

Minutes of the "Big Four" Meeting  
June 17, 1958

Meeting called to order by chairman, Gordon Goetz.

Present: Messrs. Goetz, McVay, Gully, Molina, Loring, Brim, Paterson-Fox, Palmer, Freeman, Davis, Ebinger, Hedberg, Breuer, Flynn, Fetteplace, Ostenberg & Dr. White and Mayor Campbell.  
Press: Connie Bordwell, Joe Murphy, and *Mrs Clark*.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved with the correction "\$300.00 to U.S. Engineer Hickson instead of \$1200.00.

Mr. Goetz reported that Mr. Bankus had advised him that he had nothing new on the Mill Beach Park project.

Mr. Goetz advised that the hearing on the re-zoning of <sup>property</sup> adjacent to the new school site had been set for June 24th at 8 p/m at the City Hall.

Mr. Gulley stressed the importance of street surfacing. He suggested the following multiple system:

1. Use half of the funds allotted each year by the State to permanent paving, i.e. pave as much as funds will permit.
2. Use the other half for regular street maintenance, the need for such funds will grow less as more paving is added each year.
3. The streets not ready for permanent paving to be oiled inexpensively (est. 50 per foot) at property owners expense.

Expressions of approval for this plan was general and Mr. Goetz promised that the Planning Commission would give it further study and thought.

There was a question as to whether or not State Street Funds could be used for permanent street purposes and the Mayor assured that recent legislation made this possible.

Mr. Goetz cited Gold Beach as an example of getting paving done thru using regular state street funds. Others expressing opinions on this plan were Merwyn Palmer, Dr. White, Ben Davis and city councilman Earl Breuer.

Mayor Campbell reported that the figure estimated for permanent paving including curbs and gutters was thought by the majority of property owners in the airport district, to be more than they could finance at this time although all want paving. He added that this district was only one where the streets were ready for a paving district inasmuch as sewer and water lines were all in. Mr. Campbell said that the city millage would have to be raised to take care of rising costs and used the needs of the police department as an example, where officers have had no raise in salary for two years.

He added that we would probably have to stand the dust or have less expensive temporary oiling on our streets for the immediate future.

Mayor Campbell said some complaints had been made by tourists on the state log scales. Reporting on the treatment plant, he advised that Schuler had approved the bond election and bonds can now be advertised for sale.

Questions asked the Mayor were: "Why doesn't the city buy the water system?" He answered that we had reached our bonding capacity. "Why couldn't we pay for it by issuing Water Revenue Bonds?" Answer: That could be possible.

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The mayor was asked to suggest possible trailer park sites because of bitter complaints concerning lack of places to park trailers. He replied that two new such sites were being <sup>given</sup> study and consideration, that had both sewer and water available.

Ben Davis speaking for the Port District said two acres had been leveled off for a picnic site with water and sewer facilities and 10 tables and four fire-places provided. He said the Port is negotiating the purchase of 6 more acres from Archie McVay and the land is being appraised. He pointed out the need for cleaning out the mouth of the river and said Senator Morse had lent his support to secure funds for this purpose. Mr. Davis pointed out that the Port Commission has no funds available at this time to do work of this kind. An early date for a new meeting with U.S Engineers is being arranged. Mr. Davis said Marshall Dana had been and still is working to promote the best interests of the Port particularly but also the City. Each day he contacts influential personnel with good results. He also said that no appraisal report had been made on the McVay purchase.

Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Davis said the fish commission had been contacted and as a result 100,000 salmon had been planted in the Chetco. He reported that a one-half million dollar fish hatchery to be located in this area, was proposed. He mentioned the new organization "Salmon Unlimited" whose primary object is to promote protect our salmon and insure it's propagation in ever increasing numbers. Brimm's property up the Chetco was suggested as a possible site for the hatchery. He emphasized the importance of attending a meeting of Salmon Unlimited scheduled for June 19, 8 p.m. at the High School.

Mr. Flynn, our County Commissioner spoke briefly on the proposed basic paving program of the county-- three miles in Harbor this year. He pointed out that preparation for permanent paving was costly but that the county is doing at least 3 miles of paving in this area of the county each year. He suggested the city test 09 or 0-11 and pave as much as state funds allow each year and pay maintenance costs by city taxes. As more and more streets are paved, maintenance cost would go down. He advise that the County Courts are to have a meeting with the Highway Commission at Portland-- which should prove to be of great benefit to all.

Mr. Phetteplace said it was possible to get a Coast Guard Boat & crew located here if we get busy and have requests for it sent in to the Commander of the 13th district at Seattle, Wn., It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce start the ball rolling.

Mr. Ebinger emphasized the need for adequate planning on all projects, the laying out of a complete system of streets and a blue print or Marina of the port district.

Mr. Flynn said the present County Court is not in favor of a county planning commission. He discussed access roads needed in the county, especially access road off the new 101 route.

Meeting adjourned until July 15th.

Gladys Kanick, Secy.



