

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
August 24, 1964.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Stefani and Councilmen Graham, Harper, Read and Stevens. Absent - Councilmen Giger and Housen.  
Others Present - Sup't Cox, Asst. Bentz and Attorney Bettis.

Mayor Stefani declared that the first order of business would be the discussion of the proposed franchise with Northwest Natural Gas Co. A letter from Oregon Bag Co. was read in which it was recommended to the Council that the franchise be granted. Al Seida, Carl Braman, John Tatone and Glen Fincher appeared and spoke as proponents for granting of the franchise. Hal Pierce, attorney for the Gas Company, appeared and answered questions from the Council and explained the Company's tariff rates as they pertain to commercial and industrial accounts. Pierce commended the City on its charter provision for the reading and publishing of ordinances in the process of adoption and suggested that the proposed franchise ordinance be passed on first reading. Attorney Bettis recommended that changes in the original draft as submitted by the Gas Co. be made relative to tariff rates and franchise fees. The Council authorized Attorneys Bettis and Pierce to prepare an ordinance draft for first reading at the regular meeting on September 8, 1964.

The Council discussed the proposed city tax base revision and recorded a recommendation to the Council taking office in January 1965 that the proposition of increasing the tax base be submitted to the voters at the primary election in 1966. The matter was delayed thusly so that the special 5 mil street levy and a tax base increase would be levied concurrently. Mayor Stefani announced the newly compiled tax valuation figure for Canby as \$3,031,620 as compared to \$2,583,440 for the prior year. The Council estimated future needs in the expansion of water and sewage facilities and street improvement in determining the importance of increasing the tax base, and voiced a preference over special levies in that normal taxes are subject to the state regulated 6 percent annual increase. Attorney Bettis advised the Council that John Beck had indicated to him that he would provide another well for the City's use under similar conditions as the present well rental system. John Tatone asked the Council to give his property in northwest Canby consideration when looking for a location for future domestic water sources.

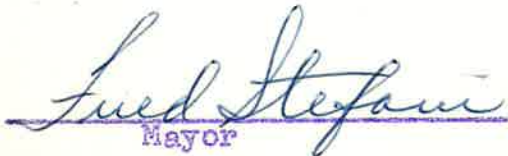
Sup't Cox reported that all but one of the property owners on South Elm Street had agreed that the City should contract for the construction of curb and sidewalk and bill the property owners at cost. The Council authorized the Sup't to proceed accordingly.

The Council advised the Sup't to complete and landscape the various projects which have been under construction during the past 18 months, including the water storage site, the sewage disposal site and certain street improvement projects which were left incomplete. Sup't Cox stated that attempts were being made to complete those projects but that many times emergency work interferes with such plans. He stated that the City's machinery and equipment was in much better state of repair since the employment of Ralph Atwood July 1st. He also stated that Earl Cameron was commissioned to build forms for the completion of the concrete work at the water storage plant.

The Council heard a report regarding the sewer service status of three houses on property belonging to Mrs. Will Ryder on South Ivy Street and decided that sewer rental fees should be applied to the front house only and that the current connection fee would be required when either of the other houses were hooked up to the City system.

Councilman Harper and Sup't Cox discussed the status of a water service connection for the new church on South Ivy Street and Councilman Harper said he would advise the church board that the City would make the connection and charge the church accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
Recorder