

SPECIAL MEETING OF
Canby City Council - July 5, 1967

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 12:36 p.m. at the Bus Depot Cafe.
Present: Mayor Guild, Councilmen Braman, Dinteman, Giger, Housen, Stevens and Tatone, Attorney Bettis, Police Chief Cole, Officer Layton, Supt. Cox, Recorder Richardson and Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Dodd representing the press.

Mayor Guild stated the express purpose of the meeting to discuss the status of Officer Layton's suspension since an accident with the police patrol car early Friday morning.

Councilman Giger told the Council that Chief Cole reported the accident to him and that he had suspended Layton from further duty, for the remainder of the shift and that Giger extended the suspension until a meeting of the Council could be arranged. He further stated that he called all Councilmen to arrange for a special meeting and then called the Mayor and requested this date. In the meantime Layton had contacted the Mayor and a time for a hearing was set for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 5th. Giger said he was not able to contact Layton to confirm the date and time until Wednesday morning.

Discussion followed regarding Officer Layton's pursuit of an unidentified car which he observed speeding through town and wrecking the patrol car on a curve approximately 6 miles outside the City.

Attorney Bettis advised the Council that an absolute limit, particularly at the City Limits, cannot be established in regard to City police control and pursuit.

At that point, Mayor Guild asked Council President Housen to take over and told Councilman Dinteman to accompany him and the two left the meeting.

Officer Layton told the Council that he had been advised by the Chief in the past to call for assistance by County radio when pursuing a car outside the City and to drop back and allow the County or State car to take up the pursuit when they arrived. He said he had been advised not to continue pursuit beyond the top of the New Era hill unless County cars were about to overtake him, but he testified that in this instance he had been advised by radio that 3 County cars were closing in and that he was only 7 car lengths behind the pursued vehicle at that point. Layton said he had chased three cars in the past without serious reprimand and that one of them was apprehended and turned out to be a stolen car.

At that point, Councilman Dinteman returned to the meeting and announced that Mayor Guild had suffered a heart attack and that he had driven him to a Doctor's office and that he was now enroute by ambulance to a hospital.

Attorney Bettis summarized the hearing for the Council and Officer Layton was excused. After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Dinteman, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that Officer Layton's suspension be lifted without loss of pay and that his supervisor write him a letter advising him of the policy regarding disciplinary action in the police department and admonishing him for his actions.

The Council agreed that Layton had been a good patrolman and took his duties seriously and thereby had tendencies to make decisions beyond the call of duty.

A recommendation was made that the standing wage and hour committee be reinstated to work with a departmental commissioner in emergencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council - July 5, 1967

The meeting was called to order by Council President Housen at 8 p.m.
Roll Call: Councilmen Braman, Dinteman, Giger, Housen, Stevens and Tatone. All present.
Others Present - Supt. Cox, Asst. Bentz, Attorney Bettis, Police Chief Cole, Fire Chief Christiansen, County Commissioner Stefani and Water Committeemen Nieland and Vigus.

President Housen announced the death of Mayor Guild at 1:15 p.m. that day and said that the regular meeting would be recessed until a later date in due respect. Then the Rev. Norman Prestbye was called upon to offer prayer in the presence of a truly bereaved Council.

The meeting was declared recessed to reconvene at 8 p.m. on Friday July 7, 1967.


Recorder