

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council, March 1, 1965.

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

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Stefani and Councilmen Braman, Giger, Guild, Harper, Housen and Read. Absent-None.

Others Present - Sup't Cox, Asst. Bentz, Attorney Bettis, Police Chief Lindsay, and Fire Chief Christiansen.

Minutes of the meeting of February 15 was read and approved. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of February 17 was read and contents noted.

The Mayor announced the invitation to all city officials to a ministerial Assn breakfast at the Bus Depot at 7 a.m. on Tuesday and 5 members of the Council voiced intention of attending.

Ordinance No. 480, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES, was read on final reading by Attorney Bettis. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, Seconded by Harper and carried unanimously by roll call vote that Ordinance no. 480 be adopted and become a part of the laws of Canby.

Mayor Stefani appointed, and the Council concurred, Gordon Watkins as a member of the City Building Code Board of Appeals.

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 that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in payment thereof.

Discussion of natural gas distribution was resumed. Results of a straw vote conducted by the Canby Herald was favoring gas service - 31 yes, 35 no; favoring municipal ownership - 1 yes, 45 no; favoring Northwest Gas Co being franchised - 36 yes, 16 no. Councilman Guild proposed withholding any decision until the matter could be put on the ballot at the next general election. Other Councilmen proposed a decision by Ordinance, subject to referendum. Mayor Stefani and Councilman Read reported telephone calls from Ranson and Co. proposing that the gas distribution system be constructed and maintained by a non-profit cooperative until the bonded indebtedness is retired. The Council agreed to await further details from Ranson and Co and attempt to reach a decision by the next regular Council meeting date. Northwest's attorney Hal Pierce stated that under the pending application for service area, The PUC would not be in a position to allocate service area to anyone but the City of Canby. A motion was made by Councilman Housen, seconded by Giger and carried by a 4 to 2 vote to postpone further discussion of the gas distribution matter until the Council is better informed.

The garbage franchise committee reported that the franchised proposal as previously filed was satisfactory except to recommend that the present contract be extended for 10 years. Discussion followed relative to access to the previously designated site south of City Park. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that Robert Torgeson be granted permission to construct, use and maintain a road from his property through the City Park on the Mollala River, at a location to be approved by the City Council. The Council agreed to hold up the franchise pending action of the County Health Department and Planning Commission to give final approval to the site for sanitary land fill use.

Dale Liverty appeared before the Council and submitted a petition containing signatures of owners of three parcels of property, applying for annexation to the City of Tracts 54, 55 and part of 56 of Pruneland addition. The Council appeared to favor the proposal but advised Liberty to contact other neighboring land owners in order to annex as large an area as possible at one time. The Planning Commission minutes indicated that the matter be recommended to the Council if and when such petition be filed at the Recorder's office, and the Mayor requested a letter from the Planning Commission containing its recommendation.

Departmental reports were given by the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Recorder and Commissioners of field departments. Commissioner Giger reported that regulatory valves were to be installed at the water supply to control excessive pressure, and that a Certificate of Merit had been received from the State Board of Health for Canby's accomplishment in producing satisfactory domestic water during 1964. Commissioner Guild reported that the cemetery well had been cleaned but failed to produce a satisfactory amount of water, and that John Beck would approach the Council later with recommendations.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Read and carried unanimously that the application from Mrs. Dora Higginbotham for a permit to rent her trailer house be denied.

Attorney Bettis reported that he was in the process of drafting a policy relating to Country Club Estate sewers but that he needed three figures from the Estates Committee before he could complete it for Council Action.

The Council directed the Recorder to adhere to the appropriate ordinances pertaining to sewer and water charges and to collect bills and penalties unless service has been ordered disconnected.

Mayor Stefani called attention to a Civil Defense Conference in Oregon City on March 2nd and Fire Chief Christiansen indicated intention to attend.

John Neiland appeared before the Council objecting to penalties being assessed the U.S. Postoffice for late payment of utility bills, explaining that the payments were processed in San Francisco and it is sometimes impossible to receive the payment here by the 15th of the month. The Council instructed the City Attorney to draft an amendment to exclude governmental agencies from utility penalties.

Commissioner Housen reported that Officer Louie Cole was hospitalized from heart ailments and would not be able to return to work for some time but that the police department were rearranging shifts to get along until he is able to return to duty.

Upon a recommendation from Street Commissioner Harper, a motion was made by Councilman Tiger, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously that Ray Burden be employed at \$5 per hour to supervise the City crews in trimming the maple trees along No. First Avenue. Councilman Guild said he would propose to the Chamber of Commerce that funds be advanced from its park improvement fund for the trimming and improving trees in Wait Park.

It was reported that street signs had been secured for the streets in Dahlia Park, Filbert Grove and Oliver No. 3 additions.

Sup't Cox reported on the progress of the financing for sewer projects on So. Knott Street and No. Amrine Road.

Councilman Housen urged the Council, on behalf of the Planning Commission, to reconsider adoption of a planning control ordinance which would give the Commission a degree of control over minor land partitioning.

Frank Deos appeared before the Council in the interest of improvements to Knights Bridge Road. Mayor Stefani advised him that the County was supposed to improve the road to City specifications this spring, preparatory to the City's taking over the title to it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m.


Mayor


Recorder