

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council - January 19, 1970

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, Raines, Reinertson, Stevens and Tatone. Absent - None.

Others Present - Attorney Bettis, Supt. Cox, Asst. Whiteside and Police Chief Walter.

A motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Reinertson and carried unanimously that the minutes of the January 5 meeting be approved as mailed to the members of the Council.

Mayor Housen raised the question whether Fun Services, Inc, who are contracting with the Canby PTA to furnish booths and prizes for a school carnival, would be required to obtain a city business license. After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Raines, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that Fun Services, Inc. not be required to obtain a business license.

A petition circulated by Clarence Van Doren, was presented to the Council, requesting the annexation of 28 acres composed of Tracts 29 thru 33 of Pruneland subdivision. Attorney Bettis explained the annexation procedure under the new laws involving Metropolitan Boundary Commission. The Council discussed the matter and agreed to postpone any action pending further study and to refer the matter to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

The Public Works Department reported that bids had been awarded to the Capital Chevrolet Company for one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton and one $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup for the City of Canby for approximately 90 day delivery at \$1,759 and \$2,058 respectively.

It was reported for the record that a recent meeting of the Charter Revision Committee, at which all members of the Council were present, has resulted in a split decision whether or not to pursue the feasibility any further to amend the Charter to provide for a utility management board. Councilman Dinteman presented a prepared statement in that regard, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of the file copy of these minutes. After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Braman and seconded by Stevens to go ahead with further discussion on the feasibility of providing for a utility board or Commission. Mayor Housen called for a roll call vote which resulted in 3 yes and 3 no. Upon assurance from the City attorney that a vote by the Mayor was in order, Mayor Housen cast an affirmative vote which carried the motion. A meeting of the committee was set for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27. Former budget committeemen Richard Morse and Archie Markee both approached the Council and urged that the matter be presented to the voters of the City.

A motion was then made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Reinertson and carried unanimously that the City Attorney be directed to prepare a resolution setting the earliest date possible for a special election to present to the voters a Charter amendment to change the bonding interest limit to compare with that of the State of Oregon.

A motion was made by Councilman Dinteman, seconded by Raines and carried unanimously that plans be made to mail future utility bills in post card form without envelopes.

Councilman Dinteman proposed that the Council consider future purchases of gasoline, for City use, by sealed bids.

Councilman Stevens and Supt. Cox reported that a letter from the State Highway Department was coming which would propose a more equitable offer on the installation of a traffic control light at the intersection of Highway 99E and Elm Street, than had been offered before. Chief Walter reported that the Highway Department had been contacted relative to moving the present blinker light from the Elm Street crossing to the intersection of South Ivy and Mundorff Road. A motion was made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Reinertson and carried unanimously that speed zone and school zone signs be erected on South Ivy Street compatible to the recent construction in that area.

Councilman Raines reported that progress was being made on the purchase of additional property at the sewage disposal plant and that the agents of the Collins Estate were expected to be at the February 2nd Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Raines, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that utility charges in Dale Morgan's new mobile court be billed and collected from the individual customers in the conventional manner and that Morgan sign an agreement, to be prepared by the City Attorney, assuming responsibility in lieu of deposit requirements.

A motion was made by Councilman Dinteman, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously by roll call vote that claims against the city, excluding one invoice from Housen Photography, be approved for payment and warrants drawn on the Treasurer in payment thereof.

A motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Raines and carried unanimously approving the Recorder's attendance to Oregon Finance Officers Institute at the University of Oregon, February 5 and 6, at City expense. The Council recommended that any Councilman whose term does not expire this year might attend the institute. Councilman Reinertson indicated interest in attending.

A motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that the City purchase a used paving roller from Craig Landeen for \$500.

The Council members agreed that Ernie's Barber Shop should be required to make a utility deposit, now that it is in a new location and under new management.

Forms recently developed by the Planning Commission for applications for zone changes and Conditional Use Permits were presented for Council approval. After a proposal that the provisions for legal description by metes and bounds be made the same on both forms, a motion was made by Councilman Tatone, seconded by Raines and carried unanimously that the forms be approved for use.

Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 14 were read and noted. Discussion followed regarding the proposal of the Commission to provide rules and regulations for annexation by Ordinance.

The Council and Public Works Department discussed the feasibility of providing sewer service to the southerly part of Canby and particularly to the area adjacent to South Elm where construction of an LDS church is proposed, it being agreed that one or more lift stations would have to be constructed.


