

REGULAR MEETING OF  
Canby City Council, May 3, 1965

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:02 p.m.

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

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

Minutes of the meeting of April 19 was read and approved with one exception, that Page 2, Paragraph 6 be corrected to read, " that the Circuit Court of Clackamas County Ordered and Decreed that Walter Schmeiser and Rita J. Schmeiser be and they hereby forever enjoined and restrained from inhabiting a trailer house on their property in Canby, Oregon, and that the case was thereby successfully concluded."

Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of April 21 was read and noted.

A letter from Congressman Wendell Wyatt was read in which he commended the Council in its support of Northwest Public Power Assn's proposals to the Federal Power Commission and assured the Council of his careful study and consideration of the matter.

A letter was read from the City Clerk of McPherson, Kansas stating that City's satisfactory experience with Ranson and Company as a bonding firm.

Treasurer Evans read his financial report for the period ending March 31, 1965. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Read and carried unanimously that the Treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit.

Representatives of the Canby American Legion appeared before the Council and discussed the merits of rebuilding the Legion building on property other than that on the Wait park Block. After a period of discussion, Mayor Stefani appointed Councilmen Guild and Read to meet with the Legion Building Committee in an effort to reach a decision on the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hozy Drew appeared before the Council in the interest of the proposed extension of S. W. 4th Avenue. Mayor Stefani stated he had received a letter from the purchaser of the Logsdon Lot, Mr. J. D. Kiefer, offering the lot for street purposes. Following a period of discussion, a meeting of the Council, the property owners effected and Mr. Kiefer was called for Tuesday evening.

Well Driller John Beck appeared at the invitation of Cemetery Commissioner Guild and discussed with the Council the feasibility and estimated costs of producing irrigation water for Zion Cemetery. Beck said it was not feasible to attempt to reclaim the present well and that a new well of sufficient depth and diameter to produce ample water would cost approximately \$3100 including pump. The Council decided to make a further study of the matter and consider the possibility of supplementing the domestic water supply in addition to irrigation.

Resolution No. LIV, A RESOLUTION REVOKING RESOLUTION NO LIII; AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CANBY, CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED LEGAL VOTERS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CANBY CITY CHARTER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE POWER TO CONSTRUCT, OWN AND OPERATE A GAS UTILITY SYSTEM, AND PAY THE COSTS THEREOF BY ISSUING AND SELLING NEGOTIABLE REVENUE BONDS, PAYABLE ONLY FROM NET REVENUES DERIVED FROM OPERATING THE SAID GAS SYSTEM, was read by the City Attorney. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Braman and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. LIV.

It was reported that the Business License Ordinance Committee had recommended certain revisions in the existing ordinance and that the Attorney was in the process of drafting a proposed amendment to present for the Councils consideration.

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.

Monthly reports were given by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Recorder. Chief Christiansen said the Civil Defense emergency hospital unit had been approved for Canby and would be housed in the old grade school building.

The Commissioners of the field departments invited the Council's attention to a written report of activities from the office of the Supt of Public Works, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Also filed herewith is a report from the City of Ellensburg, Washington, covering its experience in the natural gas distribution field.

Resolution No. LV, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REVISED GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT, with a revised garbage collection contract attached thereto, was read by Attorney Bettis. Robert Torgeson appeared before the Council and orally agreed with the contents of the contract as read. Torgeson told the Council that he had not been successful in locating a site for a sanitary land fill, but planned to haul the City refuse to Oregon City until a site could be located and approved. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Read and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. LV, thereby extending the garbage collection contract to April 1, 1975.

The Council considered the application for zone change as filed by Larry Whitman and James Main and acknowledged the Planning Commission's recommendation that the zone change application be processed by the Council. Discussion followed regarding the intended use of the property if the zone change be approved and building restrictions pertinent thereto. A date for a public hearing on the zone change application was set for 8 p. m. on Friday, May 14, 1965 with publication of notice thereof to be on May 6th and 13th.

The Wage and Hour Committee reported that it had met to prepare wage scale recommendations for the coming budget year, but would like to confer with the Council on Tuesday evening for further consideration.

The Mayor reminded the Council of a scheduled budget meeting on May 18th at 7:30 p. m. and stated his desire that departmental proposals be compiled prior to that date.

Commissioner Harper reported that the street department was working on several proposals for street extensions and that the department had recently regraded the public parking lots along North First Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p. m.

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Mayor

  
Recorder

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Canby, Oregon  
April 30, 1965

From: Lee Cox  
To: Water, Sewer, Street & Light Departments.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

The water department for the month of April has pumped 12,326,500 gallons of water. There have been 6 new water services installed. At present the department is completing grading of the grounds and hooking up of a sanitary sewer connection to the pump house at the corner of 4th. and Fir Street. The department has furnished a sketch and estimated cost of the construction of the Fire main which has been proposed for the Clackamas County Fair Grounds to Mr. Linn Taylor of the County Land Management Department. The Public Works department is making an over-all study of the existing water distribution system and the necessary construction and planning that may be required to maintain it in a satisfactory operating condition for the next ten to fifteen years, also, included in this planning is the determination of a site and estimated cost of drilling a new well. Other than the above there has been only the routine maintenance and supervision the past month.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

The street department has been assisting the electrical and sewer departments in their work mainly this past month. Other than this there has been a section of storm sewer constructed on South Grant Street in preparation for paving of this section. Notices have been sent out to all property owners who are involved in the street pavement program for this summer. Street lighting for the Filbert Grove annex addition has been ordered and the work will be done in the near future. New traffic control signs and other miscellaneous street signs have been discussed with the street department and the police and the necessary materials ordered for proper signs and traffic control generally about the city. The department will also have a report in the near future for street conditions in general and their requirements over the next period of 5 to 10 years for the Council and the Budget Committee's consideration.

