

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – March 13, 2012  
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, John Schmersey, Billy Williams, Jana Trew, and Jack Randorff. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular February 9, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the February 2012 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

4. Variance request from Stephen Maas

There was much discussion about Dr. Maas's six foot fence variance, including:

- How much of the fence would be greater than six feet? It is estimated that one half would be greater than six feet.
- Although the direct light is an issue, blocking the indirect light that is projected off of the white limestone house is a larger issue.
- Discussing the possibility of putting a motion sensor on the light.
- Ending the fence at the end of the house so it does not slope down towards the canyon.
- Discussing the issue with the Jarvis's to reach a solution.

After much discussion, a motion to postpone the variance request until the next regular meeting was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously. This motion was made in hopes of being able to reach a solution with the two parties.

5. Stage 2 Water Restrictions

The Stage 2 Water Restrictions (attached) were approved by the city council on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jack Randorff; motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution No. R12-00313, Suspending Atmos Energy Rate Change Notice

The resolution to suspend Atmos Energy's rate change notice was approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

7. Building Review Committee

The BRC did not meet in February to review plans, but they continue to meet to review and make recommendations on building ordinance changes.

8. Department Reports

**Administration:** Murvat reported the following:

- Since there are three candidates running for three aldermen positions, the May 12 election will be cancelled.
- Lubbock County is in the process of deeding the front road to Ransom Canyon. The Commissioners will meet on the matter at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The issue of the water line to Ransom Canyon Center is being discussed at TCEQ; the City of Lubbock has submitted the plans to TCEQ for approval.
- Murvat along with John Sims and the Building Review Committee are researching an alternative to the re-platting process. The “Covenant and Agreement to Hold Property as one Parcel” or “unification agreement” will require a new ordinance. Murvat hopes to have that ready for consideration at the April meeting. This process is much faster and less expensive than re-platting.

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

**Operations:** Harold submitted a written report (see attached).

**Police:** Wayne Rawls was unable to make a report due to a fire call received during the meeting.

**Fire:** Rand McPherson was unable to make a report due to a fire call received during the meeting.

**Library:** Kim Copeland reported the following:

- Construction to add more room at the Library is underway and going very well.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Ages are from toddler to 10 years old. The Easter Bunny will be there and every child will get a gift.
- Kim is working on the summer reading program for this year which is titled “Get a Clue at the Library.”

9. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- Jackie Lindsey reported that at the next regular meeting, the board will set the date for the annual meeting; and that there is an opening on the board for one new member.
- The city wide garage sale will be April 15, 2012.
- Kentucky Derby Day will be May 5, 2012.

10. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. was made by Jack Randorff, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary