

June 7, 1955

City Council met in regular session called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Scroggin, roll call showed the following present: Councilmen Kenneth Fuller, R. E. Davis, W. E. Heimerdinger, R. D. Waddell, Joe McPherson, Mal C. Beard. Also present were Recorder Van R. Thome, Atty. Wendell Gronso, St. Supt Stolsig, Ploice Chief Ned Crippen, Surveyor G. E. Whitcomb. Minutes of the adjourned meeting of May 17, were read and approved.

Mr. Milner Mead of the Foster and Kleiser sign company requested permission to install a billboard sign on the West side of Main St. on the lot between Mountain States Power Company and the S. P. R. tracks. Motion by Fuller seconded by Heimerdinger that matter be placed in the hands of the Building Committee with authority to act. Motion carried and so ordered.

M. J. F. Wynn inquired into the status of C Street between the canal and 4th St. which has been under consideration for use along with Block 3 Hyland ADDITION, as a playground. Wynn stated that he owned the property along the north side of the street, and expected in the future to plot it for residential purposes, and would need access at that time. Mayor Scroggin referred the matter to the Parks and Playgrounds Committee for recommendations.

Street Committee reported that they had met with S.P.Ry. and S. P. & S. Ry representatives about work on various crossings and that program covering necessary repairs was being worked out.

Police Committee reported for May as follows: 37 arrests, 237 warning tickets, 508 activities, 8 vehicle accidents, 58 complaints, 6 hours service training for all officers, Chief and ASst. Chief attended 8 hour FBI conference at Portland covering bank robberies and burglaries.

Public Property Committee reported only 12 tenants still living at the City Housing Project.

Fire Committee reported for the month of May as follows: 10 City general alarms, 2 silent. 5 Rural general alarms, 3 silent. APProximately \$310.00 in city fire losses, 720.00 in rural losses.

Finance Committee reported that public hearing on budget was set for 8:00 P.M. date.

Building Committee reported for May as follows: 13 permits issued with \$57,925.00 valuation, and \$105.20 receipts in permit fees.

R. D. Waddell, chairman of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee thanked everyone for the fine cooperation during his absence, and thanked the Police Dept for their work in improving River Park. The 3 drinking fountains at Booth Park had been repaired by Scott Plumbing Co. Committee recommended that a 6 foot high steel mesh fence be placed along the canal in Booth Park as the old chicken wire fence was not adequate and there existed a hazard for children. Motion by Fuller seconded by McPherson be placed in the hands of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee with authority to act. Motion carried and so ordered.

At 8:00 P.M. Council opened hearing as advertised on the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year of 1955-1956, and no objections were entered. RESOLUTION No. 13 pertaining to the adoption of the budget as approved by the budget committee was read in full. Motion by Davis seconded by Heimerdinger that resolution be accepted. Motion carried and so ordered.

Bids were opened and read for the advertised 1955 street improvement work. Bid from Lebanon Sand and Gravel was for \$18,454.66. Bid from Warren-Northwest was for \$24,859.84. Street Committee recommended that City accept bid of \$18,454.66 from Lebanon Sand and Gravel. Motion by Fuller seconded by Beard that recommendation be accepted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract. Motion carried and so ordered.

Bids were opened and read for the advertised used furniture at the Housing Project as follows: Used Merchandise Mart, Salem, \$1,359.25; Woodry Furniture Co., Salem, \$1,262.50; and Dave Epps, Sweet Home, \$682.00. Motion by Beard seconded by Heimerdinger that City accept bid of \$1359.25 from the Used Merchandise Mart of Salem and that Mayor and Recorder be authorized to issue and sign bill of sale for the furniture upon payment of the balance of the amount bid. Motion carried and so ordered.

Surveyor Whitcomb stated that the vacation of B & C Streets between 4th St. and the canal had never been recorded at Albany and that the vacation of A & 3rd Streets appeared to be somewhat irregular inasmuch as it was a conditional vacation dependent on use of the adjacent property for industrial purposes. Matter was referred to City Attorney for any necessary handling.