The Council discussed a proposal from the grade school principal that the stop signs at N.W. 4th Avenue on Grant Street be replaced by portable signs to be used only during school hours. Councilman Stevens voiced disapproval of portable signs and the matter was postponed pending further study.

Police Chief Walter reported that the police patrol car was found to be unsafe due to a crack in the frame and that it has been stripped of radio and lights and that the department is using the jeep pending the arrival of a new police car about February 1st.

Councilman Tatone requested permission from the Council to remove certain shrubs at the Cemetery that interfere with mowing and general upkeep of the grounds. The Council advised that property owners or family members be contacted before shrubs are removed, in the interest of good will.

Supt. Cox reported that wind blew down power lines in the northwest part of town recently, requiring the light crew to work most of the night.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 p.m.


Mayor
Recorder

Mr. Mayor, fellow members of the Council - I was very sorry to see part of the Council reject the recommendation of the Charter Amendment Committee to adopt the proposed change to separate the revenue departments from the tax supported departments and to submit this change to the electorate for their approval or disapproval. It is unfair to the people of Canby to deny them the opportunity to make their wishes known. I feel that the majority is interested in their and their childrens' future. To stand still is to regress.

Some Council members seem to feel that the proposed change is not desirable and that Canby should remain or go back to the status of a bedroom community. I would ask the question here : "How can we legally deny a building permit to an applicant who wishes to subdivide an area, to build a home, rental property, a business locale or manufacturing plant, so long as the building or business is within the properly allocated Zone? The light department does not have the money from current income in reserve to accomodate expansion above the normal level experienced up to 1967. However, by denying the chance to put the revenue departments under a budgetary system separate from the tax supported departments, what you will accomplish is to force the Light Department into a situation where it can not meet the unusual current and foreseeable expansion, which might well lose us the Electric Utility for the City - and the privately owned utilities are known to be engaged in a nation-wide effort to acquire publicly owned systems whenever they can. The Question was posed : " So why don't we sell it to PGE ?" The answer to that would be the rude awakening when you receive your first bill. I am sure the question as put in a jokular manner and that the members of the council do not wish to accomodate PGE in this respect.

It is the normal symptom of age to tend to look back and live in the past rather than to look ahead and plan for the future. Some people who retire from active work at age 65 tend to become set in their ways and cease to be amenable to reason and open to suggestions as they were in their younger years. They become old mentally as well as physically. It would be in the best interest of the City for the people to interest in accepting nomination and to elect to the Council younger individuals, who are still looking to the future.

In the mean-time I do not believe that we should let the idea of separation of the revenue from the tax departments die. Mr. Tatones' primary objection seemed to be the formation of a new board to control the revenue departments. Perhaps we can achieve the same objective by appointing the councilmen who are now in charge of these departments as their primary consideration as the Utility Board. This would take a bit more study on the part of the committee, but I believe that some solution can be reached, which will solve, or at least ameliorate our problem.

I simply ask the council members to NOT close their mind but to approach this problem with a positive attitude. I am sure that we are all interested in the well-being of our city, we simply see these problems from different angles - and I can see no reason why these differences can not be resolved.

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Re: Morgan Accounting.

1. It is recommended that Mr Morgan execute an agreement to the effect that he will guarantee the utility bills of his tenants, whereby such bills be added to his own or sent to him for payment if delinquent or uncollectible because the tenant moved away. It is further recommended that Mr Morgan do NOT be required to pay a deposit, if recommendation above is accepted. Bills to be sent to each individual tenant.
2. It is suggested that a uniform system on the order recommended above be established for ALL rental property.

3. Billing Procedure:

A savings of \$23.87 can be effected per month by eliminating the envelope in which monthly bills are being mailed. The bill itself has the address affixed to it, thus by mailing it as a card a 1¢ postal fee per card can be saved, and the cost of the envelopes (1600 per month) comes to 7.87, this being a proportional share of the cost of \$125.95 for 25M. On an annual basis this represents a savings of \$276.44. In manhours, this represents a savings of 8 hours per month or 72 hours (12 Man Days) per year.

4. Other Savings:

I noticed where the school board accepted a low bid from Giger Distributors for POL for their school buses. A bid approach to our gas requirements was suggested by me three years ago, and I hereby go on record of repeating this suggestion. For every cent below pump price the savings to the city would be about 140.00 per annum.