

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 1976

The special City Council meeting of October 20, 1976 was called to order by Mayor Jack O. Harper at 7:30 p.m. All councilmen were present.

The Council had previously approved the liquor license request for Bob & Carol's Tavern. They were informed the partners had incorporated and the new corporation was called RSCP Enterprises. Mr. Wishart moved council approve RSCP Enterprises as a substitute name. Mr. Thornton seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

Council recognized Ms. Jeanne Williams. Ms. Williams will be taking over the Sherwood Forrest tavern. The new name will be Jeannie's Sherwood Forrest. Mr. Parr made a motion to grant Jeannie's Sherwood Forrest their license. Mr. Thornton seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

Council recognized DEQ representative, Mr. Bob Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert started by giving the council some background information. In the late 60's and 70's there was a guiliding ban in Washington County as a result of treatment plants causing problems with the Tualatin River and Streams. In July 1974 the ban was lifted because USA was formed and money was voted to upgrade facilities and Scoggins Dam was approved and under construction. Two large treatment plants would be built and the other 29 abandoned. At that meeting DEQ was allotted 100 permit connections that would be allowed. The plant permit allows certain levels of pollutants to be put into the stream. DEQ set some limits on the Sherwood plant approximately 18 months ago, its limits have been exceeded each month. The treatment plant has to meet the permit limits before additional permits will be issued. The permit is not a permit to pollute. He stated USA did not have an industrial waste ordinance, and they are not satisfied with the progress being made.

Mr. Nims, engineer for a local developer, stated that it was an EPA grant requirement that industrial waste limits be set.

Mr. Wishart said if the problem is the material that flows into the Tualatin River, how much from Sherwood flows into the Tualatin River? DEQ said that during the summer months non of Sherwood's waste reaches the Tualatin River, however during the wet season there is as much as three times the flow as in the dry weather. This increased flow effects the treatment. They said the suspended solids are being violated. The normal is 200 pts per million, Frontier Leather is 4 to 5 times that. There are some things that Frontier Leather could do such as use the settling ponds.

Mr. Hartford asked if 50 more sewer connections wouldn't be a very small amount. DEQ replied that they do not want to compound the problem. Mr. Hartford stated it was not reasonable to deny the 50 hookups. DEQ stated we have had 18 months of violation. He also stated all their correspondence had been with USA. Mr. Wishart pointed out that Mr. Dulay had said he saw no real difficulty in the City's future.

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Mr. Hartford read a portion of the City's contract with USA and he stated he thought part of the problem was that the plant was not operated and supervised on a daily basis. Mr. Mike Matthews from USA said the plant is operating as efficiently as any trickle filter plant. He stated that during the past 18 - 24 months a great deal has been done. They explored all chemicals and polymers that would do the job, all met with failure. They started adding polymers the 20th of last month and to date had had three violations.

Mr. Wishart read DEQ's letter of the 13th and asked how long would the evaluation of the plant take.

Mr. Don Nelson from Frontier Leather said he had misquoted the suspended solids figure at the last meeting. He said they are below the city's contract on BOD. Mr. Nelson said they had put \$100,000 into Frontier Leather in the last 6 months. Mr. John Filbert of CH2M Hill, said there are no EPA published pre-treatment requirements with regard to tanneries. He said there are opportunities to decrease the suspended solids to the Sherwood plant. They are trying to remove the chrome. He said they could put the polishing ponds into operation. Mr. Nelson said he thinks the hydraulic pressure is a major item.

Mr. Wishart asked if Frontier Leather's discharges were unhealthful and if the discharges from the plant were unhealthful. Mr. Filbert said most of them are soil bacteria.

Mr. Nims asked if DEQ hadn't just recently implemented a program for industrial waste water users. Mr. Stan LeSeur of USA stated that USA does have an industrial waste ordinance which would require industries to pretreat to EPA guidelines.

Mr. Matthews said it is very difficult to measure the flow from Frontier Leather. Mr. Nelson said they have started regulating the discharge. Mr. Wishart pointed out that the City of Sherwood is at the mercy of whatever Frontier Leather does.

DEQ said they wanted 30 days for the plant to demonstrate the permit limits could be met. He said polymers are very fickle and a slight change in temperature or sewerage flow could change them.

Mr. Nims questioned what period of demonstration. DEQ replied for USA to continue the chemical work and Frontier Leather to work on suspended solids and surging. Mr. Nims asked if they don't do anything more, and if they are in compliance for another 30 days will DEQ authorize permits. DEQ said they will reevaluate it and would probably be able to grant additional permits.

Mr. Wishart asked if it altered DEQ's thinking at all since there is no contract on suspended solids. DEQ said there is a suspended solids problem. There are some things Frontier Leather can do very quickly within the next two weeks.

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Mr. Nims stated we are trying very hard to understand everyone's problem. We see a sewer system that may not even effect that system 1/10 of 1%. I assume from USA's remarks you are in compliance.

Mr. Nelson pointed out that Frontier Leather is closed 12-15 days at Christmas. Mr. Matthews said in the month of December the average suspended solids were 35 and in January it was 43. Mr. Matthews said Sherwood is scheduled to hook up to Durham in 18 to 24 months.

Mr. Nims stated they want 26 sewer permits, and requested the council write a letter requesting that number of sewer permits. Mr. James Cardin, another local developer stated they had needs of perhaps 200 permits over the next year. Mr. Milburn said we could use up to 75 permits now.

Mrs. Marjorie Stewart asked how much of the line to Durham is in. Mr. Matthews replied that less than 5%. The holdup is not in USA it is in securing the federal grant money. He stated it would be about \$100,000 to put in an additional filtration system.

Mr. Wishart asked if that would increase the capacity of the plant. Mr. Wishart asked Mr. Filbert when will you have the problem whipped? Mr. Filbert said part of the problem will be cured in a month to 6 weeks.

Mr. Cardin asked who makes the decision on Sherwood and are the decisions appealable. Mr. Gilbert informed him he made the decision and yes, it was appealable.

Mr. Harley Huebner stated DEQ was penalizing the whole town for Frontier Leather.


Mr. Hartford asked what would the filtering system do and what does it consist of. Mr. Matthews explained it is different layers of different types of filters.


The council, DEQ, USA, and Frontier Leather all agreed to meet again on November 17 to see what progress had been made.

Mr. Hartford said Sherwood is being differentiated against and pointed out other areas still developing that have a similar problem to ours.

USA stated the chemicals are costing about \$40 a day. Mr. Nelson stated again that their suspended solids are not that far off, and that the flow problem was their greatest thing. Mr. Matthews pointed out that one of the problems is poor communications.

The meeting ended with all parties agreeing to meet again on November 17.

  
Polly Blankenbaker, Recorder

  
Jack O. Harper, Mayor