

**RANSOM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13,1996
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Ransom Canyon City Council was called to order by Mayor Lee Kitchens at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday night, February 13, 1996. All council members were present: Inez Speed, Bill Green, Charles Burford, Ken Williams and Erika Hoeve.

Librarian Kim Copeland gave the library report first due to a meeting conflict. Last month the library served 102 patrons..26 adults and 76 children. 68 books and 10 movies are in circulation. An Easter egg hunt is in the works for April , and the summer reading program is on again for this summer. The next board meeting is March 4 at 1:30 at the library.

MINUTES: Ken Williams moved to approve the January minutes, Inez Speed seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: All is on the mark for one-third of the budget year. Erika Hoeve moved to approve the report, Ken Williams seconded, all approved.

ELECTION ORDER: The city election May 4 for three aldermen was unanimously ordered on a motion from Ken Williams and a second from Inez Speed. February 19 is the first day to file for a place on the ballot.

POA PARK COMMITTEE RUN/WALK: Patti Blide briefed the city council about plans for a fund raiser for park and playground equipment and supplies in the form of a run/walk. Patti has experience in organizing this event from her work on the Dallas White Rock marathons. Ron Key of West Texas Running Club has volunteered to serve as race director, as well as the use of his equipment. This racing club has membership in the hundreds. Karla Leslie will advertise the race on channel 28. The club will supply the cones and the computer equipment that will type the runners names and numbers. Major donations have already been made. UMC has donated \$500. Lubbock National Bank has donated \$500. Dr. Vernon Farthing has agreed to offer his services on the day of the race.

This will be a three tiered run. The children's mile will go up East Brookhollow and down West Brookhollow. The adult runs, 10 K (6 miles) and 5 K(3.1 miles) will both go around the lake. The 10 K will go up the hill. Both will enter the new area at Aztec lane and last leg it past the Hoeve house toward the Party House finish line. The worry will be traffic and safety, but each runner will sign a "hold harmless" entry form. There will be a sag wagon for runners who have to stop. Mayor Kitchens and the amateur radio club will be stationed at strategic locations to notify the wagon of runners who need a ride. Many volunteers and sponsors are needed.

In this spirit, Sue Keveryn introduced Harold Chapman of Lake Ransom Canyon, Inc., who presented the Park Committee with a check for \$500. He also announced that he had commitments from Fields and Co. for \$500 and from Plains National Bank for \$500.

There was much discussion about the need for "screamers" on the route, and for people to operate various stations. The first 150 people who enter the race will receive a free Ransom Canyon T-shirt, with an original design to be derived from a contest. The other prizes will include a pair of running shoes, first and second place medallions complete with blue ribbons for immediate display.

Erika Hoeve made the motion to officially sanction the run, Inez Speed seconded, and all approved. The committee is hoping to raise \$30,000. They have \$20,000 already.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CITY SUPERVISOR: Wayne Gentry reported on the progress made toward the repair of the dam. Invitations for bids will be advertised in the Slatonite February 15 and 22. The bids should be in and available for the council's approval for the March 12 council meeting. Lee Kitchens advised that the repair work will cause an inconvenience to the South Lake Shore residents, only insofar that it will be slower crossing the darn. Lee will issue a letter to the community with details. The lake must be lowered. Lee's letter will explain the best estimates of how far and how long. At this time the repairs are estimated to take two weeks, once the water level is down enough to proceed.

ARCHITECTURE CONTROL COMMITTEE: Wayne Gentry reported that one set of plans for a storage building had been approved.

POLICE REPORT: Because the Police Chief, Ray Short, was on a call, Wayne Gentry reported the police had thirty-seven calls and wrote three tickets in January. There were seven traffic warnings and 19 trespass warnings. One felony theft was investigated and the case was solved, the culprits caught, and the merchandise recovered. There were three assists to the sheriffs dept. and three assists to DPS.

FIRE REPORT: Because the Fire Chief, Wayne Rawls, was on a call, Wayne Gentry reported three EMS calls and one fire call in January. \$441 was raised at the pancake breakfast when 96 people were fed. March 30 will be the next pancake breakfast. EMT's will attend a trauma seminar in February.

TAX COLLECTOR: The council voted to refund a duplicate tax payment that was over \$500. approved on Ken Williams motion and Erika Hoeve's second. Approximately \$9000 is outstanding in delinquent taxes. This includes ten homes. Two of these are making installment payments, the others are individually owned, no mortgage companies.

COURT CLERK: The court collected \$20 in January. There were three new tickets. Four cases were dismissed, one through defensive driving class, and three completed their ninety days of deferred adjudication. There are four active cases at this time.

SUPERVISOR: Wayne Gentry reported that Ray Short and Bennie Garcia should be commended for their efforts to rescue a dog that had fallen through the ice. Wayne explained that the temperature was 4 degrees, and that both city employees put themselves at risk to attempt this rescue. The situation was hazardous and both employees went above and beyond the call of duty.

POA: No POA report.

OPEN FORUM: Discussion about response time for the dog rescue. Mayor Kitchens explained that he was satisfied that the situation was handled appropriately, the main consideration being that an animal was involved, not a person, and that on that icy morning the city employees acted appropriately.

Charles Burford mentioned that 911 procedures should be reviewed, so Mayor Kitchens repeated the 911 emergency priority instructions. 911 should be dialed for any emergency. The 829-2600 number will broadcast any message as it is recorded by the base station at city hall. All city units hear the broadcast message immediately. Mayor Kitchens advised that on the morning of the dog incident, there were three hang-up calls on the police line. The fire department telephone number is strictly an administrative number that goes to the firehouse, and generally, no one is at the firehouse. 911 receivers will assure that the message gets to the appropriate department, and will assure response. It also serves as an incident record. Lee will publish a letter reviewing this procedure.

There being no further business, Inez Speed moved to adjourn, Erika Hoeve seconded, all approved.

Melissa Verett