

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 1951

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

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

Minutes of regular meeting of December 11 read. Approved as read.

Bills read: West/^{Coast} Telephone Co., telephone bill \$13.25. Motion by Young, seconded by Smith to pay telephone bill. Passed.

Communications read: Letter from West Coast Telephone Co. relative to telephone service and phone for Chief Brown.
 Letter from League of Oregon Cities relative to franchises.
 Letter from League of Oregon Cities relating to Real Estate Brokers.
 Letter from State Highway Commission regarding Engineers visit to Brookings

Mr. Hageman from State Highway commission office visited Brookings Tuesday December 18 and conferred with Mayor Dimmick. Mayor Dimmick reported that Mr. Hageman advised for city to go ahead and paint cross walks. He advised against blinker light at Chetco & Fern but said that city could do as it pleased regarding it. He also advised that sidewalks on Fern was a matter for the county or city. Regarding highway signs, he told Mayor Dimmick that the

Sign Department would contact the city later. Mr. Hageman will return later to attend council meeting and asked that councilman have all problems ready to be discussed at that meeting.

Councilman Lesmeister reported on streets and complimented Ross Putnam for help he had given.

City Engineer Echols reported on his inspection of sewage conditions near school grounds and said that septic tank at Hearthstone restaurant was too small since apartments had been added. Councilman were of opinion that Mr. Mackenzie should be given right to run sewerage line down alley. It was pointed out that the city has no authority at the present time to grant such right but no objection was anticipated from the county.

Secretary was instructed to write letter to Mr. Ed Grootendorst pointing out that complaints had been made regarding sewage disposal at his property on Pacific Avenue and asking his cooperation in correcting the condition by running his sewerage line to the main sewer line at Pacific & Fern.

Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Moore were present as representatives of present Fire districts. As officers of the fire district, they were willing for the fire district to dissolve

and for the city to take over assets and assume control.. Attorney Hall explained methods of city assuming control of fire department. Question was raised as to whether city would get the four mill levy from the county. Matter was deferred for time being and Mr. Hall will get together with fire district officers to determine what to do and how to proceed. The size and volume of the hydrants were discussed and the present charge of \$4.00 per hydrant per month to the fire district was considered too high a charge.

Copy of Ordinance 12, licensing music machines and similar devices, was removed from copy of ordinances ^{by Attorney Hall} to be sent to League of Oregon Cities to get their decision on legality of ordinance and whether amount of license was exorbitant. Mr. Hall was asked to explain that the license charge was approximately $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of distributors intake.

Garbage collection franchise was brought up but was deferred for further study.

Mayor Dimmick pointed out that a Zoning and Planning commission should be set up to study and advise the council relative to zoning and planning the future of the city. It was decided by the council that there should be seven members of the commission----five citizens and two ex officio members. The following citizens were nominated: Elmer Bankus, Mrs. Dorothy Lockland, Mr. O. D. Arp, Mr. Ed. Aldrich, and Mr. James Yelton. Charles Young, Councilman and Charles Echols were appointed as ex officio members with Charles Young as Chairman. Secretary was instructed to write letters to each asking them to serve on commission.

Mayor Dimmick said he had talked to truckers and had suggested that they not use Easy street except in case of necessity. They explained that Mr. Hampton, superintendent of schools, had asked them to not haul by the schools because of noise and disturbance of class rooms. Councilman Lesmeister and others were afraid that Easy street might break up if used during wet weather. *****

City sewerage system was discussed relative to ownership as shown by deeds and grants. Seemingly no reservation made in deeds given for property sold and no grants shown in titles. Engineer Echols pointed out that present sewerage system is adequate for original town site but new sub-divisions would require parallel systems.

In again discussing water franchises it was generally held that a water franchise should be written and presented to Elmer Bankus for his acceptance or rejection. Councilman Smith wants ruling on water tariffs by P. U. C. He was of the opinion that Brookings people should get as good a deal as other towns. Secretary was instructed to write to League of Oregon Cities for sample water franchise.

Mr. Donald P. Gravely was present and spoke briefly. ~~XX~~

Restaurant ~~wet~~-up liquor licenses again came before the council and was discussed both verbally and silently. Motion by councilman Lesmeister, seconded by councilman Young that Unrestricted Restaurant license, Class C be approved for both James O. & Edith Robinson and Donald P. Gravely with recommendation to State Liquor Control Commission that only one be granted. Passed unanimously. Secretary instructed to write letter to Liquor Commission ~~explaining action of Council~~ advising them of action taken by council.

Motion by Young ^{as proxy for Fay} to adjourn. ~~XX~~ Council was adjourned at 12:15 A. M. to meet again on January 8, 1952.

D. W. Gurrattag
Recorder