

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2008

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, Jack Randorff, Donna Clarke, and James Overby III.

2. Minutes of regular February Meeting: Minutes were approved on a motion by Jim Overby, second by Ron Cox; motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report: The financial report was approved unanimously after a motion by Jack Randorff and a second by Donna Clarke.

4. Mayor's Report on Water Issues: Mayor Englund asked City Attorney John Sims to report on six items under consideration in regard to the contract with Lubbock. Mr. Sims listed those items as follows:

- Clarification of amount of water supplied.
- Who will supply meters?
- Question of adequate water pressure and who is responsible to maintain pressure? City of Lubbock is currently responsible to maintain pressure to us and it is likely that we would be responsible to maintain pressure to RISD.
- Maintenance of meters and lines
- Still need to establish water rate
- Need to make certain that the years remaining on contract with Lubbock matches the number of years on a contract with Roosevelt.

Mayor Englund added that the discount of 18% should remain in place in the new contract and that the CCN application is progressing through Hugo Reed.

5. Discussion Items:

Establishing a Utility Deposit: A utility deposit cannot exceed \$100 without the City being required to pay interest on the amount. Requiring a deposit is a matter of policy and is not established by ordinance. City staff is authorized to establish a deposit of *up to* \$100 for water and \$100 for sewer services.

Delinquent Utility Accounts: The City Attorney will assist us by following up with letters to delinquent customers if we have forwarding addresses for the customer. If the property is owned by the customer, the City can get a judgment and a lien on the property.

6. Building Review Committee: A permit will be issued to Minuard Jordan for a sunroom addition after his builder makes minor corrections in his plans.

7. Department Reports:

A. Administration: Mary Brown reported that she and Murvat will attend the quarterly meeting of the Texas Municipal Clerk's association. The candidates for City Council regular two year term are Ron Cox, Jack Randorff, Jim Overby, Billy Williams, Michael Sizemore, and Chris Broadstreet. The candidates for the unexpired one-year term are John Schmersey and James Lewis.

B. Operations: Harold Needham reported that Chris Broadstreet has resigned and Robby McCarver has been hired in his place. Discussion further included repair on the dam and the bids the City has received. Harold expressed a desire to pursue an automatic meter read system for the City; this item will be addressed during budget sessions this summer.

C. Police: No crimes in February. Wayne would like the Council to clarify an approved surface for parking vehicles.

D. Fire: Rand McPherson was not present

E. Library: Kim Copeland was not present

F. Court: The Judge anticipates ruling on two citations that were written by Officer James Hill.

8. Property Owner's Association Report: No report.

9. Open Forum: No discussion

10. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Brown

Interim City Secretary