

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 1954

COUNCIL CHAMBER

839th MEETING

The eight hundred thirty-ninth regular meeting of the Council was held on the twenty-second day of February, 1954

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mullan.

Present: Mayor Mullan; Councilmen Shook, Clay, Klein and Wright; Manager Sperr, Attorney Kirkpatrick, Fire Chief Lillis, Police Chief Delp and Recorder Martin.

The minutes of the eight hundred thirty-eighth regular meeting of the Council, held on the eighth day of February, 1954, were read and approved.

Mr. Howard Hamlin came before the Council and made complaint of excessive noise, during the night hours, and Milwaukie Plywood and Door Co's plant. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Shook that the Manager write to Milwaukie Plywood and Door Co. and request that they abate the excessive noise. Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Kirkpatrick read a proposed agreement between the Milwaukie Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Milwaukie. After some discussion a few minor changes were made in the agreement. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Wright that Attorney Kirkpatrick present the proposed agreement as corrected, to the representatives of the Rural Fire Protection District for their approval. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by Wright and seconded by Shook that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement for the City's share of cost of mosquito control. Motion carried and so ordered.

Manager Sperr read a letter from the office of the State Fire Marshal, over the signature of E.A. Taylor, Chief Deputy, in which he gave the City until March 20 to have a heating system installed in the City Hall and the present heaters removed. The letter was tabled at this time but taken up later in the meeting at which time there was some discussion as to where the cost of heating system could be obtained. Manager Sperr reported that he had received estimates from Iron Fireman, Milwaukie Plumbing and M. & N. Sheet Metal Works. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Wright that we proceed to comply with the State Fire Marshal's request by obtaining specifications for heating system for the City Hall and submitting the same to the State Fire Marshall's office for their approval. Motion carried and so ordered.

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Manager Sperr read a letter written to Fire Chief Lillis over the signature of Howard Gill, Intinerary Instructor, State Vocational Department. Mr. Gill commended Mr. Lillis on the wonderful improvement developed in the Milwaukie Fire Department in the past year. He stated that in his opinion they were as good or better than any of the departments under his supervision and stated that the people of Milwaukie could be proud of the good work done by the Fire Department under Mr. Lillis' command. Mr. Lillis announced that Milwaukie regular and volunteer Fire Department had the highest rating in the State for 1953 for efficiency and attendance at fires and drill practice. Milwaukie's rating being 96% and the second best department in the State being 52%.

Manager Sperr reported that he had received the pay rate sheet compiled by the League of Oregon Cities and furnished the Council with same for their inspection. There was discussion between the Council and members of the Fire Department with regard to base pay raises. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Wright that the City adopt pay raises in the Fire Department on the following terms. A minimum base of \$300.00 for hosemen to be tied in with Bureau of Labor of Portland area index, to be adjusted on first payroll date after published index for January 15 and July 15 of each year, and with further adjustments to be made to nearest dollar, and with the following provisions for new men in the department; Starting pay to be \$15.00 under the current base pay for hosemen with a raise of \$5.00 per month each quarter until the base pay is reached, further that grades of Junior Captain and Senior Captain be established at rates of \$10.00 and \$15.00 per month above the hosemen pay for the respective officers; this policy to be effective February 1, 1954. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by Wright and seconded by Shook that Police Patrolmen salaries be adjusted comparable to the same scale as the hosemen but that this motion shall not operate to reduce any present salary in the Police Department. Motion carried and so ordered.

Fire Chief Lillis reported that his home, and the homes of two of the firemen, were being very much disturbed by anonymous telephone calls about the manner in which the Fire Department was operated. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Wright that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the families of certain Firemen of the City of Milwaukie have suffered annoyance through anonymous telephone calls concerning their positions as City employees, NOT THEREFORE

BE IT AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Milwaukie has the upmost confidence in Fire Chief Lillis and the Milwaukie Fire Department, and that they fully concur with the sentiments expressed in the following letter written to Fire Chief Lillis under date of February 14, 1954.

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend you on the wonderful improvement, that you have developed in the Milwaukie Fire Department in the last year. You have good cooperation, harmony and a well organized department among your men.

