

FEBRUARY 27, 1996

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

PRESENT: CARDWELL, FRALEY, HANSEN, RUSSELL, MAYOR RICKETTS, CITY CLERK FERGUSON, ATTORNEY WOOLDRIDGE, MR. BARR; PIONEER NEWS, AND APPROX 12 VISITORS.

MINUTES: A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JAN. 23, 1996 WAS MADE BY COMM. FRALEY AND SECONDED BY COMM. CARDWELL; MOTION CARRIED. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 29, 1996 BY COMM. HANSEN AND SECONDED BY COMM. RUSSELL; MOTION CARRIED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. CARDWELL TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JAN. 31, 1996; SECONDED BY COMM. HANSEN; MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. FRALEY AND SECONDED BY COMM. HANSEN TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: MAYOR RICKETTS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

CONNIE LEWTER ASK IF THE SIDEWALK PROJECT WAS ON HOLD. COMMISSIONER HANSEN RESPONDED THAT THE PROJECT WAS ON HOLD FOR THE PRESENT TIME UNTIL A PROBLEM UP THE STREET WAS RESOLVED.

COMM. HANSEN DISCUSSED THE STREET SIGNS. APPARENTLY THE COUNTY SUPPLIED SOME OF THEM YEARS AGO BUT COMM. HANSEN THINKS SOME LOOK BAD AND NEED TO BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED.

NEW BUSINESS: COMM. RUSSELL REQUESTING ORDINANCES BE ADOPTED TO CONTROL AND PROTECT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. HE MENTIONED PORTABLE SIGNS. HE REQUESTED THAT THE EQUIPMENT ON LOT 80, 81, 82 BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. HE REQUESTED THAT THE MAYOR KEEP A HANDLE ON THE GRASS EARLY ON. HE WANTS THE \$100 A DAY PENALTY IMPOSED.

IT WAS A CONCERN THAT SEVERAL STREET LIGHTS ARE OUT. THE MAYOR WILL RIDE THE CITY AT NIGHT AND CHECK THEM OUT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. HANSEN AND SECONDED BY COMM. CARDWELL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY. COMM. FRALEY QUESTIONED IF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NECESSARY. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. FRALEY AND SECONDED BY COMM. RUSSELL TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING. MAYOR RICKETTS ANNOUNCED THAT NO DECISION WAS MADE. MOTION CARRIED.

VISITORS BEGAN TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SEVEN COUNTIES PROJECT. ATTORNEY WOOLDRIDGE STATED THAT WE ARE GOING ON WITH THE CONDEMNATION AS PLANNED; IT HAD NOT BEEN FILED AT PRESENT; SEVEN COUNTIES HAD CONTACTED ATTORNEY WOOLDRIDGE AND THEY WANTED TO WORK WITH THE CITY. THE ATTORNEY HOPES TO KNOW SOMETHING AT THE NEXT MEETING IN MARCH. MAYOR RICKETTS THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR PATIENCE.

A DISCUSSION WAS LED BY MR. MUIR ABOUT THE HOUSE THAT BURNED ON BURKLAND BLVD. THERE WAS APPARENTLY SOME DIFFICULTY GETTING THE FIRE OUT. THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH FIREMEN AND POSSIBLY THE WATER PRESSURE WAS LOW. OKOLONA FIRE DEPT. CAME WITH THE LADDER AND ASSISTED WITH THE FIRE WHICH THE CITY IS VERY THANKFUL. ATTORNEY WOOLDRIDGE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED AND THEY DO PLAN TO REBUILD. IT WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT IT NEEDED TO BE CLEANED UP IMMEDIATELY; EVEN THOUGH IT IS ROPED OFF SOMEONE COULD GET HURT.  
LOW.

COMM. <sup>Hansen</sup> LED A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEW PRESTON HIGHWAY TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO OR THREE YEARS. HE AND THE MAYOR HAD ATTENDED A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE NEW ROADS. THERE WILL BE A NEW ROUTE WHICH WILL PUT THE CITY OF HEBRON ESTATES, FUNERAL HOME AND ETC. OFF NEW PRESTON. WE WILL ACCESS PRESTON VIA A CONNECTOR ROAD WITH A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT BURKLAND STREET.

MAYOR RICKETTS ASKED THE VISITORS IF THEY LIKED THE NEW PA SYSTEM. EVERYONE AGREED TO MAKE THE PURCHASE WITH AT LEAST THREE MICROPHONES AND STANDS.

*Herschel Ricketts, Submitted: Martha Ferguson*