

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2007
MINUTES

The City Council for the Town of Ransom Canyon met at the regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting, October 9, 2007. This meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon, TX. The meeting began at 7:00 PM. Mayor Robert Englund was present, as were Aldermen Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, Jack Randorff and Kevin Carlson. James Overby was absent. Attorneys were there to represent the city and the insurance company. Richard Hubbert of Sims, Hubbert and Wilson represented the city. Matt Matzner from Crenshaw, Dupree and Milam and Freddy Starkes from Austin TML represented the TML insurer.

Mayor Englund called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silent meditation.

MINUTES: The September minutes were approved on a motion from Ron Cox, second from Jack Randorff. All voted aye.

FINANCIAL REPORT: This report represents some year end accruals and some pre-paid items. For the most part, the year ended with a positive revenue stream. The report was approved on a motion from Donna Clarke, second from Ron Cox. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HAROLD NEEDHAM: Harold did not recommend the seal coat proposal from Powell Paving. Kevin Carlson moved to deny the overlay as proposed. Ron Cox seconded, all voted aye.

Dam Repair: This repair will be more complicated and difficult than expected. Our crews might not be able to do this work in house. A contract may be necessary.

Emergency generator: There is too much surge on the pumps, so a "soft start" will not fix it.

POLICE: Police Chief Wayne Rawls said that September was a quiet month, and the part-time officer is working, but the Chief is banking budget dollars and time so that the Christmas season will have full coverage.

Another dog bite: An elderly person was bitten. The dog was quarantined, and the owner is taking care of the injured party's medical bills.

Donna Clarke inquired about vandalism at a building site on South Lake Shore. The Chief commented that no report had been filed.

FIRE: Fire Chief Rand McPherson reported zero fire calls, 1 medical call. Firefighter Clayton Neal passed away this month. He had pancreatic cancer. Doug Bradford from Ferrara reports that the trucks are now in the certification process, and they should be ready in the next week to ten days. Signage will be put on the trucks after they arrive here.

LIBRARY: Kim Copeland thanked the council for the plant that was sent for her mother's funeral. All is well at the library, and the new program will begin October 25th.

MUNICIPAL COURT: Judge Gary Bellair reported on the jury trials that were held on October 1st and 2nd. There were many citations. The court reduced these to six cases that would be tried, so six juries were selected, with six persons to a jury. The findings: 2 were adverse to the defendant, (Robert Boyd) and 4 were adverse to the city. Judge Bellair has received a brief from the defendant and is waiting on a brief from John Sims. Judgment will be rendered next week.

Donna Clarke clarified that the findings of the juries had to be unanimous. The Judge confirmed that. The charge was that Robert Boyd constructed a ham antenna tower without first obtaining a building permit:

- Jury one found him guilty, with a fine of \$6.00. The jury members offered to pay the fine for him.
- Jury two found him not guilty.
- Jury three found him guilty, with a fine of \$500.
- Jury four found him not guilty.
- Jury five found him not guilty.
- Jury six found him not guilty.

Judge Bellair commented that only one jury finding was inconsistent.

PROPERTY OWNER ASSOCIATION:

Helen Musiak reported that new flooring was being installed in the Ranch House, and that railings will be installed on the south side of the building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The open meeting adjourned, and the council went into executive session with the attorneys.

RECONVENED: When the council reconvened into open meeting, no action was taken that was relevant to the executive meeting discussion. No action was taken.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett
City Administrator