

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council - March 20, 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 - Attorney Bettis, Supt. Cox, Asst. Bentz, Police Chief Cole, Budget Committeeman Markee and Linemen Chapman and Smith.

Minutes of the meetings of March 6 and 10 were read and approved.

Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of March 15 was read and noted.

A letter from the Clackamas County Sheriff, enclosing a contract agreement for the boarding of prisoners, was read before the Council and studied by Attorney Bettis, who advised against executing until the medical responsibility could be secured. The Council agreed to postpone action pending medical insurance study.

A letter from the ambulance committee of the Canby Fire Department was read setting out its reaction to a private ambulance service in Canby and the willingness of its members to service the community with non-profit ambulance service. Councilman Housen affirmed the committee's stand that the City ambulance service could and would serve the community without interruption.

Councilman Housen told the Council that Fire Chief Norman Christiansen had recently been selected for Canby's distinguished Citizen award, and made a motion that the Council write Chief Christiansen a letter of congratulations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatone and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Tatone, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously approving the transfer of \$185.95 from Utility Savings to the water department to balance the utility deposit account for February.

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

Ordinance No. 502, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR RECONNECTING UTILITY SERVICE was read by the City Attorney. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously that Ordinance No. 502 be passed on first reading, posted in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter and to come up for final action on April 17, 1967.

Ordinance No. 503, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 468; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 394; INCREASING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES; AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SEWER SINKING FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by Attorney Bettis. A motion was made by Councilmen Giger, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that Ordinance No. 503 be passed on first reading, posted in compliance with provisions of the City Charter and to come up for final action on April 17, 1967.

After a period of discussion a motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously to jog the curb approximately 18 inches to encircle two trees on the southerly side of N. W. 4th Avenue between Holly and Ivy Streets.

The Council discussed the coming budget preparation and set the date of April 10th for a preliminary meeting with the budget committee and April 24th for the first official meeting. Upon the objection of Councilmen Giger and Stevens of only two men on the temporary wage and hour committee, Mayor Guild appointed Councilman Dinteman to work with the other members.

Mayor Guild announced that John Vigus had declined the appointment to a five man water study committee. The Mayor named David Beeson to replace Vigus and entertained council approval of the Committee. Upon announcement that one appointee, Henry W. Hanson, had recently suffered a heart attack, the Council agreed to postpone the approval. Water Commissioner Tatone made an urgent plea for Council permission to activate the committee without further delay. After a period of further discussion, Councilman Tatone made a motion, which was seconded by Dinteman that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of David Beeson, Ernie Graham, Henry W. Hanson, John Nieland and Calvin Ott as a five man water study committee. The motion was defeated by a vote resulting in 2 yes votes, 3 no votes and one abstention.

Park Commissioner Giger reported to the Council that Ray Burden had investigated the requirements to qualify for participation in the government park funds to be allocated through the County Park Department. Burden said it required the services of a registered landscape architect and that he had contacted one who estimated that the necessary planning would take 2 to 3 weeks and would cost approximately \$700.

The Council discussed means of collecting 7 outstanding street improvement accounts against property owners, from the 1966 season. After evaluating each case on its individual characteristics, a motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that certain delinquent street improvement accounts, selected by the Recorder, be referred to the City Attorney for appropriate action, including legal action if necessary.

Mayor Guild, as police commissioner, submitted a suggested schedule of work shifts and hours for the police department. He explained that he considered it for the upgrading of the department and for better work conditions, adding that Chief Cole was not in complete agreement. Councilman Giger stated his belief that the scheduling of shifts within the department should be the responsibility of the Chief of Police and not of the Commissioner. No action was taken.

Light Commissioner Dinteman told the Council that legal obstacles might make it difficult to serve the City sewerage plant with City electricity and suggested that annexation of the plant property might be the solution. The Council discussed the feasibility of purchasing and annexing property between the present city limits and the sewage disposal site.

Upon Sewer Commissioner Braman's urgent request that McNamee be released from other public works department duties so that he could devote his entire time to the disposal plant, the Council discussed at length, whether to hire a temporary employee immediately or to take time to advertise for applications to meet certain specifications. Supt. Cox said a man was needed immediately to assist with the emergency work at hand and that a six months probationary period would coincide with a period that might be required to set up work specifications and select an employee from applications and interviews. Mayor Guild then authorized the Supt. to hire a temporary man as per the motion passed at a prior meeting. The Commissioner said he and the Supt. would be meeting with the State Sanitary Authority on March 27th to submit the 4 year disposal improvement plans.

Water Commissioner Tatone reported a fire hydrant on S. W. 3rd Avenue broken by a rolling auto. Supt. Cox reported that the new City Well is tied into the City water system and ready for use when the demand requires it. Cox said the output had been metered at 300 gpm with a 36 foot drawdown and that the static water level was 76 feet. The Supt. displayed a sample of sediment taken from a hot water tank in Canby and said considerable sand was pumped into the City mains from the Thompson farm well a number of years ago.

After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Dinteman and carried unanimously that the City call for bids for a police car and to trade in the present patrol car, the bids to be opened at 8:30 p.m. on April 17 at a regular Council meeting.

Upon Councilman Housen's question when the Lions Club could began work on the landscaping of the safety island at 7th and Ferry Road, Supt. Cox said that the underground lighting services and other preparatory work would be completed by April 1st.

Councilman Braman told the Council that the Canby Grade School Board had refused to participate in the cost of any sewer construction adjacent to School property, for the convenience of other property owners, until a legal opinion was received establishing such an obligation. The Council and City Attorney discussed the matter and directed the Recorder to contact the League of Oregon Cities for legal advise.

Mayor Guild suggested that the fire and ambulance monthly report be typed and copies distributed to the Council members. The Council disagreed in that it might effect the routine attendance of the Fire Chief at Council meetings.

The Council agreed to Mayor Guild's suggestion to have informal meetings of the Council and other officials, at the Bus Depot Cafe, the last Wednesday noon of each month.

Councilman Dinteman advised the Council that a curbside mail box had been damaged by the City grader and replaced at City expense. The Council agreed that such incidents do not occur often and therefore it had not been the practice of the City to require that employees be held financially responsible.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.


Mayor


Recorder