

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – September 9, 2014
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 Jana Trew, Lyle Way, Billy Williams, Donna Clarke, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting and Budget Work Session #2, August 12, 2014 and the Special Meeting, Budget Work Session #3, August 26, 2014 were approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the August 2014 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution No. R14-001001

Resolution No. R14-001001 designating the Slatonite as the official newspaper for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was approved on a motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Donna Clarke; motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Hearing on Proposed 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget

The public hearing to take comments on the proposed 2014-2015 fiscal year budget opened at 7:03 pm. There were no comments from the public, therefore; the hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

6. Ordinance No. 14-00200 - 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget

Ordinance No. 14-00200 adopting the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget was approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

7. Ordinance No, 14-00210 – Fixing the Tax Levy for 2014

- a. Ordinance No. 14-00210 setting the tax levy for 2014 at \$.55956 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations was approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ordinance No. 14-00210 setting the tax levy for 2014 at \$.09973 for Debt was approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

8. Independent Contractor Agreement for Librarian Services

The Council authorized the Mayor to execute the contract for Librarian Services on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously.

9. Accept Bid for Bobcat and Bird Art

On a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jana Trew, the highest bid for the bobcat and birds and parrot on stand were accepted. The motion passed four to one with John Schmersey voting against the motion. The highest bids were from Suzan Duhan for \$210.22 and \$101.26, respectively.

10. David L. Hettler, Engagement Letter

The Council authorized the Mayor to execute the Engagement Letter from David L. Hettler for audit services for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. The motion to approved was made by Jana Trew, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

11. Building Review Committee

The BRC has not met since the last City Council meeting.

12. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat Musa reported the following:

- ❖ The Administration department is finishing out the fiscal year and preparing for the new one.
- ❖ The park has received some necessary updating, specifically, the basketball court has been enlarges and has new goals, and the tennis courts have new nets and are now stripped.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ There are three moving violations; one is being handled with a drivers safety course, another with a deferral, and we have not heard from the third person who received a citation. They will be reported to the Omnibase system.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The Operations staff will continue spraying for mosquitos.
- ❖ The recent seal coat project looks very good.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ There has been a little criminal mischief, chairs dumped into the pool and kids starting camp fires on the island.
- ❖ The Police ran out of boat permits this year due to actively monitoring the lake to ensure every craft is properly permitted.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There was one fire call on Johnston Road and one medical call.
- ❖ The coke machine at the fire station has been fixed.
- ❖ The VFD will host a pancake breakfast on September 20, 8am -11am.
- ❖ The siren, which has been delivered, has yet to be installed. The installer will be coming shortly.
- ❖ The city of Lubbock is replacing some existing fire trucks with new ones and is auctioning off the old ones. This may be an opportunity to get a newer, better fire truck.

Library: Kim Copeland was unable to attend the meeting.

13. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Jackie Lindsey reported that the rocking of the Ranch House is going very well and should be completed in a few weeks. The POA is in need of donations in order to pay for the project.
- ❖ There have been four break-ins at the pool that resulted in pants being run up the flag pole and a trash can missing.
- ❖ Linda Williams reported that the Chapel is working on a “Savior is Born” structure which when completed the Chapel will have art that will depict the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Also, there is a problem with armadillos in the flower beds, which are destructive. The Chapel is looking for residents to volunteer their houses for the Christmas Home Tour this year.

14. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of October 2014

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Murvat Musa, City Secretary