

REGULAR MEETING OF  
Canby City Council - March 17, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:02 p.m. followed by the traditional flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Present - Mayor Housen and Councilmen Braman, Raines, Reinertson, Stevens, and Tatone. Absent - Councilman Dinteman.

Others Present - Supt Cox, Police Chief Walter, and Larry Youngman from Clark and Groff Engineers.

A delegation with Frank Deos, Wayne Oliver, Ernie Graham, Robert Logsdon and Wanda Herman as spokesmen, appeared before the Council to continue the discussion regarding the availability of adequate baseball fields for the coming season. Deos submitted petitions signed by 258 persons, headed, "To The City Of Canby: We are opposed to the present plan of the City Council to convert Wait Park from a ballpark to a walk through park." The delegates plead for the use of the baseball diamond in Wait Park for at least one more season in that the facilities being prepared north of Eccles School would not be ready for use this season and that the City should assume a responsibility in providing areas for the kids, whose interest was said to be in baseball to a great extent.

Mayor Housen told the delegation that the park improvement had been publicized and discussed for over a year and this petition was the first indication that the public was not generally in accord with the plans and that the budget board approved a \$17,500 appropriation for that purpose. The Mayor further told the delegation that the Council was obligated to open bids as advertised and that the result of the bids might or might not effect the current plans for Wait Park improvement. Councilman Stevens and other Councilmen commented that the donor of a fund for Wait Park improvement was quite anxious to see some action in that regard.

The Mayor then declared the time had arrived to open and read the bids that had been received for the park project. The Recorder announced that 2 bids had been received and thereupon opened and read the following bids in the order which they had been received:

F. G. Scott Construction Co., Salem	Bid by items	Total bid - \$29,010
Neal Van Zyl, Clackamas	Bid by items	Total bid - \$22,475

Engineer Youngman stated the engineer's estimate of the phases included in this bid as \$18,557. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously that the bids be referred to Supt Cox for evaluation and recommendation to the Council. The Mayor asked Councilmen Reinertson and Raines to meet with Supt for that purpose. A date was set for a special meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 24 to hear the recommendations.

A letter from Mr. & Mrs. John R. Brusch was read in which they complained of trespassing on their private property near the intersection of Wait and Locust Streets. The Council directed the Supt to take what legal steps might be necessary to halt the practice of certain persons cutting across Brusch's property from the south end of Ellen Drive to Wait Avenue.

Supt Cox described the manner in which Herman and Ray Hellake were violating the junk and zoning ordinances by accumulating wrecked autos and other scrap on their property and then proceeding to build a corrugated iron fence to hide it. After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Tatone and carried unanimously that Hellhakes be informed by letter of the violations, the provisions of the nonconformance regulations etc.

Upon presentation of the states bill for repair of the U. S. 99E stop light and the letter accompanying its return, Councilman Stevens asked for a copy of the documents and said he would further investigate the matter.

After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Raines and carried unanimously that the City submit an application to the Oregon State University for summer vacation employment for 1 engineering aid and 3 field maintenance boys under the work-study program.

Officer Weber presented cost estimates for uniforms for the police reserves being formulated and asked permission to purchase the items at City cost with the understanding that the reserve members would reimburse the City. The Council discussed the matter but withheld a decision pending advise of the City Attorney. Upon the Mayor's question regarding screening of applicants Officer Weber said each applicant was screened by a records check at the County, State, and Federal levels. Mayor Housen advised that credit ratings also be checked.

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The Council discussed the advise of Attorney Bettis and Robert Mahaffy that current finance and interest conditions throughout the nation were not compatible to bond selling at this time. Councilman Braman said that he would make further investigations into the market and report back to the Council.

Councilman Stevens announced that a summer street improvement program was being compiled with consideration for future pipeline construction. He distributed copies of the preliminary program to the Councilmen for study and said he would advise a special meeting soon to complete the plans.

Mayor Housen called the Council's attention to budget preparation work sheet on the table and requested that each department prepare a budget proposal with the assistance of the Supt and Recorder. The Mayor appointed Ex-Councilmen Howard Giger and S. W. Dresen to fill vacancies on the budget board and Burt Lindsay as alternate. The appointments were accepted by the Council. Committee Chairman Braman announced a personnel committee meeting for noon Wednesday at the Bus Depot Cafe.

A motion was made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously by roll call vote that claims against the City be approved for payment and warrants drawn on the Treasurer in payment thereof.

The Recorder advised the Council of the difficulties of late in utility dept. collections, including delinquents, NSF checks, skips, unlisted telephone numbers, etc. The Council discussed the problems but voiced no solutions.

The Council approved the Recorder's attendance at the annual traffic court conference at Eugene, May 1 to 3 with expenses paid by the City.

A special luncheon meeting date was set for noon of March 26 contingent on assurance that auditor Ray Wilson could be present to discuss some matters of finance and budgeting with the Council and other officials.

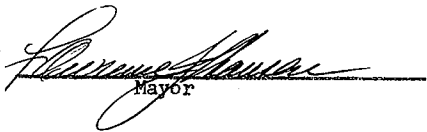
Councilman Tatone reported that bids for 1000 feet 3 inch fire hose would be opened at the April 7th meeting. Tatone reported that Block N of Zion Cemetery was ready for seeding as soon as the sprinkler system is installed. He also reported having planted 11 rhododendron bushes at the cemetery and requested permission to purchase a truck load of bark dust for mulching.

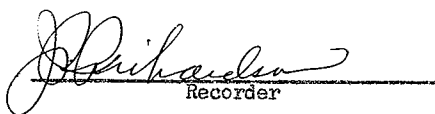
The Council continued discussion regarding financing for the water and light departments.

Councilman Reinertson reported on a problem in the financing of the County Public Library which might effect the continuance of the Bookmobile service to the Canby Library and requested permission to negotiate with the Board of County Commissioners to retain the service.

Engineer Larry Youngman said he would contact the State Park Dept regarding the Wait Park bids, which were higher than estimated, and obtain their advise on alternate procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
Recorder

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