Rapid City firemen Tuesday began moving the office equipment from the old fire station at 610 Main St. to the new station at Main and East Boulevard.

Civic center change orders discussed

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Members of the Civic Center Plaza Corp. board of directors discussed procedure for handling change orders and financing parking lots at the civic center complex during the regular meeting Tuesday morning.

To handle urgent change orders, the board voted to charge the builders creating an unsuccessful committee. The executive committee, as proposed, would be comprised of either the civic center president or vice president, the secretary-treasurer, two board members from the city council and the project coordinator (Wayne Richardson) as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

The committee would have authority to pass on all change orders involving the construction of the project director's portion of the complex up to $2,500 but all change orders would come before the full board for review.

Reason for Richardson's presence on the executive committee is that no change orders would be entered into until the project coordinator has assured the owners there is enough money available to make the change without any increased costs.

The proposal will be considered at the annual meeting in June along with another proposed change in the by-laws increasing the number of board members to nine and election of officers.

The annual meeting had been scheduled for June 10 but because several board members will not be out of town, the time date and location were changed to 7:30 p.m. June 23 in the commission room of the National Bank of South Dakota.

Bill Abernathy, secretary-treasurer of the board and city director of public works, said he had made a very rough estimate of the cost to develop and light the parking lots around the complex. While the architects had estimated approximately $330,000, Abernathy said he figures about $350,000 would do the job if we don't get any old fancy lights.

Don Barrett, board president, suggested the city could be approached with the suggestion of establishing a parking district at the civic center complex site and levying assessments over a three-year period.

City Atty. Ray Woodson, who said it is impossible to establish the parking district covering the site, was asked to research the proposal as a means of financing the parking and lots.

Eight injured in Rapid City pickup chase

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Eight persons were injured Saturday night in a collision involving a Rapid City police car and a pickup truck that ended a high-speed chase through the Roosevelt area of the city.

All but two were taken to local hospitals. Police officer Melvin Brown, 31, of 3125 Browning, apparently the most seriously hurt, was reported Tuesday to be doing well.

The 13-year-old driver of the pickup truck, Daniel T. McKenna, Keystone Route, faces charges of eluding a police officer and at least two related traffic violations.

Commissioners approve three zoning variances

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City north of Highway 44 near the airport turnoff.

County health director Robert P. Wernery said the lots were not in compliance with recent state Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

Commissioner Walter Taylor asked what was shown on the plot as an example for the irrigation ditch. He said he'd been told the 3-foot strip of land was owned outright by the ditch company. He said he would check into the matter.

For good measure, the commission approved a variance to allow a house to be built three and a half feet from the nearest property line of a lot, rather than the required 25 feet.

Vernon Thorneaston, trustee, explained the location was a construction error and the house is not near a property line.

The back of the lot borders U.S. Forest Service land, and the Forest Service wrote a letter saying it didn't object.

The commission also approved putting two masonry homes on one lot, rather requiring the lot be split to follow the ordinance requirement of one building per lot.

Planning Director Charles Lockwood explained that the request was made to allow the property owner's daughter to live near the father, without splitting the lot because of estate complications.

The commission postponed action on a plan for a tract of land east of Rapid City.

A perfectly logical shriek

Police officers were dispatched to a hospital for an act of violence on Tuesday evening following a telephone call from an anxious Curtis, Neb., man.

The caller said he had been talking to a woman at the hospital on the telephone when he heard a scream and the sound of the phone being dropped.

Officers found everything in order when they arrived, and the woman had a perfectly logical explanation for her sudden shriek that terminated the conversation. She said she had seen a mouse run across the floor.