

SPECIAL MEETING OF
Canby City Council - December 9, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Housen and Councilmen Braman, Dinteman, Dresen, Giger, Stevens and Tatone. Absent - None.

Others Present - Supt. Cox, Councilman elect Reinertson, Publisher Weston, Recorder Richardson, Engineer Groff, Well Drillers George and Carl Zent and John Nieland.

Mayor Housen declared the principal purpose of the meeting to continue the water production improvement program. He requested that Groff and Zent present their respective theories regarding final payment for drilling the N. Cedar Street well. Engineer Groff read pertinent portions of the contract agreement which stated that the maximum drawn down, in testing the well for volume, should not exceed 5 feet above the top screen in the well. He stated that after 4 hours of pumping at 403 gpm, the drawn down was within 3 feet of the top of the screen. Groff said at that rate the drawn down would be at screen level in 12 hours of pumping, and that it appeared to him that the draw down would stabilize at about 350 gpm.

After a period of discussion in which all agreed that another full 8 hour test should have been run after the stabilization was ascertained, it was agreed to install the City pump on the well and to run an 8 hour test at the proper time next summer to determine the well's true capacity. Zents had been paid on the basis of 350 gpm which they hardly thought was true value.

Mayor Housen called upon Engineer Groff to advise the extent to which the water system could be improved within the City's present bonding ability. Groff recommended the construction of a three-quarter million gallon elevated tank, 2 new wells and approximately 80% of the total grid system which would include an adequate main across town south to north and other lines to tie the present system together.

The Council favored this type of program and agreed to persue that plan by preparing for a \$440,000 revenue bond issue. Location of the next two wells was discussed and whether or not to purchase the Beck well. Supt Cox was authorized to contact John Beck by letter and instruct him to lower the pump in his well approximately 20 feet to compensate for the drop in production during the summer months.

Mayor Housen said he would contact Attorney Bettis and advise him to proceed with the bond sale preparation, which would include an election to amend the City Charter to provide for revenue bonding.


Engineer Groff said it would take approximately 2 months to complete the plans and specifications and be ready to advertise for bids. The Council agreed that the bids should be broken down into phases for regulated progress.

Engineer Groff told the Council that his staff were working on final plans and specifications for Wait Park development to submit to the State Park Division of the State Highway Department.

Supt Cox reported to the Council that Mrs. Sam Reusser of 587 N. W. 2nd Avenue had protested a water bill mailed to her and had ordered him to disconnect their water, which he did. The excess of monthly minimum on the bill consisted of overage for four months while the meter was in such condition that it could not be read, Cox explained. Reussers had been billed for the minimum for three months, which had been deducted from the current bill. When the customer realized that the Supt had disconnected the water service, she called the City Hall and asked that the service be reinstated. Her husband came in later and assured the Recorder that the bill would be paid.

The Supt explained the difficulties experienced by the work crew in the process of constructing a water connection for the Dupont building at South First and Ivy Streets, resulting in the entire City being without water for several hours Monday p.m. Cox commended the workmen for their diligence under adverse working conditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.


Mayor


Recorder