

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2007

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mayor Robert Englund followed by a moment of silent meditation. Aldermen Donna Clarke, Ron Cox and Jack Randorff were present. Alderman Kevin Carlson was absent after notifying Mayor Englund that he would be out of town and Alderman Jim Overby was absent following surgery.
2. Minutes of November Meeting. Donna Clarke had several questions about the minutes. She asked that minutes from the EXECUTIVE SESSION be deleted. Under OPEN MEETING AND ACTION, the sentence "However, action was to be taken in open meeting should be deleted. In the third paragraph, second sentence under VERETT RESIGNATION, "Both will be required to live in Ransom Canyon, should be replaced with "It would be nice if they lived in Ransom Canyon". Also, the council did not take any action on "Mary Brown continuing to work as the City Treasurer with compensation equal to the salary of the outgoing City Administrator". Last, under OPEN FORUM in regard to the last sentence, "Harold Needham did not comment that he would approve of this operational change". Donna Clarke said that she was only asking for input, not approval on changing the garbage collection program. Jack Randorff made a motion to accept the Minutes with corrections and a second from Ron Cox, Donna Clarke approved.
3. The November Financial Report was approved on a motion from Ron Cox and a second from Donna Clarke and Jack Randorff approved. Mayor Englund stated that the Lubbock County Elections contract was the same as last year, and that the city was able to save approximately \$8,000.00 by utilizing the contract with the county. The council voted to accept the contract on a motion from Jack Randorff and a second from Donna Clarke and Ron Cox approved.
4. Mayor Englund accepted Linda Williams' resignation from her city employment with regrets.
5. Jack Randorff reported on the TML conference he attended in Dallas. He felt that it was very beneficial and he made a lot of contacts in the financial sector in regard to loans for cities. Also he gained insight into the CHARRETTE process for town hall meetings.
6. David Hettler presented the 2006-2007 City Audit Report to the council. He stated that the city had a good year and was in good financial condition. Mayor Englund thanked Mr. Hettler for his report and said that the council would examine it closely and look at it as an action item for acceptance next month.
7. & 8. Executive Session was moved to the end of the meeting.
9. Department Reports:
 - A. Administration:
 - *Status Report on New Hires. No hires to date.
 - *Appoint Mary as Interim City Administrator. No action taken.
 - *TCEQ issues research Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to facilitate annexation of land North of Ransom Canyon. Plan for Annexation. Authorize funds for Hugo Reed to research CNN availability. Lubbock Water contract. Mayor Englund stated that the plan would be to run the pipeline through Menaldi's land North of the city. Mayor Englund also stated that the city can annex without providing utilities. At present, the city only intends to provide water. City attorney John Sims said that he would recommend that the council take things one step at a time. Establish a contract with Roosevelt, and then look at annexing the land. Ron Cox said that he wants the facts before any steps are

taken.

*Authorize additional funds for Bernie Gradel to create zoning regulations for Ransom Canyon. Tabled.

*Authorizing Funds for Retainer for Carthel (Annexation) and Verett (Water Contracts with Lubbock and with Roosevelt ISD) and (Personnel Search). No action taken. Jack Randorff requested that these items be broken down into separate items on next month's agenda for consideration.

B. Operations

*Study planning for Water Distribution System for Annexed Area. (Hugo Reed). No one was present from Hugo Reed to discuss this matter.

*Water Report was presented by Chris Broadstreet. Harold Needham was not present at this meeting, as he was making preparations for the Caprock Water Utility Assn. Christmas party at the Ranch House. Chris reported that the tower guys did not show up as they were scheduled to perform warranty work. We will probably need to wait until March or April when the temperatures warm up to paint the ground storage tanks. We are still waiting for Armor Asphalt to come do the road work & repair to E. Lake Shore Drive.

C. Fire: Approve Possible Budget Overrun caused by signage expense for new fire trucks.

Fire Chief Rand McPherson stated that he thought he had more money. He thought that \$135,000 had been approved in the budget to purchase the two trucks. Rand bought new gloves for the firefighters at \$50.00 each and if the \$135,000 still stands, Rand wants to purchase new bunker gear for each of the firefighters. Robert said the council would look at the budget. The mayor asked Rand for an itemized list of expenses so that the council could look at amending the budget for the overrun. The signage is ready for the truck. The fire department needs to look at standardizing the hoses. There was a problem coordinating the hose sizes last week when the Buffalo Fire Department assisted with the fire at the Party House. The fire call was received at 12:04 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007 and the fire department responded. The decision was made to allow the fire to burn itself out. The state Fire Marshall was called to investigate. Rand reported that the new fire truck worked perfectly. The

D. Police: Wayne Rawls was absent from the meeting.

E. Library: Linda Williams reported for Librarian Kim Copeland. The library Christmas party was well attended. Stories were told, songs were sung, refreshments were served, door prizes were given out, and all children attending received a gift. Memorial books have been purchased and are on the book shelves. The Christmas card fundraiser is under way!

F. Court: Judge Gary Bellair reported "no activity" for the month.

10. Property Owners Association Report: No report.

11. Open Forum: Complaints were voiced from a resident about the Grand Prix held at Buffalo. There were too many disturbances experienced by the Ransom Canyon residents. There were questions as to whether the area of the race was located in a preserve of the Audubon Society and if the dam had been compromised due to the race track that was constructed. The council suggested that the resident contact the TCEQ & the Audubon Society. There was also a request to post the city council meetings on the marquee at the fire station. The council was in agreement with this request.

12. Adjourn & Retire to Executive Session: No action was taken in Executive Session.
13. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Williams