

MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 1953

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

813th MEETING

The eight hundred thirteenth regular meeting of the Council was held on the twenty-sixth day of January, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mullan.

Present: Mayor Mullan; Councilmen Shook, Ulay, Klein and Wright; Manager Sperr; Attorney Kirkpatrick and Recorder Mullan.

The minutes of the eight hundred twelfth regular meeting of the Council, held on the twelfth day of January 1953 were approved as written.

Gregson and Herb requested that the matter of a hearing on their application for building permit be held until Mr. Glen Jack, their attorney, arrived. The request was granted.

A plea, from Theodore and Margaret Binn, for the vacation of that portion of Adams Street which lies west of 37th Street in Minthorn Addition, was read. The Binns are owners of the property on both sides of this portion of Adams Street and offer to bear all expense of the vacation. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Shook that the hearing for the above requested vacation be set for the next regular meeting of the Council, February 9, 1953, and that the Recorder be directed to give proper notice of same. Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Kirkpatrick announced that this day he had received the final papers transferring the streets, sewers and outfall sewers in Kellogg Park from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Public Housing Administration, to the City of Milwaukee.

The Manager requested that the Council hold a round table meeting on Friday, January 30, for the purpose of discussing the matter of adjusting the salaries in the Fire Department to bring the Hosemen in the Fire Department up to a level with the Patrolmen in the Police Department. It was decided the meeting would be held on Friday, January 30.

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The Manager recommended that the City purchase a "clean-cut rod" for use in cleaning out the city's sewer system. There was some discussion on the matter. Mr. Sperr was directed to get prices etc. on the different types of clean-out rods.

Mr. Jack came into the room and the Council proceeded with the matter of a hearing on the application of Gregson & Herb, to place a rock processing plant at the south bank of the mouth of Kellogg Creek at the Willamette River.

The Recorder read a letter from the Planning Commission under date of November 19, 1952 in which recommendation was made to deny the permit.

Mr. Gregson stated that his firm had invited the members of the Council and the Planning Commission to view the Multnomah County rock crusher at Kelly Butte, which is the same type of crusher they propose to use but there is no insulation in the building housing this crusher. Mr. Gregson displayed the type of insulation they intend to use in the building and stated that the hoppers and conveyors would be lined with a rubber silencing material.

The Mayor called for protests against the permit.

Mr. Morris Galen, attorney for residents of the Island Station district, protested against the proposed plant on behalf of his clients, pointing out that promises had been made by the Portland Gravel Co. that there would be no gravel crusher put in, that the loading of crushed rock on the trucks would be a constant dust, that the driving in and out of trucks would be a constant hazard. As to noise, Mr. Galen stated he did not believe one could properly judge the noise of one plant in the rainy weather, nor could one determine the amount of noise at one plant as being the same as at another plant.

Mr. Paul Biggs, attorney for the Oregon Methodist Home, proposing to build a million and one half dollar home for retired persons not far north of the proposed site of the rock crusher, made protest on behalf of the builders, and referred to their previous written protest now on file with the City Recorder, and stated that if this crusher is permitted to be placed in this location, the "Home" will be forced to seek another location.

Mr. J. Goodman, attorney for Gregson & Herb, called on Mr. Goodrich, designer of the plant. Mr. Goodman showed a drawing of the plant, explained how noise would be baffled by sound proofing materials.

Mr. Sears, sound expert, showed samples of the materials which would be used for sound proofing.

Mr. Herb explained what the process of crushing was, which would take place in each of the buildings. Mr. Herb also stated that this plant, located at this place, could save Clackamas County and the City of Milwaukie much money in taxes through savings made by low cost of crushed rock.

Mr. Wm. Charack, president of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that he was speaking for himself only, but that he was sure the chamber of Commerce would like to hear about this proposed industry and would appreciate it if no decision in the matter was made until they had had an opportunity to have the who thing explained at their regular meeting on the following Wednesday.

Mr. Stanley Skoko, County Commissioner, stated that the State irreducible school fund would receive ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard in royalties from the gravel processed in this plant, thus saving the tax payers in Clackamas County.

It was moved by Klein and seconded by Shook that the matter of approving a permit for a rock crusher for Gregson & Herb be tabled for the present, that the Council hold an executive meeting on Friday, to which the Planning Commission shall be invited and that this matter be taken up again at the regular meeting of the Council on February 9, 1953. Motion carried and so ordered.

Ordinance Number 576 was taken up and read in full for its first reading. It was moved by Shook and seconded by Wright that Ordinance Number 576 be passed to its second reading. Motion carried and so ordered.

Manager Sperr was directed to learn the cost of a new chair for the Council table, also the cost of glass, to replace that broken by vandals, for the drying sheds at the Sewage Disposal Plant.

Manager Sperr explained to the Council that he had made a survey, with a lighting engineer from Portland General Electric Co. and showed on the map where

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street lighting was most needed at this time. It was moved by Shook and seconded by Clay that the necessary lights, as recommended by Manager Sperr, be installed. Motion carried and so orderēd.

Manager Sperr reported that he had talked with the proper authority at the State Highway Department with regard to the extension of Main Street to Kellogg Park, and had been told that the proper procedure would be for the City to obtain the right-of-way, then talk to the Highway Department.

The Manager reported that two permits to park overtime in the restricted parking area had been issued by a former City Manager. Attorney Kirkpatrick stated that the only person authorized to excuse a violation of an ordinance was the Municiple Judge. It was moved by Wright and seconded by Shook that any and all parking permists previously issued be revoked. Motion carried and so ordered.

A letter from the State Board of Health and a letter from the City of Gold Hill were read and placed on file.

The Police Chief's report was read and ordered filed.

It was moved by Clay and seconded by Klein that the following bill be approved and that a warrany-check be drawn for the payment of same.

Jerry Carpenter, materials and labor for painting inside City Hall-\$549.00. Motion carried and so ordered.

Upon motion duly made and carried the meeting adjourned, whereupon the Recorder announced that all present were invited to the fireplace room in the basement where they would be guests of the City Treasurer, Mrs. Jean Dillery and herself. Upon retiring to the basement the guests, consisting of the Council and their wives, the Planning Commission and their wives, all City employees and news correspondents, were told that they were to celebrate the Golden Birthday of the City of Milwaukie, that on February 4, 1903 the twenty-second Legislative Assembly of Oregon had granted the Chartōr of the town of Milwaukie and that Governor Chamberlain had approved the same. Recorder Martin Explained that it was Mrs. Dillery's and her hope that this party would be an inspiration for a celebration on June 3, as the first Council held its first meeting on June 3, 1903.

After enjoying cake and coffee the meeting really enjourned.

Ellen Martin
Recorder.