

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 13, 2010  
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jack Randorff. Mayor Robert Englund arrived at 7:20 pm and Mayor Pro-tem John Schmersey was out of town. A moment of silent meditation followed. Council members present: Jack Randorff, Donna Clarke, and Billy Williams.

2. Minutes of Called Meeting

Minutes of the regular June 8, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously. Minutes of the budget work session held on June 22, 2010 were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the June claims and demands were both approved on a motion by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation of Hillside Drive Study

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper (PSC) engineers Jonathan Ziegner and Russell Carter made a presentation on a feasibility study for a retaining wall of Hillside Drive. PSC will be submitting a written memo of their findings. The study indicated two possible methods of constructing a retaining wall so as to minimize erosion of that part of the canyon. The purpose of the study was to find a way to minimize erosion of the hill so that the city's water and sewer lines are not compromised.

5. Resolution R10-0713

Resolution R10-0713 changing the meeting place of the regular city council meetings from the Fire Station at 1 Ridge Road to City Hall at 24 Lee Kitchens Drive was approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

6. Variance request to Ordinance #40, Weeds, Rubbish & Trash

Dr. Ron Cox has rescinded his request for a variance to the 8" height limitation on weeds per Ordinance #40. Instead, he would like the city council to consider amending the ordinance to include provisions for preserving the beauty of the canyon, extending this idea to include POA property, undeveloped lots and other such property.

7. Building Review Committee Report

The committee approved home additions for 37 Arapaho Road and 21 North Rim Road at the June 21, 2010 meeting.

8. Executive Session

The City Council did not convene into executive session.

## 9. Department Reports

**Administration:** Murvat reported the following:

- ❖ She will be on vacation from July 21 – August 1.
- ❖ The city is on the waiting list with our mosquito flying service for spraying. They will do it as soon as possible.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair was unable to attend the meeting.

**Operations:** Harold reported the following:

- ❖ He is aware of how bad the mosquitoes are and his department is ground fogging for mosquitoes three nights this week and putting out larvicide.
- ❖ We have received the dam inspection report from TCEQ. He provided each council member a copy and highlighted a few things.
- ❖ He is aware of the pot holes on the dam road but is unable to do any repairs until the road is dry.
- ❖ He reported on the sewer back up on East Lakeshore Drive that caused five homes to back up with sewage. He also reported that one homeowner has filed a claim with the city's insurance.

**Police:** Wayne reported the following:

- ❖ The dam road was closed for approximately 7.5 hours over the holiday weekend.
- ❖ The Mayor has declared a disaster as related to the flooding. Wayne has filed the declaration with the county and with the governor's office. The county is attempting to obtain county wide disaster status so that federal funds can be available for repair of damages to property effected by the flood.
- ❖ The junked vehicle on East Lakeshore has been removed.
- ❖ Cameras have been installed and are operational on the back gate, dumpsters and the RV park. Until new DVR's can be purchased, the memory on the existing DVR's is only 3-5 days. the new DVR's will allow 7-9 days of memory.
- ❖ Wayne reminded everyone that in the event of an emergency, call 911.
- ❖ The city's work on the census is complete, we anticipate the population total to be just above 1200.

**Fire:** Rand reported following:

- ❖ There were no fire calls this month.
- ❖ There was one medical call.
- ❖ Truck 1 needs a new air compressor for the break system; it is being repaired now and will likely cost \$1200.

**Library:** Kim provided electronic pictures of library events on a digital picture frame. She reported that the reading logs for the summer reading program are due July 14 and that on July 20 there will be an awards party to include swimming, games, food, and door prizes.

## 10. POA Report and Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Helen Musiak, on behalf of the POA, wanted to thank the city staff for taking care of all the city challenges. She also reported that the POA had an excellent response to the TV raffle; the POA has purchased a work station island for the ranch house kitchen; storage cabinets and a rolling cart were also purchased. She invites everyone to community day on Tuesdays at the ranch house.
- ❖ During citizen comments, Donna Clarke announced the opening for an alderman on the city council and invited anyone interested to apply for the job.

11. Adjourn:

Jack Randorff adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary