

Oregon City, Oregon, April 10, 1956

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Commission was held on the above date in the Commission Chambers at City Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Roll call showed the following present:

Richard W. Long, Mayor	Alden E. Miller, City Attorney
George Helzer, Commissioner	Robert Clute, City Manager
Peter Laurs, Commissioner	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.

The City Recorder's report of claims against the City for the month of March, 1956, was read and upon motion warrants ordered drawn for the amounts shown therein.

Ayes: Long, Helzer, Laurs.

Nays: None.

W. T. Allen	Police Department	\$ 266.97
K. W. Blodgett	"	267.01
Robert L. Chester	"	265.70
V. L. Flynn	"	266.32
S. W. Lynch	"	269.80
C. D. Newman	"	354.32
Veda L. Nobel	"	187.86
S. J. Orzechowski	"	270.36
John Thatcher	"	243.65
C. J. Tomlin	"	341.25
J. D. Williams	"	276.31
H. M. Young	"	260.91
John Bohlen	Police Reserves	113.20
Farley Flynn	"	5.56
James Kinasz	"	5.56
Duane O'Brien	"	12.01
R. E. Schmitz	"	5.56
Carl Zak	"	6.27
Richard House	Fire Department	285.37
Harold Koenig	"	287.81
Eldon Lankins	"	278.30
Roscoe Locke	"	349.63
George Mead	"	255.90
Thomas Nichols	"	289.95
Duane O'Brien	"	257.99
Hayden O'Brien	"	269.40
Joseph Bailey	Fire Reserves	12.48
Gale Bentz	"	2.88
David Bradford	"	9.60
Joe Brazney	"	6.72
William Brunell	"	2.88
Everett Buttolph	"	23.04
Harley Collins	"	23.04
Roger Crawford	"	14.40
Dale Davis	"	4.80
James Fisher	"	17.28
John Fisher	"	5.76
George Frie	"	18.24
Farley Flynn	"	1.92
Alvin Heft	"	10.56
Carl Hass	"	7.68
Bernard Howell	"	4.80
Haaken Kylo	"	36.48
Lester Leatherberry	"	6.72
Charles Morrow	"	20.16
Harold Nunn	"	3.84
Carl Rice	"	13.44
Leonard Rice	"	8.64
John Sturgis	"	9.60
Morris Simpson	"	2.88
Jerry Turner	"	7.68
William Weikum	"	2.88
Fredrick Westwood	"	13.44

Melvin Graff	Recreation Department	14.40
Virgil Gross	"	12.00
Orlander Hass	"	4.80
James Hathorn	"	31.20
Hugh Hendry	"	4.32
Robert Hoy	"	43.20
Richard Long, Jr.	"	32.39
Eugene Lusson	"	24.00
Leonard Rinearson	"	77.60
Rodger Thompson	"	7.20
Robert Clute	City Manager	365.00
Zella Bowers	City Recorder	175.00
William Hammond	City Judge	187.20
Ruby Lampkins	Secretary	105.00
Alden E. Miller	City Attorney	131.47
Patricia Carlson	Secretary	48.00
Geo. Clem Day	Elevator	206.30
John Eaden	"	212.26
Harry Gosser	"	57.60
Roy Osborne	"	232.80
C. R. Strohmeier	City Engineer	367.21
Leo Williams	Disposal Plant	268.38
Duane O'Brien	Inspection	30.36
Mary Osborne	Janitor	39.00
Earl Clampitt	Cemetery Department	8.10
A. R. Brandt	"	230.51
Kenneth Brandt	"	286.54
Victor Carlson	"	243.57
George Edwards	"	266.99
John Berreth	"	5.00
John Berreth	Street Department	276.69
Earl Clampitt	"	250.07
Edward Closson	"	280.36
Morris Dunwoodie	"	288.32
John Emanuel	"	260.36
Edwin Hanson	"	247.55
Ferrell Heater	"	353.79
D. M. Jordan	"	35.34
Clifford Miller	"	216.61
Duane O'Brien	"	5.14
Robert Peterson	"	228.40
W. Rainbolt	"	281.06
William Skinner	"	265.04
Fred Watson	"	254.91
Richard Watson	"	272.05
Social Security Revolving Fund	Contribution - I	282.50
Social Security Revolving Fund	Contribution - II	25.44
U. S. National Bank	Federal Withholding - I	1,301.50
U. S. National Bank	Federal Withholding - II	127.40
State Tax Commission	State Withholding - I	282.50
State Tax Commission	State Withholding - II	25.44
Clackamas County Physicians	Insurance - I	23.50
Northwest Hospital Service	Insurance - II	26.85
Northwest Hospital Service	Insurance - I	181.95
Public Employees Retirement	Contribution - I	409.59
Public Employees Retirement	Contribution - II	38.86
General Fund	Transfer of Funds - VIII	20,000.00
McNaughton Libraries, Inc.	Book Rental - IX	35.00
Roscoe V. Locke	Use of Car	25.00
L. E. Rinearson, Jr.	Use of Car	25.00
Ferrell Heater	Use of Car	25.00
C. R. Strohmeier	Use of Car	50.00
C. R. McGee	Auditor	45.00
Chamber of Commerce	Donation	25.00
Clackamas County Health Dept.	Services	175.00
American Brush Company	Supplies	12.45
The American City Magazine	Subscriptions	10.00
Anderson Bros.	Supplies	24.00
The W. H. Anderson Co.	Supplies	7.50

Andrews & Andrews Equipment	Supplies	30.09
Armco Drainage & Metal Products	Supplies	75.96
Beatie & Guynes	Supplies	6.40
Ernest E. Bemby	Supplies - II	24.39
Ernest E. Bemby	Supplies	214.32
Buse Radio Sales & Service	Repairs - II	12.00
The Camera Shop	Supplies	7.30
Clackamas Auto Parts	Supplies	95.14
Clackamas County	Prisoners' Board	63.00
Clackamas County	Radio Supplies	4.56
Columbia Equipment Company	Supplies	76.20
Crompton Fuel Co.	Fuel	100.00
J. W. Copeland Yards	Supplies	1.44
Dunlap Metal Works	Supplies	3.30
E. & H. Welding Works	Repairs	14.50
Bessie Egge	Refund on Lots - II	120.00
Electric Service	Repairs	188.41
Enterprise-Courier	Printing	24.37
Estes Hardware	Supplies - II	1.20
Equipment Service, Inc.	Supplies	25.17
Facts for Municipalities	Supplies	4.50
Friedrich's	Supplies - II	96.06
Friedrich's	Supplies	13.86
General Fund	Gasoline - II	4.74
General Fund	Telephone Tolls	7.80
H. & H. Signal Company	Supplies - II	133.50
E. A. Hackett	Supplies	5.00
The Hardie Mfg. Co.	Supplies	10.08
Frank Hopp & Sons	Supplies	1.25
The Hub Grocery	Supplies	4.16
State Industrial Accident	Insurance	93.75
State Industrial Accident	Insurance - II	21.06
State Industrial Accident	Insurance	215.92
La Grand Industrial Supply	Supplies	20.17
Linn S. Latourette	Supplies	2.60
Legler, McGahuey & Hahn	Insurance	73.10
Magee-Hale Park-O-Meter Co.	Supplies - VI	45.81
Marshall-Wells Company	Supplies	60.05
W. J. McCready Lumber Co.	Supplies	33.20
W. J. McCready Lumber Co.	Supplies - II	11.90
Albert McMillan	Repairs	30.00
Moore Business Forms, Inc.	Supplies	6.86
Chuck Morgan Tire Service	Supplies - II	23.25
Chuck Morgan Tire Service	Supplies	2.40
Munnell & Sherrill, Inc.	Supplies	13.92
National Recreation Association	Subscriptions	10.00
Northwest Industrial Laundry	Supplies	9.76
Northwest Radio Supply	Supplies	8.75
Oregon City Auto Parts Co.	Supplies	.40
Oregon City Laundry Co.	Supplies	24.43
Oregon City Plumbing & Heating	Supplies	11.00
O.C. Printing & Stationery	Supplies	161.05
O. C. Sand & Gravel Co.	Supplies	12.26
Otis Elevator Company	Repairs	9.29
P. & A. Auto Supply	Supplies	14.78
Pacific Fire Appliance	Supplies	6.00
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph	Telephone - II	14.60
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph	Telephone	525.08
John Papez	Repairs	2.75
J. C. Penney Co.	Supplies	29.76
Pete Laurs Printing Co.	Printing	216.60
Petty Cash	Films - XI	9.85
Petty Cash	Supplies	30.55
Portland Gas & Coke Co.	Fuel	12.63
Portland General Electric	Lights - II	4.41
Portland General Electric	Lights	2,258.59
Public Employes Retirement	Prior Serv. & Contr. - II	55.89
Public Employes Retirement	Prior Serv. & Contr.	593.34
Reddaway's Truck Line	Freight	3.50
Remington Rand	Supplies	5.75
Rich Valley Top Soil Co.	Supplies	124.22
Roake Motor Works	Supplies	1.87
Secretary of State	Teletype Rental & Registrations	72.40
Shell Oil Company	Gasoline	353.91
Short's Machine Works	Supplies	36.21
Social Security Revolving Fund	Contribution - II	25.44
Social Security Revolving Fund	Contribution	299.81
Standard Oil Company	Supplies	50.26
Steve's Radiator Repair	Repairs	3.00

