

REGULAR MEETING OF
Canby City Council, July 17, 1961.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:05 p.m.

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

Others Present - Supt. Cox, Attorney Bettis, Treas. Johnson and Police Chief Younce.

Minutes of the meetings of July 3 and 10 were read and approved with one correction: Line 3, Paragraph 21 of the minutes of July 3 should read, "Rural Fire Department" instead of "Fire Department".

The Recorder reported that the Southern Pacific crossing easement had been received and recorded at the County Court House.

The Council advised the Recorder to complete and return a questionnaire from Moody's Investors Service.

Finance Commissioner Markee reported that Mr. Jay R. Wilson, auditor, began the annual audit on July 17 and had mentioned a number of recommendations and suggestions for simplification of office procedures. The Council expressed / to meet Mr. Wilson and hear his suggestions. a desire

The Committee on garbage disposal reported they had met with Richard Bloom and obtained customer rates, pickup schedules and equipment requirements from him. It was reported that Mr. A.B. Christenson of Canby was interested in details of the franchise requirements, and as the committee wished to talk to Mr. Torgeson again, the Mayor asked them to submit recommendations at a future meeting.

The Council instructed the Recorder to notify Hill's Insurance Agency of the purchase of the Bair property, for insurance coverage, as rental property.

Richard Hill appeared before the Council regarding annexation activity adjacent to the City limits near Amrine Road and said that property owners were recommending taking in property as far east as Neff Road. The Mayor stated that no action would be taken by the Council until it had the sanction of the Planning Commission, but no objections were voiced by the Council. It was reported that Mrs. George Irwin was circulating petitions for annexation in the area between Ferry Road and Locust Street.

After some discussion of fire hazards on vacant lots, the Mayor asked the Chiefs of Police and Fire, with their respective Commissioners, to determine and follow up a procedure of enforcement. The committee scheduled a meeting for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the City Hall.

Treasurer Johnson read his quarterly report and stated that he would publish the totals in the Canby Herald. The Mayor instructed the Recorder to search the records for a report at the next meeting as to why the \$250 monthly transfer to the Light Dept. Building and Expansion Fund had been discontinued.

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

Mayor Oliver announced that a telegram had been received from Senator Neuberger stating the site for a new Canby postoffice had been selected on N.W. 2nd Ave.

The Recorder announced that C.E. Sorenson was circulating a petition for the development of Knott Street from N.E. 4th Avenue to Virginia.

The Council recommended that the Mayor reappoint Elsie Cutsforth, Richard McCarter & Earl Gipe to the Planning Commission as their terms expire in August. Mayor Oliver said he would contact them to determine their willingness to serve.

Mayor Oliver reported that he and Tom Gerber had contacted several state officials regarding the dangerous condition existing in the construction zone of hiway 99-E in and near Canby & had assurance from Howard Belton and others that an inspection would be made.

Supt Cox read three letters to the Council; one from the Public Utilities Comm. Re: rules and regulations concerning application for serving new areas; one from the State Sanitary Authority acknowledging the semi-annual report and noting appreciation for the City's progress in meeting treatment requirements; and one from the City of McMinnville Water & Light Dept. Re: users deposits, hook-up and disconnect charges.

Supt Cox reported the Light Dept as having made several pole and service installations recently and testing all grounding devices in the system in the interest of safety. Completed plans for the construction of secondary sewage treatment facilities will be submitted to the State Sanitary Authority for its approval, in the near future, Cox reported.

A report to the Water Commissioner, of recent water shortages due to excessive

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discussed

The Council and Public Works Dept./a doctor's recommendation that James Pettit, Light Dept. employee, not be required to climb poles due to a physical condition involving back trouble. A motion was made by Councilman Giger, seconded by Housen and carried unanimously that the Superintendent be authorized to employ a journeyman lineman in the Light Dept. and transfer Pettit to the Water, Sewer and Street Depts.

Supt. Cox reported on further investigation of meter reading errors and customer complaints. He stated that not all complaints are based on facts or errors, but many are based on prior use, where fluctuation due to seasonal conditions must be considered.

Upon Mayor Oliver's suggestion that the Fair Grounds should sprinkle lawns during morning hours when water storage is ample, Supt Cox said he had contacted the caretaker and made arrangements in that regard.

Conditions reported in both the Dedman and Fairbank condemnation cases, required further delay and were tabled for future action by the Council.

Supt Cox presented a proposal for Council consideration of underground or ground level water storage and pressure system, as compared to elevated storage. Mayor Oliver advised that the proposal be referred to the Water Commissioner and the Fire Underwriter's evaluation of the proposal, solicited.

The Mayor declared the meeting recessed at 11 p.m. to reconvene at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 31 for the transaction of regular business.

Earl Oliver
Mayor

J. Richardson
City Recorder

Inter Office Correspondence

July 13, 1961

From: Lee Cox

To: Councilman Fred Stefani

Re: Water Department

On Tuesday, July 11, 1961, from the hour of 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. water was consumed faster than city pumping facilities could produce it. Temperature on this day was approximately 103°. At the Molalla River pump station the collection gallery which collects water from the original springs ran dry about 8:00 p.m. At this point the two 500 g.p.m. pumps automatically shut off. After about an hour lapse of time, the water rose approximately three feet and thus bringing the pumps back into operation. This cycle continued throughout the evening until the demand for water had dropped.

Pump Station No. 2 at the Molalla River site seemed to produce adequate water in accordance with the pump's capacity. However, this pump because of the warm temperature would automatically shut off about every two hours. This was caused by the overheating of the motor. The water level in the collection gallery for this pump was never lower than 9 feet.

The Beck well pumped continuously.

Some of the details and data of the pumping operations are as follows:

With the elevated storage tank almost empty, the Beck well pump was producing about 550 g.p.m. Pump Station No. 1 at the Molalla River site, the two small pumps also produced 500 g.p.m. At Pump Station No. 2 Molalla River site, the large pump produced about 500 g.p.m. This makes a total pumping capacity of 1550 g.p.m. At this rate the facilities would produce approximately 93,000 gal. per hour, and for a five hour period, which seemed to be the time elapsed and at which we had the peak demand. This would be 465,000 gallons. For the total 24 hour day on July 11, we pumped 1,121,000 gallons. This means the present elevated storage tank was filled and emptied 11 times.

This same situation occurred July 12, 1961.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1961, Markee contacted the City Superintendent and asked if he was aware of this situation and if he had given any orders to the residents of the town to discontinue any heavy use of water. The Superintendent had not given any such orders and felt that it was not his duty. At this time Mr. Markee contacted the Chief of Police, Mr. Younce, and asked the he inform the residents to discontinue heavy sprinkling of lawn and make as little use of water as possible while this situation existed.

Lee Cox