

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Ransom Canyon Fire House, 1 Ridge Road

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Robert Englund, followed by a moment of silent meditation. Council members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, John Schmersey, Jack Randorff and Billy Williams.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting:

Minutes of the Regular February 10, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by John Schmersey seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials:

The financial reports and the February claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Jack Randorff, seconded by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

4. Ordinance 09-00102 Identity Theft Prevention Program:

Council approved Ordinance 09-00102 pertaining to an Identity Theft Prevention Program on a motion by Ron Cox, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

5. Surveillance Cameras at the Ranch House:

The council approved placing surveillance cameras at the Ranch House on a motion by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously. There was much discussion about being able to view the cameras from the police station and other locations. Wayne will look into the cost of being able to do this.

6. Executive Session:

The Council adjourned from Open Session at 7:27pm in order to convene into Executive Session to discuss Deliberations about Real Property in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Open Meetings Law and Consultation with Attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Open Meetings Law. The Council adjourned at 7:58pm from Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session. No action was taken by the Council in the Executive Session.

7. Building Review Committee:

The committee has not had any plans to review, therefore there was no report.

8. Department Reports:

- a. Administration: Muvat Musa – In addition to her written report, Muvat reported about the status of the election, specifically that if no one requests to be a write-in candidate, we will be able to cancel the election since all the incumbents are currently running unopposed. There was also discussion about further increasing water rates. Lubbock increased their rates yesterday and we will be next.

- b. Court: Judge Gary Bellair – there was no court activity for this month.
- c. Operations: Harold Needham – submitted a written report.
- d. Police: Wayne Rawls – submitted a written report.
- e. Fire: Rand McPherson – In addition to Rand's written report, he reported that the Ransom Canyon Volunteer Fire Department, First Responder, won the award for First Responder of the Year for this region which includes 40 counties.
- f. Library: Kim Copeland – handed out a written report at the Council meeting.

9. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

Val Meixner reported that the triathlon will be May 3rd this year. The Mayor cautioned her that if they want to use the lake, the city will need an insurance certificate on file for the day of the triathlon and any additional practice days. Also, that this variance will require council approval and all information needs to be provided to Murvat before the April council meeting so that it can be placed on the agenda. The annual POA meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 7th.

During open forum, Wayne reported that the Department of Justice has once again resurrected the COPS grant program which will pay for 100% of salary and benefits for one full time police officer for three years. The city must guarantee one more year of employment for the police officer. The Mayor instructed Wayne to pursue the program. Solicitation will be accepted from March 16 – April 14, 2009. Wayne's proposal is to turn the current part-time position into a full-time position.

10. Adjourn

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm

These minutes approved on the 14th day of April, 2009.

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvata Musa, City Secretary