Swap Shop	Supplies	3.00
Tire Sales & Service	Supplies	24.48
Truck & Industrial Equipment	Supplies	2.24
Union Oil Company	Supplies	26.70
United Radio Supply, Inc.	Supplies	3.08
Weiler Chevrolet	Supplies	2.15
Western Golf Course Supply	Supplies	1.30
Westwood & Bope	Repairs	65.29
TOTAL		\$ 43,551.45

LIBRARY

Esther Bauer	Library Department	\$ 150.30
Rose Buckles	"	70.22
Gladys Dawson	"	259.67
Ruthalys McKinney	"	67.29
Mrs. M. C. Stanley	"	17.76
Ardith Sump	"	37.44
Elizabeth Warner	"	32.76
Diane Whiting	"	32.44
Social Security Revolving Fund	Contribution	17.31
U. S. National Bank	Federal Withholding	125.50
State Tax Commission	State Withholding	17.31
Clackamas County Physicians	Insurance	8.25
Northwest Hospital Service	Insurance	12.70
Public Employees Retirement	Contribution	16.10
Portland General Electric Co.	Lights	31.12
Minger Truck Line	Freight	6.06
New York Herald Tribune	Subscription	2.50
The New York Times	Subscription	15.50
Encyclopaedia Britannica	Books	4.95
Follett Library Book Co.	Books	22.79
Charles M. Gardner & Co.	Books	306.62
The J. K. Gill Company	Books	39.29
The Macmillan Company	Books	15.08
Field Enterprises, Inc.	Books	1.50
State Industrial Accident Comm.	Insurance	3.65
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph	Telephone	10.80
TOTAL		\$ 1,324.91

Proposed Ordinance No. 1429 was presented, and, in connection therewith, it was moved by Commissioner Laurs, seconded by Commissioner Helzer, that Ordinance No. 1429 be read the first time and ordered published.

Ayes: Long, Helzer, Laurs. Nays: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 1429

AN ORDINANCE relating to street and alley vacations, the cost of proceedings thereon, and benefits to be assessed against the abutting property, and declaring an emergency.

OREGON CITY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (a) Whenever a petition for the vacation of a street or alley or any part thereof is presented to the City Recorder for filing and consideration by the Commission of Oregon City, the person presenting such petition shall deposit with the City Recorder the sum of \$35.00 from which the City Recorder shall deduct the cost of publishing and posting notices of the proposed vacation and such other expenses as are incurred. In case the actual cost exceeds the amount of the deposit, an additional sum sufficient to cover such deficiency, shall be collected by the City Recorder before the vacation is completed. In case the actual costs be less than the amount deposited, any excess or balance shall be refunded.

(b) The Commission, upon hearing such petition, may grant the same in whole or in part, or may deny the same in whole or in part, or may grant the same with such reservations as would appear to be for the public interest, including reservations pertaining to the maintenance and use of underground public utilities in the portion vacated, and may make an assessment and provide for the payment to Oregon City for such sum of money as the Commission may find to be just and equitable as an assessment of special benefit upon the real property abutting upon the street or alley or part thereof vacated, such assessment together with all costs not to exceed the amount of special benefit resulting or inuring to the abutting property by reason of such vacation.

Notice of proposed assessments for benefits shall be given to the owners of the property to be assessed at least seven days before the Commission meeting at which assessments are to be considered or made, which notice the City Recorder shall cause to be given either by publication in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation published in Oregon City or by personal service upon such property owners.

