

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL

BROOKINGS, OREGON

OCTOBER 10, 1961

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:05 P.M., MAYOR C. F. CAMPBELL PRESIDING. COUNCILMEN PRESENT: JOHN COX, ERNIE CHRISTENSEN AND BEN FRANKLIN JR. OTHERS PRESENT: CITY ATTORNEY W. W. BALDEREE; REPORTERS, MARGE BARRETT, FRANK ECKBLUM AND JERRY BARON. A GOOD TURNOUT OF CITIZENS WERE REPRESENTED.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPT. 12, 1961 AND THE TWO SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD ON SEPT. 25, AND OCTOBER 5, 1961, WERE READ AND APPROVED AS READ.

IN CONNECTION WITH LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND ON OCT. 15-18, 1961, MAYOR CAMPBELL EXPLAINED THAT THE PRINCIPALS ATTENDING WOULD BE REIMBURSED FOR BOARD AND ROOM AND .08¢ PER MILE FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE. DELEGATES TO ATTEND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: MAYOR C. F. CAMPBELL, ARTHUR KNOX, ROBERT DIMMICK, C. M. CROSS, JACK HOLTE AND ERNIE CHRISTENSEN.

MOTION BY JOHN COX TO ACCEPT CANDIDATES ON THIS BASIS. SECONDED BY BEN FRANKLIN JR. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. CY COX, REPRESENTING THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPT., EXPLAINED THE STATES POSITION IN CONNECTION WITH EXCESS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE, SAID PROPERTY LYING EASTERLY OF MILL STREET TO THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF WHARF STREET, MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS ENGINEERS SURVEY STATION 7-55 TO 7-60, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A OF AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 17, 1955, COPY OF SAID AGREEMENT ON FILE WITH THE CITY RECORDERS OFFICE. THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOAT AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION. MR. COX STATED THAT HE FELT THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF DEEDING THIS PROPERTY TO THE CITY BY QUIT CLAIM DEED IF THE COUNCIL IS IN FAVOR. IN ORDER TO INITIATE THE TRANSFER THEY MUST FIRST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING. MR. DON BARTH, SPOKESMAN FOR THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THIS MATTER, ENDORSED THE SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN COX THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE ACTION NECESSARY TO INITIATE THE CONVEYANCE. A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MATTER BE FURTHER INVESTIGATED BEFORE FULL ENDORSEMENT; HOWEVER, THE COUNCILMEN INDICATED THAT THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF THE CONVEYANCE. SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS NOT MADE.

THE AUDIT REPORT COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1960 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1961, WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN REVIEWED THOROUGHLY AT THE PREVIOUS SPECIAL MEETING, WAS DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN, TOGETHER WITH THE RECORDERS REPORT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPT. 30, 1961.

MAYOR CAMPBELL ADDRESS THE COUNCILMEN AND CITIZENS. HE EXPRESSED DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRING OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AT THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCT. 5, 1961. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED, HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTER AND WAS COMPLETELY SURPRISED AT THE ACTION TAKEN. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS REFLECTED THE NEED FOR GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THE ACCOUNTING AND RECORDS SECTION. HE EXPLAINED THAT SMALL CITIES HAVE MANY PROBLEMS, RELATING TO ALL PHASES OF CITY AFFAIRS AND THAT A PERSON QUALIFIED TO CARRY OUT AND PROPERLY ADMINISTER CITY AFFAIRS WAS A MUST FOR GOOD AND ECONOMICAL GOVERNMENT. HE HIGHLY ENDORSED MR. SWATZEL AS A GOOD, EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR; HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, AND THAT HIS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY WERE BEYOND REPROACH. HE STATED THAT MR. SWATZEL PERFORMED HIS DUTIES PROMPTLY AND PROPERLY TO THE LIMITS AS SET FORTH IN CITY ORDINANCE No. 154 AND THAT ALL CITY FUNCTIONS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION AND CONTROL WERE IN MUCH BETTER CONDITION THEN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN. THE MAYOR POINTED OUT THAT HE RETAINS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE COUNCILMEN AND BELIEVED THAT THEY ACTED WITH WHAT THEY SINCERELY BELIEVED WAS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY. HE FURTHER STATED; HOWEVER, THAT THE DUTIES PERFORMED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT EFFICIENTLY BY THE COUNCILMEN AND HIMSELF AND THAT HE IS STILL AT A LOSS AS TO WHY THE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

HE CHALLENGED THE COUNCILMEN AND CITIZENS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PROGRESS AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY. HE ASKED THE CITIZENS TO SPEAK UP.