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

The sewer department has done considerable work the past month on the sewer treatment plant site grounds. The department owns an area 300 by 300 feet in this area which has never been completely fenced and was partly permitted to grow up in brush and weeds. We have the grounds in fairly good condition at this time and will prepare to construct a fence around the entire property. The department also is about ready to hook up burners in the boiler which will be fed fuel from the naphthene gas which is produced from the operations of the digester which will greatly reduce our fuel bills for operating the plant. The new sewer construction project on South Knott Street is about 70% complete. The one coming up or being considered on Amrine Road has not yet materialized. There have been 5 new sewer service connections made this past month.



LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

The light department is now engaged in the construction of the underground electrical distribution system for the Willamette Valley Country Club Estates. This project is about 35% complete. The majority of our materials for the underground portion of this work have arrived. We have some transformers yet to come and also the street light standards have not all arrived for the project. In the consideration for a design for the new feeder line which the department plans to build this summer from the P.G.E. sub-station to the West Canby city limits, the department is now considering the details and the cost for building this feeder line underground, at present it appears there would be little if any difference in the cost but presumably far less cost in the long run and of course less maintenance problems for the department. The department has repaired 10 street lights, repaired 3 transformers, installed 2 new transformers, strung some 5,000 lineal feet of new wire, read meters and made 38 general service calls. The light department in 1963 received energy from Bonneville Power Administration to the extent of 22,107,000 KWH, in 1964 the department received 25,869,000 KWH, the total increase of approximately 17%. The year 1963, Canby's KW demand was 7,536, in 1964 the department's KW. demand was 9,060 KW. According to our present schedule the department will consume energies from Bonneville Power Administration to the extent of 27,500,000 to 28,000,000 KWH for the year 1965. The Superintendent's office suggests to the department that we review our some what antedated agreement with Canby Telephone Association in regard to revising our pole contact charges and other details pertaining to the use of our poles for support of telephone cables. We would like to submit to the department the following: Portland General Electric has an agreement with the Canby Telephone Ass'n for the following: \$ .50 per year per pole, this would include up to 6 pair cable, all above 6 pair cable the charge is \$ 1.50 per year per pole, if 2 cross arms are required on a pole the charge is \$ .50 per arms, however no charge above \$1.50 per pole shall be charged per year. Portland, General Electric and Pacific Power & Light Co., have various charges for these types of service, Rural contact service to Canby Telephone Ass'n, Pacific N.W. Bell and others is \$3.00 per pole contact and within the City of Portland it is \$3.00.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Gordon Ross, South Knott, 3 Plex.	\$ 27,000.00
Harper & Krueger, 550 Memorial Drive	14,000.00
John Vigus, Commercial Bldg., 2nd. Ave.	9,000.00
Dillon, Inc., 590 Locust Place,	11,000.00
" " 1190 Ellen Drive	11,000.00
" " 585 Locust Place	14,000.00
Frank Deos, Pendleton Drive	14,000.00
Mrs. Fred Dietz, 1887 Country Club Drive	13,000.00
B. L. Jones, Dahlia Place	12,000.00
Total ----	\$ 125,000.00

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May 3, 1965

A report on a municipally owned gas system.

City: Ellensburg, Washington

Mr. Bob Cooper is the manager for the gas department in this city. Mr. Cooper is a native of New Mexico and has worked in gas departments in Texas and Mexico, came to Ellensburg, Washington in 1956 to take over supervision of the City of Ellensburg gas system. Ellensburg like Canby owns and operates their own electrical distribution system also. Mr. Cooper has other than himself, two full time workmen in the gas system. One is a certified welder and the other a man who is experienced with meter installation and adjustments and understands the work in general. Mr. Cooper trained both these men for this job since he has been at Ellensburg and other labor he may need intermittently is borrowed from the Public Works Department. The general offices of the City of Ellensburg do the bookkeeping and billing for the gas department. The first 5 years at Ellensburg was rough, they hardly paid their way, since then they have grown to the point now of having 1300 customers. In 1964 their gross income was \$353,000, they pay into the City general fund at this time 3% and at the beginning of July 1, 1965 they will go to 5%. The past four years they have had a steady growth from 100 to 200 customers per year, also the past 4 years they have averaged \$20,000 into plant expansion. They have a plant valuation at this time of \$795,000. Mr. Cooper tells me he is now installing 90% of the heating in the new residential buildings. Their system was built in 1956 & 1957 by revenue bonds, their rates are approximately 25% less than company owned distribution systems in this area. Two years ago they changed from a Thurmo rate system to the MCF system which greatly reduced the amount of office work necessary for competition work and billings. At present their rates are:  
First 4,000 cu. ft. \$ 1.50 per thousand, next 7,000 cu. ft.  
Next 7,000 cu. ft. \$1.00 per thousand  
Next 7,000 cu. ft. .90 per thousand  
22,000 cu. ft. at .85 per thousand  
Minimum bill is \$1.00

Mr. Cooper advises me the council, the workmen and the entire city are more than just satisfied with their municipally owned and operated gas system.

By Lee Cox