

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council - March 4, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8 p.m. followed by the traditional flag salute.
Roll Call: Present - Mayor Housen and Councilmen Braman, Dinteman, Dresen, Giger, Stevens and Tatone. Absent - None.
Others Present - Supt. Cox, Attorney Bettis, Fire Chief Christiansen and County Commissioner Stefani.

Minutes of the meetings of February 19 and March 1 were read and approved. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of February 21 was read and noted.

The following letters were read before the Council:

Northwest Natural Gas Co. - transmittal of franchise revenue for 1967 --\$234.53.
Governors Office - Notice of meeting of OEO Community Action program March 8.
U. A. Appraisal Co. - Proposal for City property appraisal and evaluation.
Oregon State University - Re: work-study program for summer of 1968.

The Council authorized the Recorder to write a letter of thanks to the W. E. Hermans for their contribution to Wait Park, to be signed by Mayor Housen.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sandsness and Al Tate appeared before the Council and presented a petition signed by residents adjacent to Wait Avenue, requesting that the Council reconsider its prior decision to construct a primary Electric feeder line on Wait Avenue in the traditional overhead design, stating that the class of homes in that area warranted the most modern electrical facilities. Light Commissioner Dinteman and Supt. Cox explained to the petitioners that material adequate for underground construction of a 600 amp primary feeder line was not available at this time due to War priorities and price increases. The Councilmen explained that the reconstruction of the present overloaded line was an immediate necessity and that it was the intention to replace it with underground construction when materials were available and to salvage the overhead line for use in other parts of the City.

Attorney Ron Thom appeared before the Council representing Sam Saraceno in a plea to recover a portion of the cost of a sewer extension on Juniper street adjacent to his property. After a period of discussion it was determined that one adjacent property had been connected to the sewer without cost to the owner and in which a prior city official acted without authority. Commissioner Stefani recommended that the Council consider refunding to Saraceno the difference between the cost of the 8 inch line required by the Supt. and a 6 inch line which would have met the property owners requirements. The Council instructed the Supt. to prepare an estimate of cost figures of an 8 inch and a 6 inch line and report back.

Supt. Cox reported conversations with property owners on the westerly portion of Knights Bridge Road regarding the construction of a sewer main there prior to paving, but that the owners were reluctant to making the investment at this time.

Commissioner Stefani reported that the Clackamas County Park Advisory Board had recommended approval of Canby's application for federal match money to improve Wait Park and that the County Commissioners had submitted the recommendation to CRAG.

James Schmahl, Harold Mickelson and Mrs. Estes Gribble^(SUGGESTED) were nominated for positions authorized by the recently adopted Ordinance No. 512. Mayor Housen withheld making the appointments pending determination which should be appointed City Forester.

Attorney Bettis reported that the State Welfare Commission was involved in the Skinner property on So. Elm Street, making the deeding of a portion of it to the City for street purposes difficult. The attorney said he would continue in his effort to secure a title for the City.

Supt. Cox reported to the Council that the test well drilling on the property optioned from Earl Oliver, had reached the 350 foot level as authorized by the Council at a special meeting on March 1st, but that the last 50 feet showed no difference in material nor no more indication of water. The Supt. told the Council that Charles Bowman of Independence, Oregon, who professes to be a water witch, had gone over a number of sites with him on Saturday and had recommended three sites that had much better possibilities for water production than those which had been optioned by the City. After a period of discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously that the next test well be drilled on the North Cedar Street right-of-way adjacent to Eccles school property.

Then a motion was made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Tatone and carried unanimously that the contractor pull the casing and abandon the test well recently drilled on property optioned from Earl Oliver.

Councilman Giger reported that he had discussed the possibility of purchasing a portion of the Leffler property, adjacent to South Fir Street and Mundorff Road, and that the owners had shown some interest in selling. The Council advised Councilman Giger to discuss selling price with the Leffler's.

Contractor Zent requested extension of time for completion on the project on grounds that time had been wasted and additional drilling done. Supt. Cox was authorized to have Clark and Groff, Engrs. draw up an extension agreement.

Fire Chief Christiansen gave the monthly fire and ambulance report and reports of the police dept. and recorder's office were distributed to the Council. Chief Christiansen requested permission to purchase 500 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch fire hose. The Council approved the request as a budgeted item. A date for a meeting at the fire hall to study specs and estimates for a new fire truck was set for 8:30 p.m. March 11th.

A motion was made by Councilman Dinteman, seconded by Giger 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 Council discussed the unsightly conditions that existed on property owned or occupied by four businesses on U. S. 99E and the steps necessary to cause the sites to be cleaned up and improved. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that the Chief of Police be directed to inform the property owners of their obligation to comply with the provisions of Ordinances No. 465 and 475. Those properties named were those of Canby Enterprises, Hiway Tire Co., Rays Auto Repair and Service, and Railroad lots used by Roy Pottratz.

Frank McCurdy approached the Council seeking information regarding Bancroft bonding to finance the cost of developing his property adjacent to Neff Street. Attorney Bettis explained to him that Bandcrofting was not for the purpose of financing private projects.

Chief Christiansen asked the Council to consider building space for use of the Boy Scouts in the Wait Park restoration plans. Mayor Housen said it would be kept in mind.

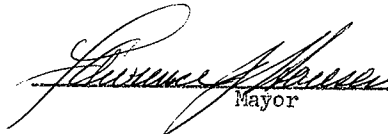
Councilman Giger reported that Officer William Layton was attending police academy during the month of March.


The Council heard and discussed the recommendations of the State Engineer regarding safety precautions and railroad crossings.

The Council discussed the practices of improper parking in loading zones at grocery stores and of other violations of drivers in the City business section.

Councilman Dinteman requested a special Council meeting to study the recently drafted City Charter revision as soon as copies are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 a.m.


Mayor


Recorder