

**RANSOM CANYON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 1995**

This regular city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Lee Kitchens. All Council members were present: Bill Green Charles Burford, Inez Speed, Erika Hoeve and Ken Williams.

MINUTES: Correction to p. 26, second paragraph to reflect that "Don" Conger should be "Dorothy" Conger. Motion to approve as corrected by Erika Hoeve, second by Ken Williams, all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion to approve by Ken Williams, second by Inez Speed. All approved.

RESOLUTION 50: BUDGET AMENDMENT: Council requested one resolution for the library business, and a separate resolution for the police/COPS FAST business, so this action was tabled until the August meeting.

B 4 L 6 EASEMENT: The council took no action on this item.

WENTZES SEWER LINE: Greg Nauert from Hugo Reed briefed the council about the original building plans for the Wentzes' home, re that a sewer line was moved from under the Wentzes property to new easement area. This work had been done, but the official action had never been taken by the council to officially close and abandon the old line and easement and recognize the new. Erika Hoeve so moved, Inez Speed seconded, all approved.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW: All departments had turned in their 95-96 budget requests, and a preliminary budget had been prepared based on appropriate inflationary criteria, and the result is a \$71,00 to \$73,000 deficit. There will be a budget work session Tuesday, August 1, 7:00 P.M. at the fire house. Carol Farris spoke to represent the Playground Committee. This committee requests matching funds from the city if they are successful in getting a grant from SPEC. The amount requested is \$1 0,000. Bill Green asked about the realistic expectations of receiving a grant. Erika Hoeve asked if the grant would be contingent upon matching funds. Lee Kitchens asked when the committee would know.

Charles Burford stated that there was much interest in restoring the park. Matching funds will be as scarce as legal preventatives will be plentiful. He encouraged the committee to continue to work to stimulate interest, that attitudes keep changing, and he was encouraged that someday the city could work out the legal bar against spending money on private property. Wes Long, Alan Butler, POA members, expressed the same desire to work out the legal end of this maze.

SPEC: Monte Wolgamont from SPEC advised the council that SPEC had identified 32 year old lines in the Brookhollow and East Lake Shore area that needed to be replaced. SPEC believes that it would be less intrusive for property owners, as well as being more cost and time efficient, if they were to install new conduit in a trench in the street, right next to the curb, than if they were to try to dig property owners' yards in the easement area. They are going to coordinate their work with the telephone company and the gas company. In return for permission to dig in the street, they will negotiate a final seal coat finish. The work needs to be done in order to eliminate power outages for these homes. It will be disruptive and unattractive, but will be gopher proof in the end. The 4" trench can be crossed by a normal car tire, so driveway access will not be interrupted. They expect the project to take five years, at the rate of two miles per year.

They will negotiate the final finishing of the roadway. Wayne stated that Canyon View is the oldest street needing resurfacing, and Lake Shore Drive is the next oldest. This work is overdue.

Lee Kitchens asked why five years? SPEC said this was an economic, internal budgeting problem. There was much more discussion, everyone understanding that much work was to be done. Work will start in December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Wayne Gentry said thanks to Harold Chapman for donating all of the grass on the front hill. Re: the adobe house, the builder has left, the property owner has indicated that they plan to hire a reputable Adobe builder from Santa Fe, and new construction will proceed after demolition of the existing walls & slab. Re: the house on Parklane, the owner has started to tear the new roof off, leaving the flat roof underneath, (which is a good roof), plus, one car has been removed.

ARCHITECTURE CONTROL COMMITTEE: Three sets of plans have been approved: one for an addition on Comanche Lane, one for a new home on North Rim Road, and one for the first zero lot line house in the new area.

POLICE: Ray Short reported one accident investigated, zero arrests. 47 calls: 9 house alarms, one fight in progress over a little league game, four peddler checks, three complaints about a loud party, two intoxicated pedestrians, three suspicious vehicles, one house check. He issued one citation for speeding, and 51 warnings were issued for trespassing, 12 traffic. 3 offense reports, two thefts, 1 harassing phone call. There were 37 vacation house watches, 8 animal dispositions, 8 assists to other police agencies.

FIRE DEPT: \$1589 was raised at the auction. Auxiliary dues of \$12 /person or \$20/ family are being received, and with these funds, the dept. plans to rebuild the retaining wall on Ransom Road. Charles Burford moved to accept the offer of a waverunner for water rescue, Bill Green seconded, pending satisfactory resolution of the insurance coverage question. All approved.

LIBRARY: Kim Copeland reported 161 patrons in June. 121 books circulated for June, and 109 so far for July. 27 children participated in the summer reading program conducted by Sheryl Schake, many thanks to David Williams and Wes Long for special presentations. The top reader was Tonya Reddell who read 47 books. Paula Gregory was approved as new board member on Charles Burford's motion and Bill Green's second. All approved.

OPEN FORUM: POA flags are a successful project.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Agenda: security procedures. Reconvene to open session.

OPEN SESSION: Reconvene to open session, but no action taken, and council meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett