

Specir Meeting-April 9-1953

A special meeting of the Council was held on Thursday, April 9 and was called to order at about 8.30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Eversole, Atty. Zimmerman, Supt. Raines, Chief of Police McClurg, the Recorder and Councilmen, Anderson, Beck, Girod, Hill, Hulbert and Kraft.

The Mayor announced that the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing some matters that had arisen in the conduct of the police department.

He stated that a stenographer was present, who would take down all proceedings and asked that anyone addressing the meeting to first state his or her name.

Alfred (Bud) Kraft spoke first, criticizing to some extent the operations of the department, suggesting that some changes be made and specifically that the chief should have the power to hire and fire those under him.

Others who spoke were David Little, Warren Stoddard and Bert Jackson.

Councilman Hulbert asked Chairman of the fire and police committee Kraft, if there was any fixed policy in the operation of the police department.

Mr. Kraft stated that, while the committee received applications and examined into the qualifications of candidates, appointments were always made by the Council and invariably by unanimous vote.

Councilman Beck then asked for the history of the last appointments.

Mr. Kraft stated that McClurg and Davis had applied for the position of chief at about the same time, but it seemed best to favor McClurg for chief, with Davis as his assistant, with the understanding that they should serve alternately on the night job, by the month, all of which was very satisfactory to McClurg.

Councilman Hill then asked McClurg why he did not take his complaints and criticisms to the police commissioner instead of the method used in the meeting of April 6. McClurg said he didn't know.

A recess of about ten minutes was then called by Mayor Eversole.

Upon resuming the meeting the Recorder was asked to read Section 9 of Chapter 3 of the city charter. This section refers to the appointment of the various officers, by the City Council and the power invested in the Council to make removals at any time for malfeasance or incompetency.

Whereupon it was then moved by Hill, seconded by Kraft and carried, that both the office of the police chief and that of the other member of the force be vacated as of 8 o'clock A.M. April 10-1953, also that applications for these posts will be received by the Recorder.

Other business.

The application of Vinyard's Store to sell beer in the package was then presented to the Council for approval, which, on motion, seconded and carried approved.

Councilman Hill then recommended that sidewalks be installed bordering the water tank property owned by the City. No objections.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

R. B. Eversole
Mayor

A. B. Evans
Recorder