

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – June 12, 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, and Jana Trew. Jack Randorff was out of town. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular May 8, 2012 and Special Meeting to Canvass, May 18, 2012, were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

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

4. Elect Mayor Po-Tem

Billy Williams nominated Donna Clarke for Mayor Pro-Tem. Having no other nominations, Jana Trew moved to close nominations, John Schmersey seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. A vote was taken and all present voted for Donna Clarke for Mayor Pro-Tem.

5. Quitclaim Deed from Lubbock County

Donna Clarke, a Lubbock County attorney, recused herself from this agenda item. On May 14, 2012, Lubbock County Judge, Tom Head, signed a quitclaim deed to the city of Ransom Canyon for the road leading into Ransom Canyon from County Road 3523. On a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey, the city council accepted the road deeded by Lubbock County. Voting for the motion were Jana Trew, Billy Williams, and John Schmersey.

6. Ordinance No. 12-00612, Backflow Prevention Program

After much debate and discussion about the Backflow Prevention Program Ordinance, the city council approved the ordinance. The motion to approve was made by John Schmersey, seconded by Billy Williams; the motion carried 3 to 2. Jana Trew and Donna Clarke voted against the motion. Billy Williams and John Schmersey voted for the motion. The Mayor broke the tie by voting for the motion.

7. Building Review Committee

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

8. Department Reports

**Administration:** Murvat reported the following:

- ❖ The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly TML meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2012.
- ❖ The first budget work session is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm at city hall.
- ❖ Murvat recently returned from the city managers conference in South Padre Island and thanks the city council for supporting employee training.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair reported one stop sign citation.

**Operations:** Harold submitted a written report but also reported the following:

- ❖ With the assistance of the city of Lubbock, Ransom Canyon is being proactive in preventing mosquitos by fogging and larvicide.

**Police:** Wayne Rawls reported the following:

- ❖ One citation for a stop sign violation has been issued
- ❖ One of the two reserve officers has completed his training hours and is now working on his own. The other reserve officer is expected to complete his training hours and be working on his own in July.
- ❖ The council may want to consider posting speed limit signs on the front road since it is now a city street.
- ❖ The lots that received weed notices have been mowed.

**Fire:** Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There were four medical calls and three fire calls this month.
- ❖ The Fire Department will once again host their July 4<sup>th</sup> events with hamburger and hot dogs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the parade and a BBQ on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, since the burn ban has been lifted, Buffalo will be putting on their fireworks show this year.
- ❖ The county wide burn ban has been lifted but fireworks are not permitted in the city limits.

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

- ❖ The Library's open house tonight was very well attended and Kim thanked everyone on the council for attending.
- ❖ The summer reading program began on Saturday with 59 children signing up.

9. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported that the POA is re-installing a land line at the pool and Ranch House; the telephone number will be 829-2448. Also, she reported that Joy Fulton will take over the duties of sending out the POA emails.
- ❖ At the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> events, the POA will raffle off a 55' television.

10. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

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

APPROVED:

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary