REGULAR MEETING OF Canby City Council - September 18, 1967

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Housen and Councilmen Braman, Dresen, Giger, Stevens and Tatone. Absent - Councilman Dinteman. Others Present - Attorney Bettis, Supt. Cox and Assistant Bentz.

Minutes of the meetings of September 5 and 8 were read and approved. Minutes of the combined Council and Planning Commission meeting of September 13 were read and noted.

Mayor Housen announced the appointment of Gordon L. Ross to serve on the Planning Commission.

After a period of discussion regarding an application from Dora Higginbotham for renewal of a trailer house occupancy permit issued April 4, 1967, a motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously, that the renewal not be allowed.

Mayor Housen, Attorney Bettis and Chamber of Commerce president John Vigus solicited the Council's reaction to a proposal for the City Utility Depts. to participate monetarily in a Canby brochure being prepared for printing by the Chamber. The matter was discussed in detail and the Council members indicated intention to cooperate when more information was available.

Mayor Housen congratulated Mr. Vigus on his selection as President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The need for an ordinance regulating the planting, trimming and removal of trees was discussed and the Mayor referred the drafting to the Ordinance Committee.

A letter from the Canby Union High School Board was read accepting the City's proposed rate for water service through a 3 inch meter. Bill Gerber approached the Council in regard to the service rate for 4 inch meters proposed to the Clackamas County Fair Board, stating that it resulted in a substantial increase in water cost which had not been provided for in the current budget. He suggested that the increase might be effected partially this year and wholly by the next budget year. Water Commissioner Tatone suggested to the Council that the minimum charge be reduced from \$60.00 to \$25.00 monthly from October to May of each year. Discussion followed during which the Fair Board member was reminded of the free water service that the fairgrounds had enjoyed in years past and the cost to the City of providing the present systemincluding a variable type 4 inch meter. Councilman Giger explained that when the meter was installed, it was agreed that the rate then established was temporary as a realistic rate could not be arrived at until such time as a rate could be based on experience with the 4 inch meter service. Attorney Bettis stated that the City was not obligated to arbitrate rates regarding service through meters larger than 2 inches, and that if an agreement could not be reached, the City would be obligated to remove the 4 inch meter and deliver the service through a 2 inch meter at established rates. Board member Gerber stated he would present the information at a meeting of the County Fair Board and advise the Council of the reaction.

Superintendent Cox submitted water consumption records for one week for the three churches that have water meters in Canby. Councilman Tatone made a motion that the City Superintendent be instructed to install water meters in all churches, the meter size to be left up to each church. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dresen, followed by discussion involving installation costs, connection fee requirements, etc. A motion was then made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stevens and carried by a vote of 4 to 1 to table the original motion until more facts are known.

The Recorder reported that a renewal policy and premium statement had been received from Hill's Agency for the City's liability insurance and that Joe Pusieski and Lyle Read had both obtained data regarding the requirements and were preparing insurance proposals. The Council agreed to postpone payment of the premium to Hill and to call a special meeting to review the other proposals later in the week. The matter was referred to Councilman Braman to contact the agencies.

Ordinance No. 511, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CANBY, was read on first reading by the City Attorney. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Tatone and carried unanimously that Ordinance No. 511 be passed on first reading, posted in compliance with the provisions of the Canby City Charter and to come up for final action on October 16, 1967.

Superintendent Cox reported numerous requests from residents for the City to haul and dispose of tree trimmings and allied debris. The Council referred to the provisions in Ordinance No. 401 which deems it the property owners responsibility to dispose of such debris and that the City Fire Chief was in charge of burning permits and regulations. The Council requested that this matter be publicized to clarify the City's policy.

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It was reported that the summer paving program was well under way with S.W. 2nd and 3rd from Grant to Elm completed on Friday, N. W. 3rd from Ivy to Holly and N. W. 5th from Holly to Grant completed on Monday.

The police and Recorder's reports were distributed to each Councilman.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously by roll call vote that claims against the City, with the exception of Hills Insurance Agency in the amount of \$4498.00, be approved for payment and warrants drawn on the Treasurer in payment thereof.

The Council discussed the advisability of renewing the application for a water right on Milk Creek. A motion was made by Councilman Tatone, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that the City Superintendent be instructed to return the original application with a letter of explanation of the current exploratory survey and requesting an extension of the application for one year.

Councilman Tatone reported the extension of the water main on North Locust as nearly completed. Councilman Stevens reported that numerous stop and speed signs had been removed during curb construction and not replaced. Superintendent Cox said these would be replaced without delay.

Attorney Bettis informed the Council that the American Legion had delivered to him the deed and title insurance for the lot in Wait Park recently purchased by the City, with instructions to deliver it to the City in exchange for the purchase price. The Council advised the Recorder to investigate the possibility of obtaining an advance on tax receipts to make the \$8,000.00 payment to the Legion possible, to enable them to finish the dining facilities in the new Legion building before demolishing the remaining old building in Wait Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 P.M.

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