

JANUARY 9, 2007, MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE RANSOM CANYON CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the Town of Ransom Canyon met in open session at 7:00 PM, January 9, 2007. The meeting was held at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, # 1 Ridge Road, Ransom Canyon. Mayor Robert Englund called the meeting to order with the following Aldermen present: Kevin Carlson, Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, James Overby and Jack Randorff.

Guests were present from ERF Company, which is the company that has taken over the internet assets of the Door. These individuals identified themselves as Richard Garner,(806-438-1963), Trina Barlow, Debbie, Mike Motley and Jack Cusbana.

The Mayor called for a moment of silent meditation.

2. **MINUTES** :Minutes of December 12, 2007 were approved on a motion from James Overby and second from Kevin Carlson, with the correction on page 2, last line, that stated that the canyon height was 200 feet. The canyon wall is between 100 and 120 feet high. All voted aye to approve the minutes with this correction.

3. REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH DR. ROBERT BOYD CONCERNING COUNCIL MEETING AT HAM RADIO SHOP LOCATION. January 6, 2007.

This Special Called Meeting for the City Council of the Town of Ransom Canyon was held at 11:15 at the Ham Radio Shop, which is located at 1110-98th Street. The meeting was held on Saturday, January 6, 2007.

Donna Clarke reported on the meeting.

A quorum was present, made up of Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox, and Aldermen Donna Clarke, Jack Randorff and James Overby. Kevin Carlson and Mayor Robert Englund were absent.

The Ham Radio Association was represented by Dr. Robert Boyd, County Judge Tom Head, Clinton Thetford, Ricky Roye and Ralph Brock, the attorney for the group. Donna commented that this meeting was cordial and informative, and that much good information was exchanged. The council took no action and the meeting adjourned after about an hour.

Donna reported that some of the questions discussed were:

If a 23 foot antenna was good enough, why would someone need 63 feet?

Would there be interference with the fire station antenna?

Would the Boyd antenna interfere with other homes?

What about the Pegasus tower on the South side, which is actually on Buffalo's property?

Donna said that the group discussed the HOA covenants that bind this lot, and that the city is responsible to those HOA covenants.

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Donna was pleased that the meeting was pleasant and informative. The council observed Ham operation and capabilities. No action was taken by the city council at this meeting. After about an hour this meeting adjourned.

Donna asked the Mayor to appoint a committee that would reach reasonable accommodation for this request. This committee would ask specialists about an installation that would not disrupt the community and other homes. Donna repeated that there are HOA covenants, and that the city is responsible to those HOA covenants.

About this meeting, and the antenna issues, Alderman James Overby commented that there were two boundaries. One, aesthetics, and two, technical. James has questions about some of the answers that the council was given. Jack Randorff commented that he also had questions about the answers that were given to the council, and he thought that Donna's suggestion for a committee was a good one.

Donna said that a hearing was needed that provided for participation for every property owner. She believed the committee should be made up of one member from the Building Committee, 1 Ham Operator, one member from the POA, 2 council members and 2 emergency staff members.

The council discussed the survey of Block 31 Lots 78, 79 and 80. The location of the antenna on this property would be important.

Attorney Sims suggested that a topographical survey of these properties would be helpful. Donna said she wanted answers to technical questions, especially regarding the repeater system, and also regarding interference.

Mayor Englund said he would appoint this committee.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Revenues and Expenditures report was approved on a motion from Donna Clarke and second from Ron Cox. All voted aye.

4.C. REFUND DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT: The city received a duplicate payment on property # R131560 owned by Hardy Dent. In the event of a duplicate payment, procedure is to refund the money to the party that makes the second payment. The second payment was received from Mortgage company ABN-AMRO . The amount was over \$500, so the refund has to be approved by the council. This refund was approved on a motion from Ron Cox and second from James Overby. All voted aye.

4.D. APPROVE 05-06 AUDIT. The Audit was approved on a motion from Ron Cox and second from Donna Clarke. All voted aye.

5. BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE. The committee rejected plans for a home on Horseshoe Hill with instructions to resubmit plan documents that comply with Ordinance 56 details. The committee recommended new members Kyle Cooper and Ross John Narvaeth. The council moved to appoint these men as new members of the committee. This action was taken on a motion from Jack Randorff and second from Ron Cox. All voted aye.

6.A WATER CONTRACT WITH CITY OF LUBBOCK. Engineer Bernie Gradel said Lubbock is still waiting to finish this contract, probably waiting on Roosevelt's contract.

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The amount of water that was approved was 1.2. If we went up to 1.6, we would have to build another water line or put in another tank. Roosevelt is waiting on grant money status.

6.C. All of the bids to repair and paint the water tanks were too high, so the council decided to reject the bids and ask the companies to resubmit their bids in a different format. John Sims said the main reason for doing this is that the bids were over budget. This action was taken on a motion from Jack Randorff and second from James Overby. All voted aye. The council asked Bernie to rework the bid specs by next meeting.

7. OPERATIONS: Harold asked the council for an answer about the 2-polycart question. The council agreed to charge double for two carts. This motion was taken on a motion from Ron Cox, second from Jack Randorff. Each polycart will be billed at \$18. The motion passed on a mixed vote. Kevin Carlson abstained. The other council members voted aye.

8. POLICE CHIEF Wayne Rawls reported that International Diving Company evaluated the weir. They have taken all the information and will be sending back their recommendations. The fee for the investigation was \$1,000. Buffalo has closed their weir and we are back to max capacity. Over Christmas there were 3 or 4 vandalism reports. There were no traffic accidents. Some students egged some cars and houses.

9. FIRE CHIEF Rand McPherson reported no fire calls and 2 medical calls.

10. Library: No report.

11. Zoning No report.

12. POA: Donations for the Ranch House should be sent to City Hall.

13. CROSSWIND ENTERPRISES was not present. Representatives from ERF wanted to visit with the council and explain their active business in Ransom Canyon. There was a lengthy discussion of the wireless capability in Ransom Canyon and the companies that are currently trying to work out a deal with Ransom. ERF Company had a proposal for Ransom Canyon, but no council member made a motion to pursue this project. The interview with the ERF representatives was interesting, including downstream and upstream speeds. Harold expressed concern about care and keeping of the water tower.

14. OPEN FORUM was dominated by discussion about police coverage. One resident complained that her car had been egged. Another resident complained that the police coverage hours had changed drastically from three policemen living here 24 hours per day x 3. Now there are three men working 40 hour per week shifts. The perceived difference in police availability has gone from 504 hours per week to 120 hours per week. The resident also was concerned that some of the 504 hours per week were hours that overlapped, so the coverage was further reduced. This was a lively debate. No action was taken, however.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett

