

Regular Council Meeting

December 11, 1951

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Mayor Dimmick
 Councilmen present: Lesmeister, Fox, Smith. Absent Young

Also present: City Attorney Hall and City Engineer Echols, Police Chief Brown and
 Municipal Judge Nelson

Minutes of regular meeting of December 4 read. Correction: Terms for purchase of
 Municipal Corporation 20 volumes should be \$20.00 down payment and \$12.50 per month
 until paid. Minutes approved as corrected.

Bills read: C. W. Means for 3 days police service \$24.00, Car Expense \$5.00, Total \$29.00.

Secretary of State, Census expense 640 Miles @ 6¢ \$70.90

Brookings Land & Townsite Co.: 367 yards of gravel delivered, 242 yards
 donated by Elmer Bankus, 125 yards at \$1.50 per yard \$187.50

Motion by Lesmeister seconded by Smith to pay C. W. Means bill. Passed.

Other bills were ordered deferred.

Communications read: State Highway Commission relative to spot priority assistance
 for purchase of equipment.

Music machine service man and wife were present to protest license fee for music machines.
 He claimed the fee for license was too high and discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional.
 Attorney Hall disagreed with him on these points and after Mr. Hall had questioned him
 extensively regarding income and expenses of the machines told him that he would have to
 give better proof of his argument for lower license fee ~~XXXX~~ before he could expect the
 council to lower the fee. The service man represented the Martin Music Co.

Mr. Donald P. Gravely was presented and spoke briefly relative to his building that he
 is constructing north of town for restaurant purposes. He said he would appreciate
 approval of his application for restaurant set-up license. After Mayor Dimmick had
 mentioned the fact that Mr. Gravely was scarcely known by the councilmen, Mr. Gravely
 gave several references including Mr. Walsh of Coos Bay. He also presented his original
 application for 1952 license which he had made before Brookings was incorporated.
 Final approval of applications for restaurant set-up license deferred until next regular
 meeting, December 18.

Elmer Parker and Mrs. Parker were present. Mr. Parker, president of Chamber of Commerce, spoke relative to garbage dump. He thought that the city should give consideration to granting franchise to James T. Smith so that Mr. Smith could consider getting proper equipment to care for dump. Mr. Parker brought out that the Chamber of Commerce had closed its dump on the south river road and that Mr. Smith was using his own ground for dump. Motion by councilman Smith seconded by councilman Fox that secretary write letter to Mr. Herman Kehrli of League of Oregon Cities to get samples of franchises of other cities. Motion passed.

Mayor Dimmick asked for report on lights in front of school and lights on Fern Avenue. Judge Nelson, whom the mayor had deligated to ~~XXXX~~ study the light situation with Mr. Shavere and Mr. Rush of The Electric Coop., reported that Mr. Shavere recommended a new type of vapor light which would cost about \$50.00 a year to operate plus new globes. The installation would be free to the city. They thought there should be a light in front of the school; one at Fern and Pacific corner and one near the ^{former} Vincent property across from the entrance to Wetcro Inn. Councilman Smith thought that approval ~~of~~ of the School Board to pay for operation of light in front of school should be obtained before council went on record approving lights. Secretary was instructed to write letter to School Board attention of Mr Hampton suggesting that they pay for one light.

Mayor Dimmick brought up matter of Judge Pro-tem. Motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by councilman Lesmeister that Ray V. Guerrettaz be appointed to position of judge pro tem in absence of Judge Nelson. Passed unanimously. Attorney Hall suggested that Judge Nelson draw up an order for minimum bail to be accepted.

Bob Thompson as spokesman for three young men present spoke of their plan for a hot rod club for Brookings and asked for the support of the council. The boys assured the council that the club would be properly policed and conducted. Some of the councilmen encouraged the boys to proceed with their club but pointed out that no official action was necessary by the council.

Petty Cash: Motion by councilman Fox, seconded by councilman Smith that warrant in the amount of \$20.00 be drawn for petty cash. Passed.

Councilman Lesmeister questioned about gravel for streets, reported that gravel/^{reject} on other side of the river would cost about \$1.50 per yard if Mr. Bankus used his own drag line and hauled the gravel. He also reported that they could get gravel from Page property for 10¢ per yard and use the county loader but would have to pay for hauling. He was not sure which would be cheaper. Councilman Smith thought that gravel should not cost the city over \$1.25 per yard. Councilman Lesmeister was instructed to ~~XXXX~~ use his own judgement.

Engineer Echols was instructed to investigate sewage seepage near the school.

Councilman Lesmeister was asked to contact the South Coast Lumber Co. to see if they would discontinue the use of Easy Street for trucking as a matter of safety and maintenance.

Questioned by Mayor Dimmick, Attorney Hall reported that he had received no report relative to city streets being turned over to city. Hall also reported no information about water franchise.

Fire district was discussed with Attorney Hall reading letter from Kehrli relative to distribution of assets should part of district outside of city decide to withdraw from city fire district. Attorney Hall also read letter showing that when cities give telephone franchise they usually receive 2% of gross receipts.

Franchises for telephone and electric companies were discussed. Some thought that privilege tax for use of streets might be advisable for time. Attorney Hall suggested that committee be appointed to study tariffs on water and then to discuss schedule of tariffs arrive at with Mr. Bankus. Councilman Smith vigorously opposed this line of procedure. Mayor Dimmick proposed that instead of committee that each councilman study franchise and tariffs. No further action was taken by council on franchises.

Councilman Fox told the council that members of Eagle Lodge would paint cross walks.

Secretary was instructed to write letter to State Industrial Accident Commission applying for benefits for city.

Councilman Fox reported that ^{Mr.} Kessler and Mr. Malcolm had read building code. He reported that Roy Weideman had suggested that several get together and go over the code point by point.

Building permits were again discussed with rates proposed and an ordinance suggested but after considerable discussion the subject was deferred for further study.

Motion by Fox to adjourn. Council was adjourned at 12:50 A. M.

By T. W. Guerry
Secretary