Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – April 14, 2015

Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert Englund. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jana Trew, Lyle Way, Donna Clarke, and Billy Williams, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

1. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 10, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Jana Trew; seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

1. The Financials

The financial reports and the March 2015 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

1. Award Bid for 1997 Ford F150

A motion to accept the highest bid, $351, by Wickner Nowlin, was unanimously approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Donna Clarke.

1. Ordinance No. 15-00414, Atmos Energy Rates

Ordinance No. 15-00414 regarding Atmos Energy 2014 Rate Review Mechanism filing, was unanimously approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jana Trew.

1. Building Review Committee Appointments

The Council appointed the following to the Building Review Committee on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by John Schmersey, motion carried unanimously:

* 1. Ron Childress – Committee Chair
  2. Jim Bertram
  3. Tom Musiak
  4. Ross John Narvaeth
  5. Richard Richeda
  6. Berwyn Tisdel

1. Staff Authorization to Secure Bids for Emergency Road

On a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey, the council unanimously approved authorizing city staff to secure bids for the Emergency Road.

1. Staff Authorization to Secure Bids for City Hall Office

On a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jana Trew, the council unanimously approved authorizing city staff to secure bids for the City Hall Office.

1. Building Review Committee

The BRC met on March 23rd to consider plans for a boat dock at 7 West Lake Shore Drive, Eddie & Susie Turner, which was approved without the cover and referred to City Council for variance consideration for the cover. Also, the BRC approved a garage addition at 86 South Lake Shore Drive for John & Bitsy Culberson.

1. Variance Request for a Covered Boat Dock, 7 West Lake Shore Drive

Eddie & Susie Turner requested a covered boat dock. Mr. Turner listed several reasons for the request (included in the letter attached to the council packet). His neighbor to the east, Greg Hoeve, came to speak in support citing that the dock is located in a cove where lots of debris naturally collects. He feels the covered dock will greatly improve the aesthetics by keeping debris from collecting in the cove. Mr. Turner stated he spoke with the other neighbor, to the west, Mike Temple, who stated he was also in support of the covered boat dock.

The motion to approve the covered boat dock after letters in support of the variance from both those neighbors are received, was made by John Schmersey, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

1. Department Reports

**Administration:** Murvat Musa reported the following:

* The final plans for the emergency road and city hall offices are available for your review.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair was not at the meeting but Murvat reported the following for him:

* There are two citations, both for not stopping at a stop sign, in a deferred situation. Also, there are two pending parking citations.

**Operations:** Harold Needham reported the following:

* The Operations Staff is very busy watering, mowing, and providing mosquito control.
* TCEQ performed an inspection on the water system.

**Police:** James Hill reported the following:

* There are already many boats on the lake, and so the buoys are being placed.
* There have already been many snakes on the roads.
* 51 weed notices have been mailed and there are currently 10 not in compliance.
* Animal vaccinations will be provided on Election Day, May 9th.

**Fire:** Rand McPherson was not at the meeting but Murvat reported the following:

* There were two fire calls during March. One was to assist Slaton for a planned controlled burn and another was to assist with a fire that our department was unable to locate, but was not inside the city limits.
* There were two medical calls. Most notable was the one where a child fell from the canyon edge. Several people responded including Rick Vasques, Ransom Canyon VFD, the sheriff’s office deputies, Buffalo Lake VFD, and two game wardens.
* Six members of the VFD attended fire school.

**Library:** Kim Copeland reported the following:

* The Easter Egg Hunt was very successful with 120 children in attendance. The beeping eggs were also successful with four children with special needs at that hunt.

1. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

Jackie Lindsey reported that the Annual POA meeting will b held at 6 pm at the Ranch House next Tuesday. Also, the Kentucky Derby party will be on May 2nd at the Ranch House.

Billy Williams reported that the Chapel had the dedication “Birth of Jesus” on Easter and the bake sale yielded over $800 for the Chapel.

1. Adjourn

* A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m. was made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 12th day of May, 2015

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary