Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – November 11, 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.

1. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 14, 2014 were approved on a motion made by John Schmersey; seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

1. The Financials

The financial reports and the October 2014 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

1. New City Hall Plans

On a motion made by Lyle Way, seconded by Donna Clarke, staff will move forward with the bidding process for the new city hall plans as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

1. City Hall Holiday Hours

On a motion made by John Schmersey; seconded by Donna Clarke, City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 26, the day after Christmas. The motion carried with four votes in favor. Billy Williams abstained from voting. This day is in addition to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

1. Discussion on Water Rates for 2015

The council discussed the upcoming water rate increase from the city of Lubbock. Traditionally, these increases are passed onto the residents. This item will be up for consideration at the next city council meeting.

1. Building Review Committee

The BRC met on October 13th to consider plans for a new home at 77 South Lake Shore Drive; those plans were approved.

1. Department Reports

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

* The city financial audit is complete and will be presented at next month’s meeting.
* The surveyor is continuing with the survey of the proposed emergency road. Holding up the process is the thick leaves on the trees. He will need to wait until some of them fall off.

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

* Two new parking tickets have been issued and two others paid.
* A defendant that was reported to Omnibase has contacted the court to see what he needed to do to remedy his citations.

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

* Both wells located to the east of city hall have been tested. They can pump 22 and 18 gallons per minute which is not enough to justify the cost of up to $10,000 to rehabilitate them for irrigating the park.
* Harold and Murvat met with the city of Lubbock about the broken water distribution line that caused us to issue a boil water notice recently. That line is now repaired, but the other line that serves as a back-up has yet to be repaired. Lubbock anticipates one year before the second line is repaired. Buffalo has been pushing to get that second line repaired as soon as possible so they can commence with repairs on their system.
* You will soon see new trees on the front entrance road.

**Police:** James Hill reported the following:

* Several parking citations have been issued.
* Officer Rick Vasquez has completed SWAT training.
* James has completed the new chief’s school training.
* The Halloween weekend went very smooth with no problems from residents.
* The new police patrol vehicle has been delivered.
* The police department would like to participate in next year’s National Night Out program where resident get out to meet their neighbors.

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

* There were no fire calls this month and one medical call.
* The new siren has been installed on South Lake Shore Drive.
* The EMS group will be in Petersburg participating in the EMS update with the national registry.

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

* The Halloween party was a major success with a very large crowd.
* The Christmas Card fundraiser is underway.
* The Library Christmas Part’s these this year will be “Christmas Magic at the Library.” Of course, Santa will be in attendance.
* Kim continues to coordinate with Roosevelt ISD about the Advanced Reader program to ensure our library has all the books the children are required to read.
1. POA Report and Citizen Comments:
* Jackie Lindsey reported that the rocking of the Ranch House is almost complete but that $20,000 is still needed to finish paying for the project. Also, the POA bills for dues will be mailed out by December 1st.
* Linda Williams reported that this year’s home tour will be December 11, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. Tickets are $12.50 each or five for $50. The money collected from this year’s home tour will go to repair the driveway and parking lot at the Chapel. Linda also reported that once the final piece of construction is completed at the Chapel, the birth, life, and death of Jesus will have been depicted.
* Doris Phillips, who owns the 14 acres east of the park, has a conceptual plan for the land that she would like to present to the city council at the January 2015 meeting.
1. Adjourn
* A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56p.m. was made by John Schmersey, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of December, 2014

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 Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Murvat Musa, City Secretary