

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – February 12, 2013
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 Donna Clarke, Jack Randorff, Billy Williams, Jana Trew, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular January 8, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the January 2013 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation of Certificate of Accomplishment

The Mayor presented Cory Needham with a Certificate of Accomplishment for receiving an “A” license in both Water and Wastewater. Only 325 individuals have accomplished this in the state of Texas.

Donna Clarke recused herself from voting or participating in discussions of Agenda Item 5. Ms. Clarke is an attorney for Lubbock County.

5. Appoint/Approve in Relation to the May 11, 2013 Election

The following were appointed/approved by the council. The motion to approve was made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

1. Exhibit C, Vote Centers, Supervisors and Rovers.
2. Carol Newsome as Early Voting Ballot Board Judge.
3. Ed Knight as Early Voting Ballot Board Alternate Judge.

6. Building Review Committee

The BRC has not met since the last city council meeting.

7. Executive Session

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:18 pm for Consultation with Attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Open Meeting Law. The council reconvened into Open Session at 8:00 pm. No action was taken by the Council in Executive Session.

8. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat Musa reported the following:

- ❖ The new in-house payroll system has been installed and is working great.
- ❖ January was the first month that reflected the new water rates imposed by Lubbock, that bill was approximately \$5,000 more than it would have been under the old rates.
- ❖ The Mayor's letter to Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson concerning water flooding issues will be mailed out tomorrow.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ Judgments on the Seaman case will be rendered tomorrow.
- ❖ Judgments on the three cases involving setting off fireworks in the city are in progress.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The operations department is flushing all the fire hydrants in the city and doing regular maintenance on all the pressure reducing valves.
- ❖ Harold invited all the members of the city council to tour all the city facilities with him.

Police: Wayne Rawls received a police call and left the meeting.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ The entire county is quiet for fire calls, but we had one fire call which turned out to be a gas leak.
- ❖ There were two medical calls.
- ❖ The Ransom Canyon VFD hosted training for our department as well as other VFD's.
- ❖ The VFD has a new member who is former military and EMT certified.
- ❖ Almost all the radios now comply with the narrow band requirement, there are one or two that remain to be converted.
- ❖ We are still looking at either replacing or fixing the radio tower and garage doors.

Library: Kim Copeland was unable to attend the meeting but left a report for Murvat to read:

- ❖ The library hosted numerous Valentine's projects including crafts, games, word search, story time, cookies, and popcorn. The week was very fun.
- ❖ The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Thursday, March 28th at 5:30 pm.

9. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsay reported that 78% of dues have been paid; more chairs have been purchased for the ranch house, there are now 200 white chairs and 200 blue chairs; and the storage building has been completed and is being used.
- ❖ Sue Keveryn thanked the first responders for helping her neighbor on a medical call.
- ❖ Linda Williams invited everyone to the Chapel Easter Sunrise Service and for the brunch that will be served afterwards.
- ❖ John Sims addressed Dr. & Mrs. Ricks concerning their property issues. The Ricks own a home on the lake side of South Lake Shore Drive. Their property line ends prior to the lake and the remaining land is owned by the city. The Ricks were under the impression that they owned all the land because they state that in the 1980's they paid the developer, Harold Chapman, who owned it at that time, for it. It turns out that that transaction was not properly executed or filed with the county and so the city owns the land. The Ricks requested the city council deed the land to them. Since this would be in violation of the law, it was not an option. The council did however, offer to lease them that land for 99 years at a nominal price.

10. Adjourn

- ❖ The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

These minutes were approved on the 12th day of March 2013

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary