimously approved on a motion from Donna Clark, second from Ron Cox.

6.) Building Review Committee examined one set of plans for a remodel. They requested a change in the foundation plans. These plans will be resubmitted.

7.) Fred Jones asked the City Council to change their city ordinance that prohibits private wells. The council commented that the new rates are meant to encourage conservation. There was no motion on this item.

10.) Resolution No. 05-0010 re: Humanitarian Efforts for Victims of Hurricane Katrina was passed on a motion from Dick Hulslander, second from Ron Cox. The Council resolved to support David Peterson by encouraging donations to reimburse David for his gasoline expenses when he took his mobile kitchen to Lufkin to feed evacuees for a week. David commented that it was a team effort and he took no personal credit for the work that was accomplished. He said he estimated gasoline costs at \$300. The remainder of donations will go to the local Salvation Army.

Operations Report: Harold has found a man to do framing inspections for a base fee. He is very thorough and is preparing an inspection proposal that Harold will bring to the next council meeting. This proposal will include a recommendation that building plans be stamped by an engineer. Mayor Englund and Mayor Pro-Tem Peterson stated that it should be very clear that the building inspector would always defer to the decisions of the Building Review Committee. Harold agreed. Seven applications for the Operations Assistant have been received; 1 from a published ad and the rest through word-of-mouth. The new water line is complete and has been pressured tested to 100psi. The contractor will drain the pipe and leave it until the water tank is installed. It will then be re-tested and put to use. There are some areas that will need to be filled in and ground cover is

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needed on the exposed areas left from excavation. Mr. Peterson suggested a short term remedy of fescue and rye through the winter, and then plant to buffalo grass in the spring.

11.B) The Fire Depart Report was delivered by Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cooper. There were 4 medical calls and 1 fire call on south lake Shore. A paint contractor left spray gear, including paint cans in a flower bed that had decorative chips in it. It appeared that something sparked, overheated or combusted. The painter lost all of his equipment and the homeowner lost a deck. Nine firefighters responded, all trucks rolled and response time was four minutes. The fire was at 11:00 PM on a Friday night. The department provided support for the POA triathlon.

11.D) Kim Copeland reported for the library that she is going to begin a new program. This will be a Holiday story hour on Saturdays, complete with refreshments. She is very busy already checking out books that are on the accelerated reader list for Slaton and Roosevelt schools. Ron Cox asked if the library could participate in the Lubbock interlibrary loan program, and Kim answered that she could.

12. Dick Hulslander reported for the POA. They had a very successful triathlon. An Oktoberfest celebration should also be great fun. Garage Sale is September 24.

OPEN FORUM. An ordinance regulating permits for PODS (Portable On Demand Storage.) will be on the October agenda.

The meeting adjourned on a motion from David Peterson, second from Dick Hulslander.

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City Administrator