

INFORMAL MEETING OF
Canby City Council - January 25, 1967

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guild at 8 p.m.

Present were Mayor Guild, Councilmen Braman, Dinteman, Giger, Stevens and Tatone, Supt. Cox, Asst. Bentz, Police Chief Cole and Recorder Richardson.

Upon announcement by Chief Cole that three police applicants had appeared for interviews, the Mayor suggested that the Council retire to the Supt's office in the basement of the City Hall to conduct the interviews. Some members of the Council stated that they preferred to conduct the interviews in the Council Chambers as a normal procedure, to which the Mayor agreed. Applicants Donald Coates, Wm. Franke and Eugene Meeks were then interviewed individually and advised that the Council would convene in Special Session at noon on Friday, January 27 to make a selection and the applicants would be promptly notified.

Each Councilman was provided with a copy of specifications for a new police patrol car, as compiled by the Police Department. Chief Cole advised the Council that the present car was put into service in February 1966 and was constantly needing expensive repair. The Council discussed the agreement at the time of the 1966-67 budget preparation that the public works department would trade in an older vehicle and finance the difference when the next new police car was purchased.

Mayor Guild solicited the Council member's reaction to an employment program based on "chain of command and a merit pay system." Discussion in opposition to the suggestion was lead by Councilman Giger and concurred by others present. Councilman Tatone stated that his observations of City employees at work lead him to believe that there was not a city employee who deserved a merit rating, as he understood the meaning of merit ratings through Federal government experience.

Upon Mayor Guild's request, the Recorder cited in detail the budgeting and financing process in the Cemetery Department.

Commissioner Braman stated that considerable study and research in the sewage facility needs would be necessary before budget time and that the services of a licensed engineer would be mandatory. He said that Engineer Gray could be retained by the City at \$1500 per year.

Street Commissioner Stevens urged the Council to establish a specific street paving program for the coming season, immediately, so that the curb construction program could proceed. He commented on the cost of temporary repair to streets outside the corps area and stated his belief that it would be economical to spend part of the annual street improvement budget to build up a permanent type base on some of those streets. Councilman Giger suggested that the paving program be slowed down for one year and the budgeted funds used to purchase street base materials and more adequate maintenance equipment. Supt. Cox stated that \$186,000 had been spent in 16 years for temporary street maintenance.

Commissioner Stevens reported that 84 yards of gravel had been purchased for the railroad parking lots at a cost of \$168, and that cash in the amount of \$234 in merchants donations had accumulated over the past 4 years, from which the graveling would be paid.

Councilman Dinteman spoke in regard to poor public relations and suggested that a program for keeping the citizens informed on City activities be initiated.

Supt. Cox advised the Council that right-of-way for the extension of Knott Street from N. W. 4th Ave to Wait Ave was reportedly available and should be pursued immediately. It was reported that curb construction problems had arisen on S. W. 3rd and 2nd Avenues and that a meeting with property owners appeared eminent. Other Street Department activities which require Council decision included storm sewer extensions, sidewalk location in relationship to curb, selection of streets to be paved next season, general planning of streets in undeveloped areas and long range planning to eliminate excess traffic on railroad crossings and on S. Ivy Street. Supt. Cox reported that the safety island at 7th and Ferry had been filled and leveled and was ready for landscaping. He suggested to the Council a street lighting design for the area.

Councilman Giger questioned, as being desirable, the 4th Wednesday of each month for scheduled informal Council meetings. He advised the Mayor to poll the Council in the selection of an agreeable date, and requested that the question appear on the agenda of the next regular meeting.

Water Commissioner Tatone presented a preliminary study of a suggested water supply system which would involve pumping from a collector system in the area of the former Adkins mill site, to an extensive supply tank on the highest hill adjacent to Hardscrable Road and then a gravitation conduit 12,000 feet to connect to the present City system at Zion Cemetery.

The preliminary cost estimate was \$450,000 which Tatone suggested could be financed through a bond issue and federal aid.

The Council agreed that water rights and property options should be investigated prior to other planning. The Council agreed to accompany Tatone to the site after the scheduled meeting Friday noon.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



Mayor



Recorder