REGULAR MEETING OF Canby City Council, November 21, 1966

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Stefani and Councilmen Braman, Giger, Housen and Stevens. Absent - Councilmen Guild and Read.

Others Present - Attorney Bettis, Police Chief Cole, Supt. Cox and Asst. Bentz, and Councilmen Elect Dinteman and Tatone. Mayor Stefani welcomed the newly elected officials and invited them to take part in any discussions they cared too.

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Minutes of the meetings of November 7, 9 and 18 were read and approved. Announcements of the Governor's annual safety conference on December 9 in Salem and the annual meeting of the Willamette Basin Project Committee on December 2 at Sweet Home were read and noted.

The Recorder reported to the Council that the bank checking account was very low and that a telephone conversation with the County Treasurer's office revealed that a turnover from the sheriff was forthcoming and an advance could be arranged if necessary.

A letter from the State Highway Department relative to funds available for park purposes through the Land and Water Conservation Act was read.

Street Commissioner Stevens submitted quotations for construction of curbing and a 2 foot sidewalk around the safety island at Ferry and N. 7th Avenue. A motion was made by Councilman Stevens, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that the low bid of Joseph F. Durfee for curb at \$1.24 per lineal foot and sidewalk at 30¢ per square foot be accepted for the safety island.

Rene DuPont appeared before the Council regarding his financial responsibility in the proposed increase in size of the Berg Avenue water line. After a period of discussion and map study, it was agreed that he was to pay the City for 110 feet of the main plus the appurtenances totaling \$977.90. DuPont introduced his new general manager, Scott Wright, to the Council.

A letter from Northwest Natural Gas Company was read in which the Company questioned the necessity of renewing its City business license when it had a franchise with the City. Attorney Bettis and the Council ruled that the franchise did not exempt them from a business license.

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 warrants drawn on the Treasurer in payment thereof.

Councilmen elect Dinteman and Tatone and the City Recorder reported having attended part of the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland recently. Dinteman declined to comment on the meetings he attended, Tatone said he found the convention very informative and an opportunity to meet officials of other towns and the Recorder reported on a meeting of small cities where he appeared on the panel.

A motion was made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Giger and carried unanimously that the City apply to Oregon State University for 3 employees under the work-study program for next summer, one to be a draftsman, one a grounds keeper, and one a playground maintenance man.

After discussion of a disputed sewer bond lien balance due from Mrs. Nina Foster, a motion was made by Councilman Braman, seconded by Giger and carried unanimously to cancel the remaining balance due.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stevens and carried unanimously that an application for a trailer house permit for Mr. and Mrs. Carl U. Johnson be approved for a period not to exceed 2 months.

The Council discussed the matter of a trailer house on property of Mrs. Dora Higginbotham being occupied without a permit. The Police Department was instructed to contact Mrs. Higginbotham and request that an application be filed.

The Council discussed the unattractive condition of property belonging to Workman Construction on South Knott Street. Commissioner Stevens reported that he had received numerous complaints recently. Information was that Harold Workman had been contacted several times regarding this and that he had appeared before the Council at one time and agreed to fence the lots.

The Council directed that the Police Department investigate the conditions and made a detailed report of findings to the Council.

Street Commissioner Stevens reported that the property owners on N. W. 6th Avenue were desirous of extending the City sever up that street but that the Canby Grade School, adjacent property owners, had indicated limiting its participation to \$500.

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Commissioner Housen reported attending a drill session of the Canby Volunteer Fire Department recently and commended the firemen on their efficiency. Housen reported that the police patrol car had been damaged during an operation in which the driver, Officer Layton, backed into the corner of the diving board building, causing damage to the rear of the car estimated at \$186.

Commissioner Housen invited the Council's attention to Officer William Layton's having completed his six months probationary employment and made a motion that Officer Layton be placed on a permanent employment status. The motion was seconded by Councilman Giger and carried unanimously.

Street Commissioner Stevens submitted a street improvement proposal for the coming year. He explained that the total estimated cost, \$40,000 was equal to a two year budget but this would make the program elastic and could progress as the property owners completed curb construction.

Supt. Cox reported to the Council that the Light Department was ready to fill and gravel the vacant lot on N. W. 2nd Ave. and requested advice on what to do with the trees and shrubbery on the lot. After a period of discussion, the Council left the decision up to the Light and Park Commissioners, with the recommendation that the rhododendrons be replanted at the Zion Cemetery.

Supt. Cox reported that several utility customers had used sufficient commercial electricity the first 10 months of this year to make a provision of the electric rate applicable for the first time and that refunds totaling \$666 had been mailed to the customers.

Mayor Stefani advised the Council that he had attended a meeting of the Molalla-Pudding River System steering committee that day and the next regular meeting date had been set for December 6 at the Mt. Angel City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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