

A REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council, March 15, 1965

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:14 p.m.

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

Others Present - Supt. Cox, Asst. Bentz, Attorney Bettis, Police Chief Lindsay and Fire Chief Christiansen.

Minutes of the meeting of March 1 was read and approved with one minor correction. Mayor Stefani read a letter pertaining to emergencies involving lost or distressed aircraft and ordered the emergency telephone number posted in the fire and police offices. The Mayor also read a note of appreciation from Mrs. Howard Giger for a plant sent to her during a recent illness.

The Recorder read a communication from the State Hiway Dept to Repr. Beulah Hand regarding plans to construct a freeway entrance in the Donald Area. Robert Mahaffy and Jack Ranson, representing Ranson and Company, appeared before the Council with a proposal to form a non-profit corporation with a local board of directors to install and operate a natural gas system under a 100% mortgage bond financing program and to turn the system over to the City of Canby after all indebtedness has been retired from the gas distribution revenue. A motion was made by Councilman Read, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously that the natural gas matter be taken from the table and reopened for discussion. The proponents discussed in detail the legal and financial phases that would have to be worked out within limitations prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission. Attorney Hal Pierce, representing Northwest Natural Gas sited problems and restrictions that in his estimation would make the plan nonoperative. Frank Deos, Archie Markee, John Stewart and others questioned certain phases of the proposal and were adequately answered by representatives of one or the other companies. After a period of discussion by the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Guild that Ordinance No. 473 be referred to the people for a vote as a special election, the date to be determined at the next council meeting. There being no second to the motion, the Mayor declared it dead. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, and seconded by Housen to postpone further discussion and action on the gas utility matter pending a definite proposal from Ranson and Company for a private corporation to own and operate a gas utility for the City of Canby. The ensuing vote resulted in a 3 to 3 tie and the Mayor cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion.

Robert Torgeson and Neil Thompson appeared before the Council in regard to the garbage disposal matter. Thompson informed the Council of his experience and research on the sanitary land fill project. Torgeson said he had permission from Clackamas County to operate indefinitely at the present site by burying the refuse and asked the Council for permission to increase collection rates and for permission to construct a road across the City Park property at present. The Council discussed the matter with Torgeson but took no action.

Mayor Stefani reported that Rev. Jed Minton had contacted him relative to a permit to construct a private sewer line from his duplex on S. Knott street to the street where it is contemplated that a sewer main will be constructed in the not too distant future. Supt. Cox stated that one apartment has been occupied and the occupants are using sanitary facilities at a neighbors residence. Atty Bettis read parts of Ordinance No. 397 which restricts occupancy without proper sanitary facilities. The Council agreed that there was no objection to Minton's laying the sewer line but that the Supt of Public Works should notify him by letter of the above sited restrictions.

The Recorder presented a signed petition requesting the construction of a sewer main on N. Juniper street. Councilman Read stated that Mrs. Robert Warren had contacted him regarding this matter and was advised to secure signatures of other property owners to be effected.

Councilman Guild questioned the Council regarding the policy followed in the hiring of City personnel. Various Council members took part in clarification of the matter.

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.

Fire Chief Christiansen reported on legislative hearings he had attended recently relative to ambulance operation and stated that prospects were that the bills would be defeated. The Recorder reported on a legislative hearing on a bill which if passed would increase liquor revenue to the Cities.

The Council advised the Recorder to bill merchants for use of the City parking lots in the same manner as in the past few years and to hold the money collected until the controversy with the Southern Pacific Co. over the lease agreement is settled.

The Council discussed the coming Bonneville Power Use Conference and decided not to have the City represented.

The Council discussed the application for annexation of Tracts 54, 55, and 56 of Prune-

Caity Planning Commission, instructed the Attorney to prepare a resolution to establish a public hearing date on the matter.

Ordinance No. 481, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TIME FOR PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS BY PUBLIC CORPORATIONS; AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 314, 327 and 370; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read on first reading by Attorney Bettis. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Guild and carried unanimously that Ordinance No. 481 be passed on first reading, posted in compliance with the provisions in the City Charter and to come up for final action on April 5, 1965.

Park Commissioner Guild reported that Jim's Tree service had contracted to trim and improve the trees in Wait Park for \$297 and that the Chamber of Commerce had agreed to advance the City that amount to be repaid from the insuing budget. Commissioner Guild read a letter of recommendations from John Beck relative to irrigation water for the Zion Cemetery. The Council advised him to make further investigation and report back.

A letter from School District 86C was read to the Council concerning renewed interest in the closure of North Elm Street through the school grounds. The Council tabled the matter until such time as Principal Paul Ackerman could appear and discuss the matter with the Council.

A letter from H. M. King was read to the Council containing a complaint that Axford's Rabbity had constructed a fence on the property line beside his home. The Council and Public Works Dept. discussed the matter and determined that the construction met City requirements and that the City had no further jurisdiction.

Copies of a map was distributed projecting plans for extension of water mains within the Fairgrounds to facilitate fire protection.

Supt. Cox told the Council that a William Wagner had resumed work on a partly completed dwelling of Paul Erb and that he would like the Council to view the quality of material and workmanship. The Council advised that this be called to the attention of the Building Code Board of Appeals.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P. M.


Mayor


Recorder