

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council, March 7, 1966

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:03 p.m.

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

Others Present - Attorney Bettis, Supt. Cox, Asst. Bentz, Fire Chief Christiansen, Acting Police Chief Cole and Sewer Dept. Foreman McNamee.

Minutes of the meeting of February 21 was read and approved.

Ordinance No. 490, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A CITY TAX BASE ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CANBY, OREGON ON MAY 24, 1966, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CANBY, OREGON, THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A NEW TAX BASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING THE LIMITATION OF TAXATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 11, ARTICLE XI, OREGON CONSTITUTION, was read on final reading by the City attorney. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Harper and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 1, that Ordinance No. 490 be adopted on final reading and become a part of the laws of Canby.

Mayor Stefani reported to the Council that Northwest Natural Gas Co. had indicated to John Stewart that a gas main installation from the west City limits to Bo's Wash 'N' Dry building would not be economically feasible. Extensive discussion followed regarding whether or not the gas distribution franchise should be reconsidered at this time and whether or not the question should appear on the May primary ballot, but no Council action was taken. Freeholders John Tatone, Gerald Brown and John Nieland participated in the discussion.

Nieland presented tentative plans for walk-in and mounted mail routes in the City be incorporated into a house to house delivery program under consideration. He also urged that the City street and residence numbering system be corrected and perfected to implement the delivery plans. The Council considered the proposals and concurred with the postmaster in the tentative plan. Supt Cox said the engineering department would provide a study for the perfection of the numbering system. A motion was made by Councilman Guild, seconded by Giger and carried unanimously that the City attorney be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to enforce the posting of numbers on residences.

Attorney Bettis reported that an ownership report had been ordered preparatory to annexation procedure of Lots 73 and 74 Canby Gardens.

The Council discussed a Christmas street lighting policy with Chamber of Commerce president Brown and agreed that the Chamber should be billed for power consumed and for materials used, and that the Chamber should solicit assistance to the light department crew in installing decorations in the future, preferably from the Canby Telephone Assn.

The Council discussed the need for pruning of the ^{MAPLE} ~~elm~~ trees on North First Avenue and Commissioner Harper said he would contact Ray Burden for assistance.

Resolution No. LX, A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE VACATION FOR A PORTION OF N. E. FIFTH AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CANBY; AND FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING, was read by Attorney Bettis. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Harper and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. LX.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Housen 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.

Departmental reports were given by the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Recorder, Treasurer and Commissioners of the field departments. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Guild and carried unanimously that the treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit. Chief Christiansen elaborated on the loss by fire of the S. R. Smith diving board plant and advised the Council that the County Fairboard had considered the value of additional water mains in the fairgrounds for fire protection.

The Commissioner Head reported that transformer stations at Bethany Evangelical Church and at the old S. R. Smith Co. building had been revamped and the controversial power pole had been removed to the property line on S. W. 7th Ave by the light department. Commissioner Giger reported that the test pump on the new domestic well was pumping an adequate water supply from a 230 foot column but contained a little sand. Park Commissioner Guild reported that Roy Bentz, Ray Burden and himself had recently met with Mrs. Mina Feyrer and had worked out some elements of a plan to establish a playground on Mrs. Feyrer's property; privileges to continue for 8 years with the City's option to purchase the property for \$30,000. The Council discussed the feasibility of installing restroom and irrigation facilities on the property and the Mayor requested information regarding annual taxes and estimated costs of rest rooms. The Council authorized Park Commissioner Guild to submit to the Clackamas County Park Advisory Board, plans for matching funds for development of Feyrer Park and for purchase of the Mitchell property.

A motion was made by Councilman Guild, seconded by Giger and carried unanimously to accept an option from Ross R. Mitchell covering property adjacent to the City Park near the Molalla River.

Commissioner Guild reported that the Torgeson-Dietz property adjacent to the park had recently been logged off and was no longer of much value as park property.

It was reported to the Council that a number of applications were on file for journeyman lineman and for policeman. A motion was made by Councilman Harper, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously that Albert E. Johnson be appointed as policeman, effective March 1, and that the probationary period be waived and the salary be set at \$385 per month. The Recorder was instructed by the Council to call in one lineman and 4 police applicants, previously selected, for interviews before the Council at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 10. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously that the salary of acting Chief Louie Cole be set at \$445 per month. Commissioner Housen reported that the 1966 Ford police patrol car had been received and recently put into service.

Mayor Stefani announced that the budget board terms of Frank Deos and Ellis Mitchell were expiring this month and that Mitchell had declined reappointment. The Mayor invited suggestions for appointments before next Council meeting. It was also announced that Frank Blecha's term on the Building Code of Appeals would expire this month.


Acting Chief Cole asked the Council for advise on controlling dogs running at large. The Council discussed the matter and authorized Cole to insert warning notices to dog owners in the Canby Herald. Supt Cox reported that Canby had again received an annual certificate of merit from the State Sanitary Authority for producing adequate domestic water during 1965. Asst. Supt. Bentz reported on the water pollution control operators' short course at Oregon State University, recently attended by Kenneth McNamee and himself. The report included forwarding to the Council of future requirements for operators, to be formulated by the State authority.

Commissioner Housen announced the receipt of a new 1966 Ford pickup for use by the Fire Chief, and Commissioner Harper announced the completion of overhaul and testing of the street sweeper. The Street Commissioner reported interest by property owners in a paving project on South Holly Street.

Foreman McNamee approached the Council in regard to weekend overtime for checking and surging the test pump at the new well. After a period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Harper, seconded by Guild and carried unanimously that McNamee be paid for 15 hours at double time rate for the semi-monthly period ending February 28th.

Councilman Head addressed the Council on some aspects of the proposed revision of the City tax base. He said by taking full advantage of the annual 6% increase, the tax revenue by the end of 13 years would be \$134,000 annually. At the present population growth rate, the per capita tax would be from \$22 to \$25, which he termed as certainly not exorbitant.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.


Mayor

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Recorder