

SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 1940

A special meeting of the Council was held on the 19th day of February, 1940, pursuant to the call of Mayor Roberts for the purpose of hearing a committee headed by Mr. Sam Riley.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberts. Present. Mayor Roberts, Councilmen Gillem, Mourer and Rudder, Water Superintendent Bevington, Fire Chief Lewellyn, Marshal Stanley and Recorder Adams.

Mayor Roberts called upon Mr. Sam Riley. Mr. Riley stated that he understood that Councilman Rudder had drawn compensation from the City under an assumed name and requested that all on the council who were connected with the matter resign and that the Council dismiss all employees involved in the matter.

Mayor Roberts stated that he had learned of the matter, but until it was called to his attention he did not know that bills presented to the City in fact covered the services of Mr. Rudder, but thought that the bills covered services of the party in whose name the bill was rendered. He stated that he thought many of the Councilmen had known no more about it than he did. He called upon Councilman Rudder for an explanation.

Councilman Rudder admitted that he had worked for the City and had drawn compensation therefor under the name of another person. He said that through lack of employment he had fallen behind in his water bill which was of great embarrassment to him as a Councilman, that he had gone to the Mayor to ask about working out his water bill and was told it was all right, but to save criticism he should work under some other name, that he owed his brother-in-law some money and concluded to use his name, that he intended no wrong, actually performed the work and did not think he had injured the city in any way.

Mr. V. S. D'Spain criticized the method employed in maintaining the city streets.

Mr. Charles Walden and Mr. Jarvis Thompson stated they thought Mr. Rudder had injured no one and suggested that the city be more careful in the future, but that the present matter be dropped.

Mayor Roberts stated that inasmuch as all the Councilmen were not present and since the charges should be investigated, the matter of Mr. Riley's request would be taken up at the next meeting, February 23.

William B. Adams
RECORDER