Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – July 14, 2015

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, Donna Clarke, Billy Williams, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

1. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 9, 2015, Special Meeting, July 1, 2015, and Special Meeting, July 29, 2015, were approved on a motion made by Jana Trew; seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

1. The Financials

The financial reports and the June 2015 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

1. Public Participation Opportunity – Consumer Confidence Report

The Mayor asked if anyone wanted to comment on the annual Water Quality Report for 2014. No one had any comments.

1. COBRA Continutation of Coverage Administrative Agreement

On a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams, the council unanimously approved the COBRA Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with TML MultiState IEBP.

1. Section 125 Flexible Spending Arrangement Account

On a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Donna Clarke, the council unanimously approved the Section 125 Flexible Spending Arrangement Account with TML MultiState IEBP.

1. Boat Variance Request – 26 feet

On a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams, the council unanimously approved a variance request for a 26 foot sailboat for Robert Dodrill. The city ordinance does not permit boats larger than 24 feet.

1. Emergency Road

The council awarded the Emergency Road bid to West Infrastructure Construction for $204,410.54. The motion was made by John Schmersey, seconded by Donna Clarke. Three members voted for the award; John Schmersey, Donna Clarke, and Lyle Way and two voted against the motion; Billy Williams and Jana Trew. The motion passed three to two.

1. South Plains Telephone Cooperative – Land Lease

The council discussed renewing the current land lease for South Plans Telephone Cooperative which is due to expire in 2016. The council will take action on this issue at next month’s meeting.

1. Building Review Committee

The BRC did not meet in June.

1. Department Reports

John Sims provided an update on the pending lawsuit; City of Ransom Canyon and Ransom Canyon Property Owners Association vs. MRHS, LP. An injunction hearing was set for last Thursday but the defendant agreed to the injunction so no hearing was necessary. We are awaiting a trial date. Also, the city will need to get permission from the defendant to enter his property to inspect the backflow device, to ensuring there is one.

**Administration:** Murvat Musa reported the following:

* Murvat met twice with Elena to get her up to date on projects to help ensure a smooth transition.
* Those going to TML conference this year have been registered.

**Court Report:** Gary Bellair reported the following:

* There will be two jury trials in late September.

**Operations:** Harold Needham reported the following:

* A blower died at the waste water treatment plant this week but we had one available and it was replaced.

**Police:** James Hill was out of town but Rick Vasquez reported the following:

* All of the July 4th events went well with no incidents.
* There were two pickups that slid into the lake at the boat ramp.
* There were a few mailboxes that were vandalized.
* One warning was given at the four way stop sign.

**Fire:** Rand McPherson was out of town but Bob Bellah reported the following:

* There were three medical calls in June.

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

* The annual reading program is half finished and going very well; 65 children are enrolled.

1. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

Jackie Lindsey reported the annual Visions of Art will be October 4th and will feature the famous Steel House.

Linda Williams reported lots of upgrades at the Chapel including new concrete bench tops, new security cameras, new chairs in the Chapel, and new pavers in the courtyard fountain.

1. Adjourn

* A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 11th day of August, 2015

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Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elena Quintanilla, City Secretary