(c) In the event any such petition is wholly denied, only the cost of publishing and posting occasioned by the petition shall be retained. Any money retained, and any sum assessed and collected as benefits, shall be paid into the City treasury.

Section 2. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of Oregon City, in this: That several vacations are before the Commission at this time and existing conditions in Oregon City are such that it is necessary that this ordinance take effect immediately, therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Commission and approval by the Mayor.

Read first time and ordered published at an adjourned regular meeting of the Commission held on the 10th day of April, 1956, and to come up for second reading and final passage at an adjourned regular meeting of the Commission to be held on the 24th day of April, 1956, at the hour of 8:00 P.M.

ZELLA BOWERS
City Recorder

Liquor application for Ray P. Mitchell, Foxie's Hilltop, 106 Molalla Avenue, Type RMBA and PB, was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Helzer, seconded by Commissioner Laurs, that the application be approved.

Ayes: Long, Helzer, Laurs.

Nays: None.

A petition for the vacation of 17th Street between Taylor and Pierce Streets was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Helzer, seconded by Commissioner Laurs, that the request be referred to the Planning Commission.

Ayes: Long, Helzer, Laurs.

Nays: None.

A letter was read from the Lions Club requesting permission to use the northerly portion of Kelly Field for a donkey baseball game on June 9th. It was moved by Commissioner Helzer, seconded by Commissioner Laurs, that permission be granted.

Ayes: Long, Helzer, Laurs.

Nays: None.

The Manager presented for discussion the question of removing trees at the swimming pool. He stated that they were becoming dangerous and should be removed and that he had had several requests from property owners to do so. He presented one letter which asked \$750 plus the timber for removal of the trees. It was moved by Commissioner Helzer, seconded by Commissioner Laurs, that the Manager be instructed to call for bids on the removal of the trees.

Ayes: Long, Helzer, Laurs.

Nays: None.

The Manager presented a request of the Chamber of Commerce and the Garden Club to hang flower pots on the light poles in the city. He explained it had not been decided who was to take care of the maintenance of the flowers. The Commission tabled the matter until such time as a better determination can be made of who is to care for them.

The City Recorder read a petition from the Firefighters' Local No. 1159 as follows:

C O P Y

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
Local No. 1159
176 Davis Road, Oregon City, Oregon
March 14, 1956

To - The City Commission of Oregon City.

The Oregon City Fire Fighters Association, Local #1159; International Association of Fire Fighters (A.F.L.-C.I.O.); who represent the majority of the members of the Oregon City Fire Department, does hereby petition the City Commission of Oregon City, Oregon to raise the salary of a hoseman in the fire department to Three Hundred and Sixty dollars (\$360.00) per month and the rank of Captain in the fire department to Three Hundred and Eighty (\$380.00) per month beginning with the fiscal year July 1, 1956.

Local #1159 further petitions the City Commission of Oregon City that if the monies are not available in the 1956-57 fiscal year budget that the Commission place before the People of Oregon City, Oregon a proposal to raise sufficient revenue to cover the proposed raise.

Local #1159 further petitions the City Commission of Oregon City to notify Local #1159 when they will consider this petition so a Committee from Local #1159 may be present:

RICHARD HOUSE	(S)	Secretary-Treasurer
HAROLD KOENIG	(S)	Wage Committee
ELDON LANKINS	(S)	Wage Committee

Copies to: Mayor Richard Long
 Commissioner George Helzer
 Commissioner Pete Laurs
 City Manager Robert Clute
 Oregon City Central Labor Council

The Mayor opened the meeting for discussion.

Richard House, Secretary of Local No. 1159, introduced those at the meeting who were speaking for the firemen. Mr. House stated that at the present wage level they were unable to maintain a decent standard of living. He read figures from the Labor Bureau supporting their demand. He stated that the median level for supporting a family was \$4579. He said that firemen had a skilled job and that they were not being paid what they were worth. He felt they were not being unjust inasmuch as the proposed school budget had listed \$3965 for a janitor.

Frank Fillpot of the Central Labor Council spoke in endorsement of the wage increase. He stated that the fireman's job was hazardous and asked if the budget could not contain certain wage increases.

Howard Klemesen spoke in favor of the \$30 wage increase for firemen. He felt that the town was unionized and that the Commission should consider this. He said that he did not want a labor turn-over in the Fire Department and that the firemen should be on an equal par with the paper mill. He said that firemen have to train constantly and have a 72-hour week and that we should protect skilled firemen and avoid the labor turn-over.

William Riggs spoke and stated that the lowest paid rate in the paper mill was \$1.84 per hour. He said firemen do not compare with this rate. He stated that firemen are skilled men and he desired to know that he had the very greatest protection available. He said that he never complained about taxes. He said that compared to the paper industry the firemen are entitled to whatever they can get.

E. J. Whelan from Portland, an officer in the Firemen's Association, spoke. He stated that he realized the tax law in Oregon binds city officials in their action but that no city is paying enough to its firemen. He felt that the firemen should be allowed to place the issue on the ballot. He further stated that firemen have to perform many functions and therefore serve as master firemen and that no fair-minded person would not allow the firemen to place their issue on the ballot.

Mr. Helge Trygg spoke and stated that he was grateful to the firemen for all past favors that they had done for him and spoke in favor of the wage increase.

Mr. Rod Davis, an officer in the Firemen's Association, spoke. Mr. Davis pointed out that wages are a matter of inducement to becoming a fireman. He said that firemen in Oregon City have to be better firemen than in Portland because it is a small town. Mr. Davis also spoke in favor of an expanded fire department.

Frank Fillpot again arose and stated that on the basis of a 72-hour week firemen were receiving only about \$1.20 per hour.

The Mayor then asked for questions from the floor.

Lloyd Minor asked what would happen if the ballot were not carried. He was told that the wage increase would then be out.

Fred Watson of the Street Department stated that he felt the wage increase should be for all city employees.

George Edwards of the Cemetery Department stated that it costs as much to feed his family as it does that of a fireman.

Ferrell Heater spoke and stated that he was also desirous of saying that the question of raises for all city employees be placed on the ballot.

Frank Fillpot again spoke and stated that, although others are not working under a 72-hour week, they should be considered.

The Mayor spoke and stated that he felt the request from the firemen should be denied and that any wage increase will and should include all employees of the city. He stated that all employees had always benefited under any blanket increase. He stated that the city is limited in its means of taxation but he cited increases in the past years to raise firemen to \$3960, which is a raise of about 40%. He said that although the Commission was inclined to want raises he cited the fact that the people turned down wage increases in 1953. He said that the city has tried to increase the fringe benefits for employees to compensate them for lower wages and he cited the sick leave policy which he felt was not surpassed anywhere. He also said that the present budget as proposed incorporates a health insurance plan for all employees. He said that they have tried to keep pace with other cities and even the paper industry, although he realized that the city probably could never compete fully with the paper industry.

Commissioner Helzer spoke and said he felt very bad about the whole situation in that things aren't getting cheaper. He stated that all employees are entitled to compensation if one group is to get it but he stated further that we cannot compare the city to private industry. He said that the city tried to meet each issue on its own merits but wondered how the city was going to increase wages without voter approval. He stated he realized that the employees wanted more take-home pay but he felt that all employees must be considered equally for any wage increase.

Commissioner Laurs spoke and stated that not only firemen but all employees are deserving of an increase. He said that all employees must be included as all are working for the city and the people and all must be treated alike.

Howard Klemsen again spoke and stated he felt that all employees should be included and that the question should be placed on the ballot. He stated that the employees had many friends amongst citizens and that the group should forget about the firemen's letter and speak only as a group and let the employees try to sell their plan.

Richard House stated that he only represented the firemen but all should be included.

Rod Davis said that the city must look at increases in other industry when considering employees.

The Mayor then stated that he wanted an expression of opinion from all employees on the issue of submitting the question on the ballot and that the issue must be determined by the employees in that they must determine whether or not they wish to submit the \$30 wage increase question to ballot vote or accept the health insurance plan as offered by the city.

Hayden O'Brien of the Fire Department spoke stating he did not think the insurance plan as offered by the city was worth the amount that the employees would pay. He stated that he only paid approximately \$2.00 for his plan now.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to Friday, April 13, 1956, at 10:00 A.M.

Zella Bowers
CITY RECORDER

Oregon City, Oregon, April 13, 1956

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

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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
Zella Bowers, City Recorder

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.