

MINUTES OF August 27, 2007 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The City Council met in open meeting August 27, 2007 at the Ransom Canyon City Hall, located at 24 Lee Kitchens Drive, Ransom Canyon, Texas. The meeting began at 6:00 PM. Donna Clarke, Jack Randorff, Ron Cox and Mayor Robert Englund were all present. Kevin Carlson was absent, and James Overby was absent as they had previously reported they would be unavailable.

The mayor called for a moment of silent meditation.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING. This Budget hearing is a second hearing on the budget. It was required because the council decided in the previous work session that they would propose another, higher, tax rate. When this happens, the budget hearing process must begin all over again. So the new Budget was available for discussion, and the council discussed the budget changes, which mostly consisted of the purchase of 2 fire trucks, and paying cash for them both from Reserves.

It was noted that tax dollars must be dedicated if a large piece of equipment is purchased, and payment is planned over a course of time. There has been some interest in financing this purchase. The council did not move to purchase this equipment any way other than a cash outlay from Reserves. For this event, \$110,000 is budgeted for capital expenditures this year.

There were no changes to this printed budget.

A voice vote was taken for the proposed tax rate of .65. Ron Cox made the motion to adopt \$.65 for the tax rate. Donna Clarke seconded the motion, all voted aye.

This rate exceeds the effective rate, therefore notices must be published and hearings must be held. The first hearing will be Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM. The second meeting will be on Friday, September 7, at 7:00 PM. All agreed to this schedule.

The council had discussed having a Town Hall Meeting, and all agreed that September 11 would be a suitable evening for that meeting. Dr. Cox will be the moderator. Every speaker will have five minutes. The council will be there and will be available to discuss, but no city action will take place.

With no further business, Jack Randorff moved to adjourn. Donna Clarke seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett

