

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL

BROOKINGS, OREGON

SEPTEMBER 25, 1961

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:15 P. M.; MAYOR C. F. CAMPBELL PRESIDING. COUNCILMEN PRESENT: JOHN COX, BEN FRANKLIN, JR.; OTHERS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR, DARRELL SWATZEL; POLICE CHIEF, C. M. CROSS; REPORTERS, BARRETT AND ECKBLOM; COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, HARRY HEATHERLY.
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MAYOR CAMPBELL PRESENTED A RESUME OF INFORMATION HE OBTAINED WHILE ATTENDING THE CIVIL DEFENSE CONFERENCE HELD IN SALEM ON SEPT. 19-20, 1961. MAYOR CAMPBELL THEN INTRODUCED HARRY HEATHERLY, THE CURRY COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, WHO SPOKE EXTENSIVELY CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS FACED IN ESTABLISHING LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS; THE PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR FOR COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE PLANNING AND THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE ORGANIZATION. IN THE COURSE OF HIS TALK HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAS ACCESS TO VARIOUS FILMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE OF ORGANIZATIONS DESIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. HE EXPLAINED FURTHER, THAT THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE CURRY COUNTY UNIT ARE TO BE PREPARED TO CARE FOR EVACUEE'S FROM STRICKEN AREAS, ESTABLISH RADIATION DETECTOR AND WARNING SYSTEMS; SEE THAT PROPER COMMUNICATIONS ARE MAINTAINED AND ALSO OFFER AS MUCH POLICING AS POSSIBLE.

IT WAS STATED THAT GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, MAY LEVY TAXES FOR LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE AND SUGGESTED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL PASS AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE ACTIVITIES, THUS PLACING THE CITY IN A POSITION TO OBTAIN STATE AID FOR SURPLUS GOODS, HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, ETC. IT WAS NOTED THAT STORAGE FACILITIES ARE A MAJOR PROBLEM IN CURRY COUNTY AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL FAMILY COULD PROBABLY EXIST ONLY A SHORT TIME ON PRESENT NORMAL FOOD SUPPLIES IN THEIR HOMES.

DURING A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED, A DISCUSSION DEVELOPED AS TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF BROOKINGS AND HARBOR, REGARDING THE COMBINING OF THE TWO ENTITIES IN THEIR CIVIL DEFENSE EFFORTS. MAYOR CAMPBELL EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE TWO ENTITIES ARE TOO SMALL TO BE SEPARATED AND SHOULD BE COMBINED AND WORK TOGETHER. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AN ADVISORY GROUP COMPOSED OF CITIZENS FROM BOTH AREAS, GET TOGETHER AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, IN ORDER TO FURTHER THIS POINT.


IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE PRE-REQUISITE NECESSARY TO COMMENCE THE LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE EFFORT IS TO FIND AND APPOINT A CAPABLE, SELF-SUFFICIENT INDIVIDUAL TO ACT AS CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR.


VARIOUS INFORMATIVE PAMPHLETS, PERTAINING TO CIVIL DEFENSE, WERE ISSUED TO THOSE PRESENT.

THOSE PRESENT WERE MADE AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION AND THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE DEFENSE PREPARATION ON BOTH THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P. M.

COUNTERSIGNED:


C. F. CAMPBELL, MAYOR


DON PAGE SMITH, CITY RECORDER