John Stolsig expressed his thanks for the fine cooperation of City Officials and street department employees since he was appointed St. Supt.

Letter was read from S. P. Co. outlining crossing repairs necessary this summer as agreed upon by joint inspection with St. Supt. Stolsig, Committee Chairman Kenneth Fuller, S.P.

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Roadmaster V. E. Parker and S.P. Asst. Engr. Bartlett.

Letter was read from Judge Ruby R. Moore tendering her resignation as Municipal judge as of May 31, 1955. Motion by McPherson seconded by Beard that the resignation be accepted. Motion carried and so ordered.

Letter was read from State Highway Engr. Baldock that the Highway Dept. would furnish an overhead crosswalk sign for the intersection of Main and Milton Streets, if the City makes the installation and provides for future maintenance and operation. Motion by Fuller seconded by Beard that Highway Dept. offer be accepted and Recorder so notify by letter. Motion carried and so ordered.

See Addition below-

Motion by Fuller seconded by Heimerdinger that Recorder notify S. P. Co. approving the patching of West Sherman St. crossing and the plan to rebuild track and raise grade with City paving approaches at the West Grant St. crossing. Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Fuller seconded by Davis that the Recorder notify the State Highway Dept. that authorization for the City's share of cost for construction of traffic control lights had now been cleared in the budget, and City would now like to enter into formal agreement for construction and installation. Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Davis seconded by Beard that all bills which have been Okayed by the Finance Committee be paid and warrants drawn for same. Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Heimerdinger seconded by Davis, Council adjourned.

  
City Recorder.

June 7 - Motion by Fuller seconded by Davis that Recorder write to State Highway Dept. that S. P. Co. will cooperate with them in working out necessary repairs to the crossings on Main St. and Park St. Motion carried and so ordered.

June 21, 1955

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Mr. William Gould appeared relative to the cemetery condemnation proceedings in connection with the old Methodist cemetery. He stated that no action had yet been taken towards removal of the graves, and that the City had voted a special tax levy to provide funds for this purpose. He also advised that the state legislature had passed a special law during the 1953 session to take care of condemnation proceedings in the State of Oregon. He was advised that no money would be forthcoming from the tax levy until late this year, and that there was also some question as to the constitutionality of the law passed by the legislature and that at the present time the City could not as yet take any official action regarding the condemnation. Gould suggested that it might be possible to get service clubs and volunteers to clean up the cemetery grounds which would better the appearance and tend to reduce fire hazards.

Street Committee requested authority to go ahead with the resurfacing of 2nd St. and East Grant St., authority to ask for bids for a new street sweeper, and for bids for street gravel for the coming fiscal year. Motion by Fuller seconded by Davis that Street Committee be given authority to arrange for the resurfacing of both 2nd and East Grant Sts. Motion carried and so ordered. Motion by Fuller seconded by Heimerdinger that the St. Committee be given authority to purchase a new sweeper and trade in the old one. Motion carried and so ordered. Motion by Fuller seconded by Davis that Recorder notify Lebanon Sand and Gravel and C & S Sand and Gravel to submit their bids for street gravel for the next fiscal year with bids to be opened at Council meeting July 5, 1955. Motion carried and so ordered. Parking situation on Ash St. from Main St. west to the alley becoming more serious account congestion and truck loading and unloading, and recommend that 30 minute parking meters or loading zone or combination of both be used in area to facilitate movement of traffic. Motion by Waddell seconded by McPherson that this parking situation be left in the hands of the Street Committee with authority to act. Motion carried and so ordered.

Police Committee recommended that they be given authority to hire an additional operator for the communications office as the telephone change-over is due on July 2, and necessary for the new operator to break in in advance of the change-over. Motion by McPherson seconded by Waddell that Police Committee be given authority to hire additional operator. Motion carried and so ordered. Motion by McPherson seconded by Davis that Police Committee be given authority to advertise for bids for new police car to replace old Chev-