

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council, November 6, 1961.

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

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Oliver & Councilmen Giger, Graham, Housen, Onion, and Stefani. Absent - Councilman Markee.

Others Present - Supt. Cox, Attorney Bettis, Police Chief Younce and Fire Chief Christiansen.

Minutes of the meetings of October 16 and 23 were read and approved.

Supt. Cox reported that the sewer agreement with Wayne A. and Claire O. Conner had been revised and the Conners were responsible only for the cost of the installation of the sewer and not required to make any payment to the City at this time, contradictory to the minutes of October 16. The Council approved the agreement with the revision and ordered said agreement recorded in the records of Clackamas County.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Stefani and carried unanimously that Package Sale liquor licenses of Hiway Market and Canby's Big Store be recommended for renewal.

The following letters and reports were read and noted:

Liquor Commission revenue for the quarter ending Sept 30, - \$1,667.78;

Statement of Urban Planning Project as of Sept. 30, 1961;

Phil Grossmeyer Co. Re: employees surety bonds;

State of Oregon Re: industrial accident coverage of welfare labor;

State of Oregon Re: long wheelbase hauling restrictions over City streets;

Auditor Jay Wilson Re: State's comments on Canby City audit for 1960-61;

Announcement of Bonneville customers annual meeting - December 5, and

Announcement that Mr. Stewart of U.S. Appraisal Co. will meet with the Council on November 20.

Police Commissioner Housen reported that Sam's Garage had advised that the new police car would be assembled at the factory on November 27, and that two weeks should be allowed for delivery. Mayor Oliver advised Housen to obtain an understanding with Sam's Garage regarding the use of the trade-in car until the delivery of the new vehicle.

The Council authorized the issue of a business license to George Nelson with fee and expiration date waived. The Recorder reported 158 licenses issued to date and recommended that all City officials and employees report infractions of the License Ordinance to the Recorder's office.

A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously that claims against the City be approved and warrants drawn on the Treasurer in payment thereof.

Councilman Stefani reported the Wage & Hour Committee having met on Nov. 2 and selecting Mrs. Ardelle Eppers of Route 1, Box 44, Beavercreek, Oregon to fill the position of Clerk-bookkeeper. Six of 17 applicants were interviewed.

Treasurer Curtis Johnson presented and read his quarterly report for the period ending September 30, 1961.

John W. Beck appeared before the Council and presented a written request to shut down the Beck well for a period of three to four days on November 20 for annual inspection and service. He also asked the Council to consider the installation of a damping valve to control the surge on the pump. Mayor Oliver directed Supt. Cox to investigate the advisability and cost.

Monthly reports were given by the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Supt. of Public Works. Chief Christiansen reported that continuous outbreaks of fires south east of the City, as far as Molalla, had prompted an investigation by the Arson Squad. The Fire Chief requested that one door on the new supplemental fire station have an outside release catch installed. The Supt. reported the following activities in the field departments:

Storm drain catch basins on north first Avenue being drained into a dry well on N.E. Second Ave; The Mason Meter Service of Tacoma being employed to test and repair light meters; and service improvements and repairs being accomplished throughout the departments.

A letter was read from Attorney Bettis, quoting Dexter Fairbank, that his insurance company had not taken any action toward the City's losses to electrical facilities near the scene of the fire on N.E. 1st Ave on June 27. Larry Hills, agent for the City's insurance, stated that a claim was being processed through that medium.

Ken Higgins, sales engineer for the General Insurance of America, appeared with Larry Hills, before the Council and presented a comprehensive survey and recommended numerous improvements in the City's insurance program. The survey placed a total value on City owned buildings and equipment at \$179,473.

Supt. Cox read a report on the State Constitutional Revisions Committee meeting which he attended recently in Portland. A copy of said report is filed with


Electrical Contractor John Beck appeared before the Council to discuss the problem of adequate heating and ventilation for the new library quarters. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously that a 20 kv electric furnace and overhead air ducts be installed in the library at a cost of \$483.50 and \$396.00 respectively.

Other extras in addition to the Irwin Construction Company bid were discussed and the Mayor requested the finance committee to present a plan for payment and budget distribution at the next Council meeting.

The Zweigart sub-division and the PGE fringe area agreements were ordered tabled due to lack of progress and the absence of the light Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.


Mayor


City Recorder.

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Labor Against Change In State Constitution

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Oregon organized labor's opposition to rewriting the state's constitution was expressed Friday at a public hearing before the Constitutional Revision Commission, which was urged by other witnesses to move toward strengthening of the branches of the government, and pointing up of political party responsibility.

Thomas Scanlon, research director for Oregon AFL-CIO, said 75 per cent of his group's opposition to comprehensive

revision of the constitution is based on fear of what might happen to the initiative and referendum, and the prohibition against placing the emergency clause on a tax measure.

"We know some people are concerned because the constitution is not a literary document," Scanlon told the group meeting at the State Office Building in Portland, "and there are problems of local government. We are aware of these. But we think these problems can be handled by amendment from time to time as is now provided."

Commission Committed

The commission has committed itself to rewriting, rather than revision, of the constitution.

"We oppose the decision to redraft," said Scanlon. "The problem is not to replace a bad constitution with a good one, but to make a good one better."

Two political science instructors urging strengthening of state government were Prof. Charles McKinley of Portland State College, formerly at Reed College, and Richard Frost, associate professor at Reed College.

A prime fault of the Oregon constitution, said McKinley, is its reflection of the people's "mistrust of the Legislature. The faults at which these provisions were aimed, he said, no longer exist, and the legislative branch should be strengthened.

One-House Idea Backed

McKinley said he thought the 1908 adoption of the direct primary system represented "necessary and salutary" change from the convention system, but he believes it should be modified in the interest of promoting party responsibility.

McKinley also suggested consideration of the unicameral (one-house) legislature, which now is used only by Nebraska in the United States.

The importance of party politics to government was stressed also by Frost, who said a political party fills the need for "a coagulating material across the separated powers" of government.

Frost said the states must modernize their constitutions if they want to head off the general thrust toward the Federal government filling voids left at local and state levels.

Opposition Forecast

The Reed faculty member warned the commission of opposition it can expect from persons who do not want "a visible, responsible, orderly government."

"They tend to thrive very nicely," he said, "on less visibility, muddled responsibility, and a good healthy pool of disorder. They will argue that the reason Oregon needs to elect lots of political executives is that the check and balance system requires it. They will argue that the reason one must not tamper with a not

too orderly court system is that local interests know best what local self-government is and how to practice it. They will argue that the legislative institution ought to be just a little messy because, were it a more efficient institution, it would 'run rough-shod over your interests and mine.'"

He expressed confidence that the commission would recognize that these groups "have a special success of their own that needs protecting, a pleasant little inroad inaccessible to some others, a not insignificant and built-in advantage gained over the years that they are not going to have argued on the merits."

Schrunk Adds Plea

Mayor Terry D. Schrunk appeared before the commission with a list of suggestions headed by a plea that "home rule" not be impeded, and if possible strengthened.

He asked for particular consideration for the problems of urban areas, no interference with municipal judges, and an increase in legislative pay.

The commission officially adopted its rules, after an amendment eliminating a provision for closed executive sessions on occasion.