

**JUNE 12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

This meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Robert Englund. The council was present: Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox, and Aldermen Donna Clarke, Kevin Carlson, Jack Randorff and James Overby were all also present.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a moment of silent meditation.

MINUTES: Approved on a motion from Ron Cox and second from James Overby.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND CLAIMS AND DEMANDS: These were approved on a motion from Kevin Carlson, second from Donna Clarke.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Englund administered the Oath of Office of Alderman to Alderman Re-elect Kevin Carlson. Kevin took his seat at the council table.

MAYOR PRO-TEM: Dr. Ron Cox was elected Mayor Pro-Tem by acclamation. He was nominated by Donna Clarke, and this nomination was seconded by James Overby. All voted aye.

RESOLUTION 3 07-00612: Resolution Regarding Building Permit Issuance Procedure: This Resolution outlined more procedures that must be followed in the process of getting a building permit. A draft copy of the Resolution was available, and the council asked for a change to paragraph 3, item 3. This sentence should read: "3. Consultation with a qualified disinterested person who worked for the original developer or subsequent developers when the property was platted: and"

With this change, a motion to approve this resolution was made by Jack Randorff and seconded by Donna Clarke. All voted aye.

OPERATIONS REPORT: The Mayor announced that he would take Harold Needham's report at this time, and recognized that engineer Bernie Gradel was present to report on some items.

Hugo Reed is preparing the bid specs for the repair to the southernmost turn of East Lake Shore Drive. Harold said that Hugo Reed proposed to add an option for this bid spec package, to allow the contractors to work at night. Bernie said this is because at this location, traffic management will be difficult, and traffic is higher during the day. This would not mean that the city would be faced with overtime or double time. The contract price would be fixed. The nighttime option might help with a projection for a shorter contract timeline.

The council agreed this was a good idea.

Bernie had the bids for the repair to the Ground Storage Tanks. The low bid of \$95,132 was from Water Tower Maintenance. Bernie said this was a good company, with a good

reputation. Kevin Carlson made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, James Overby seconded the motion, all approved.

Although the discussion about the change for FEMA was not on the agenda, Bernie commented that although there was no requirement to change the datum, the City of Lubbock was changing their datum, and this would affect us because of the close proximity of the two cities and the references that will be used in the future to Ransom Canyon. It is our decision to change from the old NGVD to the new NAVD. There is one foot of change. This one foot could cause confusion if the two cities are not looking at the same maps. So Bernie suggested that we may as well make the change. Some day in the future it might be a necessity. It is not a necessity now, but could be in the future. The Mayor said to put this item on the July agenda for action.

Bernie is looking for an independent contractor to give us a proposal for repair on the dam. Hopefully this will be tied in with the repairs to South Lake Shore.

Bernie has prepared a new Master Plan for the Water Distribution System in town, to include the new water tower. The original plan by Halff and Assoc. has changed regarding water pressures and models. There were no major upgrades, but bigger pumps. Also the old Halff report included development of the South Rim, and the LRC land by City Hall. These needed to be deleted because they have not developed, and the map needs to show current water demands for proper management.

Donna Clarke commented that brush fire on the South Rim was a major concern, and that access must come from Buffalo or from Slaton. Bernie said the model included a change from 480 meter connections to 800 connections at the ultimate build out. Wayne Rawls commented that that area can be accessed from a road from Hwy 400.

The Council adjourned to executive session.

The Council reconvened into open meeting, and took no action relevant to the executive session.

Mayor Englund presented the Preliminary Budget, which overall reflects a 3% inflation increase. He made a few summary remarks about departments, but there were no questions and there was no discussion. Next month will be the Budget Hearing.

LIBRARY REPORT: Librarian Kim Copeland reported that a family had moved away from the city, taking several library books with them; including a first edition hard back HARRY POTTER. These books will be difficult to replace. The library had received a donation of \$1500 from the estate of Lois Marie Keeton, represented by her niece, Karen Cox. Kim will purchase a book about nature, and the book will say it was donated in memory of Mrs. Keeton.

The summer reading club is starting, and Kim expects new kids, plus new kids from outside the canyon. The annual grant from the County is \$4500. The Library Budget is \$16,270.

POLICE: Wayne Rawls reported that International Diving is scheduled for some time between July 4 and July 24. The POA had trouble with some midnight trespassers. Some copper has been stolen from the Ranch House construction site.

Donna Clarke asked if a sign could be put up saying “no outlet” so that people would not drive all the way down South Lake Shore thinking they could get out if they just went all the way to the end. The council agreed to put up 2 signs, one saying “no Outlet” and the other saying “No through traffic.”

FIRE DEPT. Rand McPherson reported that FEMA trailers were left in surplus property. The council approved the purchase of two trailers for \$1500 each. This action was on a motion from Jack Randorff, second from James Overby. James Overby offered to take his vehicle down to check out the offer. All approved.

There were 0 fire calls, 1 medical call. They participated in the air show. The EMT’s have finished their training, and are ready to go. This education gives us the service of another paramedic and an ER nurse.

July 4th will have a fish fry on the 3rd, and the BBQ on the 4th.

MUNICIPAL COURT; Judge Bellair reported that he was waiting on 2 complaints.

There was no further business, so Ron Cox moved to adjourn and James Overby seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett
City Administrator