Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – May 12, 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, April 14, 2015 and Special Meeting, April 24, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke; seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

1. The Financials

The financial reports and the April 2015 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

1. Resolution No. R15-00512

A motion to approve Resolution No. R15-00512, Declaring the Duly Elected was approved on a motion made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

1. Presentation by Venture Communications

Imre Szenttornyay, General Partner & COO of Venture Communications made a presentation about providing internet services to the city, specifically, service that will allow residents on South Lake Shore to have better options. His proposal was for the city to be the service provider. His company will provide all the equipment and continuing support through a lease program. The city would bill residents for the service and we would be responsible for the lease payment to Venture Communications. (See enclosed packet for full details of the plan). The Mayor suggested surveying residents to gage their interest.

1. Building Review Committee

The BRC met on April 27 to consider a floating boat dock at 8 South Lake Shore Drive, which was approved and new home construction at 1 Highland which after some revisions has been approved.

1. Department Reports

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

* Work has begun on next year’s city budget. The budget and tax calendar schedule is enclosed in the council packet.
* Early LCAD estimates show a $1.8 million increase in valuations.
* The council will be electing a Mayor Pro-Tem at the June meeting.
* The election turned out well for Slaton ISD, whose bond proposition passed.
* The judge will be swearing in the council on Friday at 8:3- am at city hall. Those newly elected will need to be present.
* Bids close for the new city hall offices on May 19th at 2pm. After that time the bids will be opened and presented to the council at the next meeting.
* Our insurance claims adjusted reviewed all the building roofs because of the recent hail storm. We are awaiting for his report.

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

* Two citations were issued for drilling a well and one citation for a vehicle with no tags.

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

* The staff is trying to keep the mosquitoes under control as well as we can.

**Police:** James Hill was unable to attend the meeting, Murvat reported the following:

* Three citations were issued; two for building a well and one for no tags on a vehicle.
* The spillway had to be closed during the large rains for approximately four hours.
* Rick will be in continuing education in June and James will be attending his in July.

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

* There were two medical calls and one call to assist with a structure fire in Roosevelt.
* Several volunteers attended the recent Lubbock Fire School.
* The fire department is in need of a second rescue vehicle that will cost approximately $80,000. Also, the department is in need of a new fire truck that will cost approximately $200,000.
* Two of the fire trucks will be in for maintenance and repairs.

**Library:** Kim Copeland was not at the meeting, Murvat reported the following:

* The Summer Reading Program begins June 20th and ends July 30th; we are expecting a very large number of children.
1. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

Jackie Lindsey thanked everyone who came to the annual meeting. She also reported that the garage sale and Kentucky Derby day were well attended with approximately $438 and $2,300 in net income from both events, respectively.

1. Closed Session

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:20pm for a Consultation with the Attorney to discuss possible or pending litigation, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

The Council adjourned back into open session at 8:30 pm. No action was taken in Closed Session.

1. Adjourn
* A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m. was made by Jana Trew, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of June, 2015

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 Robert Englund, Mayor

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary