

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council - February 6, 1967

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

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

Others Present - Supt. Cox, Asst Bentz, Attorney Bettis, Fire Chief Christiansen, Police Chief Cole and Budget Committee members Deos and Markee.

Upon the Mayor's suggestion, a motion was made by Councilman Dinteman, seconded by Giger and carried unanimously that the reading of the minutes of the Informal Council meeting of January 25 be dispensed with. Minutes of the meetings of January 16 and 27 were read and approved. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 18 was read and noted.

A certificate of merit from the State Board of Health, for Canby's production of acceptable domestic water during 1966, was presented by the City Recorder.

The resignation of Police officer Weston Rimington was read by the Recorder. Frank Deos addressed the Council requesting a complete investigation of circumstances which prompted Rimington to tender his resignation. Deos stated that he was under the impression that personal friction existed between the Mayor and the officer. He said there was talk that the Mayor assumed the Police Commissionership for the express purpose of getting rid of Rimington. During the Council discussion that followed, Mayor Guild stated that there was nothing personal but that it was not in the interest of the City to retain the officer. When asked by Councilman Housen if he had intended to ask Rimington for his resignation, the Mayor stated that he would have eventually. Upon the question of the commissioner's authority to request a resignation, the City Attorney advised that official action can come from the Council only. To this, the Mayor stated that nothing in the City Charter precluded that any Councilman cannot recommend a resignation.

Other Councilmen, including Giger and Dinteman, stated that Deo's request was not out of line and should be honored in that Rimington's present position was that of embarrassment and unjust. Councilman Giger stated that such grievances should be aired before a committee similar to the former Wage and Hour Committee before it be subjected to the Council, thereby proposing to the Council that the Wage and Hour Committee be reactivated. Mayor Guild stated that he didn't think the matter should proceed any further and should be quieted down as soon as possible. Councilman Stevens stated his belief that no good could come from an investigation and made a motion that Rimington's resignation be accepted by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dinteman and carried without opposition.

A motion was then made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that Eugene Meeks be hired to fill the vacancy in the Police Department. The Recorder was instructed to contact Meeks and advise him of his appointment.

Mayor Guild said he had conferred with the mechanics who are familiar with the present police patrol car and reported that it has 38,000 miles on the speedometer, that it is in good condition and good for another year of use as a patrol car. The Mayor was advised of the recommendation of the budget committee that the car be turned over to the public works department at the end of one year and that an older pickup be traded in on a new police car; that \$1,000 was budgeted within the police department for that purpose and it was recommended that any additional cost be borne proportionally by the four field departments.

Councilman Tatone stated that the City wasn't large enough to warrant the use of a limousine for its Supt. of Public Works and was not a reasonable taxpayers expense. Police Chief Cole stated his principal desire in keeping the vehicle available as an emergency vehicle for the Police Department, and that the radio, red lights, etc. would remain in it for emergency work. Councilman Tatone stated that emergency vehicles could be rented when the regular police car was out of service and that a City vehicle should not be used by Council members when on City business.

Councilman Housen recommended that bids on a new car be invited in compliance with the recommendation of the budget committee. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that call for bids for a police car be published and the oldest public works pickup offered in trade, and said bids opened at the regular council meeting on March 6.

A letter from the Mid Willamette Valley Regional Park & Recreation Agency, announcing a workshop on Friday, February 24 was read.

The Council discussed the request from the Canby Kiwanis Club that the City provide care for the Sequoia trees along north 1st Avenue. A motion was made by Councilman Dinteman, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that the Recorder write to the Kiwanis Club and assure them that the City will care for the trees.

It was announced that the next Clackamas County Park meeting was scheduled for the evening of February 13 and the Mayor asked that Commissioner Giger plan to attend.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously by roll call vote that claims against the City be approved for payment and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in payment thereof.

Resubmission of bids having been called for for lowering of ceilings in the City hall in compliance with specifications prepared by the city engineer, the following bids were opened and read to the Council:

Cascade Acoustics, Inc., Gladstone, Oregon - \$346.00

Geo. Irwin Construction Co., Canby, Oregon - 452.84

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously to accept the bid of Cascade Acoustics, Inc. for \$346.00.

Departmental reports were submitted by the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Recorder. Chief Christiansen told the Council that a civil defense generator, used by Emmett Roberts for emergency radio service, was now available to the City for relocation. Christiansen requested permission to purchase a crystal for channeling fire radios on the citizens band and for an additional radio for the fire chief's pickup. After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously authorizing the purchase of a radio crystal. A motion was made by Councilman Housen, seconded by Giger and carried unanimously authorizing the purchase of a GE radio for the fire department pickup at a cost of \$557, one-half the cost to be borne by the Canby Rural Fire District.

Commissioner Braman reported having received a sewage disposal appraisal report from Engineer Gray and requested a special meeting to study the report. Commissioner Giger also requested time to discuss cemetery plans with the Council. A date for a special meeting was set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 17 by the Mayor and concurred by the Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously approving the attendance of Roy Bentz and Kenneth McNamee at a sewer plant operators short school at Corvallis, February 8 to 10 with expenses paid by the City.

A letter from the Canby Telephone Assn, in answer to the City's written service complaint, was read and discussed. Announcement of the Assn annual meeting on February 25 was made.

The Council discussed the recommendations of BPA regarding changes in electric rates to churches and agreed that the recommendations were not feasible. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that a letter be written to the Bethany Evangelical Church board that it was not feasible to lower electrical rates for one customer.

Supt. Cox advised the Council that the property owners on No. Ferry Road, adjacent to a previously discussed improper sidewalk location, wanted a Council decision regarding the City responsibility. The Council agreed to remove enough of the sidewalk to accommodate curb construction and to budget for replacement of the sidewalk later this year. It was also discussed that the prospects for securing a street right-of-way for the extension of North Knott Street from 4th Avenue to Virginia looked brighter and should be pursued.

The Council discussed the need for revision of Resolution No. XLI, Rules and Regulations for City Employee Working Relations, and the Mayor referred the matter to the Ordinance Committee.

Mayor Guild recommended to the Council that an ordinance be drafted which would incorporate present park regulations with other matters pertaining to parks and trees and to provide for the creation of a 3 man park board. The Council discussed the matter and referred it to the Ordinance Committee for drafting.

The Mayor called the Council's attention that the 75th anniversary of the City of Canby was just 1 year away and suggested some consideration toward observance.

A letter from the League of Oregon Cities containing PUC decisions on customer billing for certain utility franchise fees, was read and discussed.

The Council discussed the need for a new agreement with the merchants regarding parking lot rental fees and the Mayor referred the matter to Councilmen Stevens and Housen.

Supt. Cox reported on estimates for installation costs for a City gasoline pump. He said 3 local companies offered tanks and pumps for approximately \$500 provided that call for bids in the future be limited to local bidders. Otherwise, there was no local materials available.

The Recorder reported numerous requests for name and address lists of new utility customers. The Council agreed that the City was not in that type of business and authorized the Recorder to refer the address seekers to the Chamber of Commerce welcome wagon.

Light Commissioner Dinteman reported that a recent wind storm did damage valued at \$700 to light department facilities and stressed the consideration of underground construction in the future to avoid costly maintenance.

Chief Cole reported that Donald Lloy Coates had reported for duty with the police department that day.

Water Commissioner Tatone commended the Fire Chief for the manner in which the fire trucks and equipment is kept.

The Water Commissioner reported that he had taken State Aid Representative Larry Horyna over the proposed water source area and had secured the name and address of the proper authority in the Water Resources Board to whom application should be made for water rights on the Molalla River. He proposed to the Council that a preliminary feasibility study be started immediately and recommended that local engineering talent be used rather than contracting with costly engineering firms. Councilman Giger stated that he would not favor spending one nickel on the project until written assurance of water rights on the Molalla River was received. Supt. Cox reported a conversation with the State engineer on the matter and that the prospects of water rights were questionable. Councilman Giger recommended that the City purchase land in the north part of town, where the principal population increase is, and plan to drill another well and install storage tanks there.

The water supply matter was discussed in detail including means of supplementing the summer supply to avoid necessity of limiting use. Supt. Cox and Councilman Giger advised that the new well which would produce approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons per day should take care of the needs this coming summer. Commissioner Tatone said that he was in the process of negotiating with a party north of town for additional water to supplement the City supply until permanent arrangements were made. He declined to tell the party's name when questioned by other members of the Council and would not give any further information; only that he had asked Supt. Cox to estimate the cost of piping the source into the present distribution system.

Street Commissioner Stevens had copies of a suggested street paving program distributed to members of the Council and requested assistance in choosing those streets to be improved first and in order. Discussion followed but no action was taken.

Supt. Cox reported the house numbering survey some 85% complete and advised the Council of problems that had developed. He suggested that S. E. 4th Avenue be renamed because it does not run parallel to other numbered streets and is therefore not consistent with the numbering system. Mayor Guild asked that an Ordinance amendment draft to that effect be presented for the Council's consideration.

The Mayor appointed Recorder Richardson, Councilman Braman and Dinteman to act as a committee to study the administrative salary breakdown as it pertains to the various department budgets and be prepared to present a recommendation to the budget committee.

Councilman Braman advised the Council that there is not a Canby citizen on the Canby Telephone Assn Board and that the Board would like candidates who are residents of the City. Several suggestions were made but no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 midnight.



Mayor



Recorder