The interest the boys take in their work and the way they drill is a credit to any department. As I see them they are as good or better than any of the departments under my supervision.

You have this cooperation and support from the men that work with you, they can not help but make a good showing in the fire service. The citizens of Milwaukie must be proud and appreciate the good work done by the fire department that you have given them under your command.

Truly yours,

(Signed) Howard Gill
Intinerary Instructor
State Vocational Department.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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The matter of certain items appearing in newspapers with regard to Council action before any action has actually been taken by the Council, was discussed. It was moved by Wright and seconded by Shook that any information for the press must come from the open meeting of the Council or from the minutes of that meeting. Motion carried and so ordered. (This motion was later amended)

Three citizens of Milwaukie, living in the vicinity of 33rd Street, south of Wister Street, came before the Council and complained against a public nuisance and health hazard in the existence of manure piles and flies on property west of 33rd Street and south of Quincy Addition. The men stated that the manure piles were swarming with flies which sought shelter in their homes, also that the odor was bad at all times but that when the wind blows from the southwest it was unbearable and impossible to live normally in their homes. There was considerable discussion on the subject during which it was suggested that the League of Oregon Cities be contacted for any information they may have on this problem. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Shook that the City Manager and City Attorney investigate our ordinances in an effort to abate the nuisance and that an ordinance be drawn to safeguard the health of the community by abatement of manure piles and any other odor or attraction to flies. Motion carried and so ordered.

Manager Sperr requested the Council to give him their answer for the Oregon Chain Saw Corporation as to if or not they would sell the triangle of City owned land in Kellogg Park which lies south of Road A, west of McLaughlin Blvd. and east of Johnson Creek. It was moved by Klein and seconded by Wright that the City accept the offer of Oregon Saw Chain as stated in their letter of February 8, 1954 as follows:

1. Price for the approximate 3.9 acres to be \$15,500.00; \$5,500 to be paid down, \$5,000.00 to be paid in September 1954, and \$5,000.00 to be paid in October, 1954. Buyer has right to prepay all or part.
2. City to bring minimum of 6" water main to property.
3. Acreage to include property up to edge of Johnson Creek and not reserve for the public, a 10 foot pathway. The site is long and narrow; any restrictions on width greatly lessens it as a possible building site, particularly if the State Highway Department is to take a 10 foot strip on the eastern edge
4. Buyer to use land to erect a new factory, offices, and warehouse, total building to be about 45,000 to 50,000 square feet, concrete construction, landscaped, and costing in the vicinity of \$200,000.00. Building to be erected starting in early 1955.

subject to the following stipulations:

That ten feet of the land adjacent to and paralling the Highway Department right-of-way, and north of a ten foot set-back now owned by the Highway Department, be not sold and that Oregon Saw Chain Corp. be required to maintain a thirty foot set-back from their property line and that the type of business located thereon be not offensive by reason of smoke, noise, odor or unsightly building. Motion carried and so ordered.

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

There was discussion of the congested condition of traffic on Main Street and how to relieve same. It was moved by Wright and seconded by Shook that the following resolution be adopted.

Resolution No 3-1954

WHEREAS, traffic on Main Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, at times becomes congested, now THEREFORE

BE IT AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that 21st Street from Harrison Street to Lake Road be a "Through" Street and that "STOP" traffic signs be posted along intersections with said street, where necessary, causing traffic to stop before entering said street.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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It was moved by Shook and seconded by Klein that the City Attorney prepare a resolution for the improvement of 21st Street, from Jefferson Street to Washington Street by curbs and sidewalks along both sides of the street. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by Clay and seconded by Shook that the following bill be approved and that warrant check be drawn for the payment of same.

State Industrial Accident Commission \$114.25

Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by Klein and seconded by Shook that the Council go on record as being in favor of Kellogg Park west side (now zoned) 3 R-1) being zoned Industrial. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by Wright and seconded by Shook that the motion previously made at this meeting, with regard to information given to the press, be amended by the following: "The City Manager shall be authorized to give a report of the Council proceedings to the newspapers" Motion carried and so ordered.

On motion duly made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Ellen Martin

Recorder.