

The City Recorder then took charge of the meeting and stated that nominations for Mayor were now in order. It was moved by Commissioner Helzer, seconded by Commissioner Laurs, that the name of Richard W. Long be submitted. No further nominations were made. On secret ballot - three votes were cast for Richard W. Long for Mayor. Richard W. Long elected Mayor.

The City Recorder announced that the nominations were then in order for President of the Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Laurs, seconded by Mayor Long, that the name of C. George Helzer be presented for President of the Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Helzer, seconded by Mayor Long, that the name of Peter Laurs be submitted for President of the Commission. No further nominations. On secret ballot - 2 votes for Commissioner Helzer, 1 vote for Commissioner Laurs. C. George Helzer elected President of the Commission.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to January 12, 1956 at 1:00 P.M.

*Zella Bowers*  
City Recorder

Oregon City, Oregon, January 6, 1956

#### SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the City Commission was held in the Clackamas County Court House at 10:00 A.M.

Roll call showed the following present:

Richard W. Long, Mayor  
George Helzer, Commissioner  
Peter Laurs, Commissioner

Alden E. Miller, City Attorney  
Robert Clute, City Manager

City Attorney Alden Miller discussed the lawsuit of Trotske vs. City of Oregon City. He stated that the Commission, of course, knew that the insurance company is only liable up to \$10,000 and that the suit is in the amount of \$105,000, approximately. He stated further that although he and Attorney Dale Jacobs were in agreement that the City's case was good, that no one could tell just what a jury would do. He stated that the plaintiff had made an offer to the City to settle in the amount of \$5,000 which was in the limits of the liability policy. He recommended to the Commission that they write a letter to Attorney Jacobs, defending in behalf of the insurance company, stating that the City desired to have the insurance company settle the claim in the amount of \$5,000 as the plaintiff had offered. The reason for this was that, if the insurance company did not accept the offer of \$5,000 they would then be liable for any amount in excess of \$10,000 liability. Therefore, he recommended doing this so as to relieve the City of any responsibility for liability over \$10,000. It was moved by Commissioner Laurs, seconded by Commissioner Helzer, that the City Manager be instructed to write such a letter to Attorney Jacobs.

Ayes: Long, Helzer, Laurs.

Nays: None.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Zella Bowers*  
City Recorder

Oregon City, Oregon, January 12, 1956

#### ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Commission was held on the above date in the Commission Chambers at 1:00 P.M.

Roll call showed the following present:

Richard W. Long, Mayor  
George Helzer, Commissioner  
Peter Laurs, Commissioner

Alden Miller, City Attorney  
Robert Clute, City Manager  
Zella Bowers, City Recorder

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved.

The report of the City Manager was read and upon motion ordered filed.