SEVERAL CITIZENS CHALLENGED THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNCILMEN IN FIRING THE ADMINISTRATOR. MR. LEE HEIN ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE AUDIT REPORT. HE STATED THAT THE BULK OF CRITICIZM CONTAINED IN THE AUDIT REPORT SEEMED TO INVOLVE THE RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE RECORDERS' OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND THAT BY THE TERMS OF THE ORDINANCE MR. SWATZEL WAS PRECLUDED BY LAW FROM EXERCISING ANY CONTROL OVER THESE DEPARTMENTS. HE ALSO STATED, ON BEHALF OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE THAT THE CURRENT BUDGET WAS THE BEST EVER PREPARED BY THE CITY. DON BARTH ASKED THE COUNCILMEN WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY ON THIS MATTER. BEN FRANKLIN, JR. STATED THAT HE FELT THE ACTION WAS WISELY AND WELL TAKEN AND THAT A COPY OF THE AUDIT REPORT AT THE CITY HALL SPEAKS FOR ITSELF IN THIS REGARD. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ASKED FOR AFTER THE PREVIOUS YEARS' AUDIT WERE NOT CARRIED OUT AND THAT THE CONTINUING SITUATION THROUGH THE CURRENT AUDIT WAS INTERPRETED TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY AND RECOGNIZED BY HIM AS A VERY UNDESIRABLE SITUATION THAT MUST BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY. ARTHUR KNOX WANTED TO KNOW IF THE ADMINISTRATOR HAD BEEN APPROACHED AND GIVEN A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL MEETING. HE EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT THE METHOD EMPLOYED IN THE ACTION TAKEN WAS UNWARRANTED. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT MR. SWATZEL WAS GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS PRESENTED TO HIM AT THE SPECIAL MEETING.

ORDINANCE No. 154, WHICH SETS FORTH THE ADMINISTRATORS DUTIES, WAS READ BY CITY ATTORNEY, W. W. BALDEREE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE PRESENT.

PRESENT ALSO, WAS PERCY HANKS, WHO, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNCILMEN AND MAYOR SAID HE WOULD SERVE AS CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

MOTION BY ERNIE CHRISTENSEN THAT PERCY HANKS BE HIRED TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF BUILDING INSPECTOR ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, WITH SALARY SET AT \$100.00 PER MO. SECONDED BY BEN FRANKLIN, JR. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT MATTER OF BUSINESS WAS IN CONNECTION WITH HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. IT WAS NOTED THAT A MEETING HAD BEEN HELD BY THE EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PROPOSALS AND THAT THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH A PLAN OFFERED BY PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, SUBJECT TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COMPANY FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION. BEN FRANKLIN JR. ASKED THAT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT A FINAL CONCLUSION COULD BE REACHED.

JOHN MCGARVEY, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF MACS CAB SERVICE ASKED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN IN RESPECTS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRESENT ORDINANCE RELATING TO HIS TYPE OF BUSINESS. HE REQUESTED A RAISE IN RATES TO THE FOLLOWING: 50¢ FOR THE FIRST MILE AND 40¢ EACH MILE THEREAFTER WITH AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF 20¢ FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON RIDING. METERS WOULD BE USED. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT A SECOND CAB BE AUTHORIZED. POLICE CHIEF, C. M. CROSS STATED THAT THE FARES AS REQUESTED WERE IN LINE WITH RATES IN OTHER AREAS. IT WAS NOTED THAT REQUIRED ORDINANCE CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO DE.C. 31, 1961, AND THAT THE NEW RATES COULD NOT GO INTO EFFECT PRIOR TO JAN. 1, 1962. JOHN COX ASKED THAT THE REQUEST BE PUT IN WRITING AND PRESENTED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

THE RECORDER WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A SHORT TERM LOAN, NEEDED TO MEET THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS UNTIL THE CURRENT TAX REVENUES ARE RECEIVED.

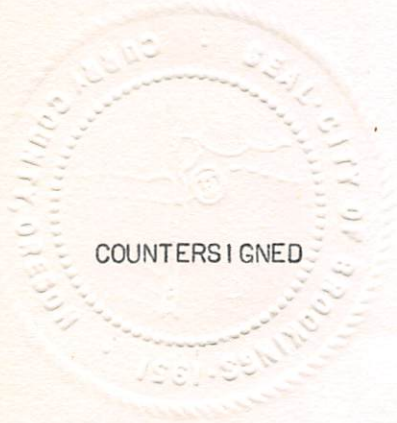
IT WAS REQUESTED THAT FRANK HARRISON BE NOTIFIED TO CHECK INTO THE NEED OF MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE JAIL ROOF AND THAT HE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE REQUIRED WORK DONE.

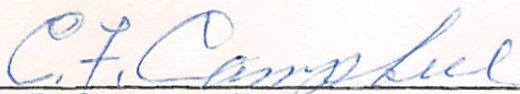
MR. BALDEREE EXPLAINED THAT ORDINANCE No. 79 COVERS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL DEFENSE.


BEN FRANKLIN, JR. EXPRESSED HIS CONTINUING DESIRE TO WORK 100% WITH THE OTHER COUNCILMEN, THE MAYOR AND THE CITIZENS, IN CARRYING OUT THE WISHES OF THE CITIZENS FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS AND BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

ERNIE CHRISTENSEN MADE A MOTION THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND CONTINUED AT 8:00 P.M. OCTOBER 12, 1961. MOTION SECONDED BY JOHN COX. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 P.M.



  
C. F. CAMPBELL, MAYOR

  
DON PAGE SMITH, CITY RECORDER