

SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1948

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A special meeting of the Council was held at the call of the Mayor on the seventh day of September 1948.

The meeting, which was called for the purpose of considering the purchase of surplus property in Kellogg Park, and such other matters as were necessary to come before the Council at this time, was called to order by Mayor Sperr.

Present: Mayor Sperr, Councilmen Hamlin, Mortensen, Frady, and Nelson; Manager Taber, Attorney Kirkpatrick and Recorder Martin.

A letter from H. W. K. Hartmayer, Chief Non-Industrial Division, War Assets Administration, Regional Office for Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho, was read. The letter stated that 56,263 acres, more or less, of Government owned land located in Kellogg Park, was for sale and that a fair value for this land had been established at \$25,318.35, and asked if the City of Milwaukie wished to exercise its priority bid. The purchaser would be required to take the whole amount of the land.

There was much discussion on the matter. The City is at this time in much need of a location for a Sewage Disposal Plant, a portion of this land had been recommended by the Consultant Engineers as a suitable location for this purpose. Attorney Kirkpatrick stated that William B. Adams, attorney for the Scott Estate, had contacted him and offered to sell to the City, whatever land was necessary for a disposal plant in the event the Scott Estate, original owners, were to purchase the land back from the Government. Attorney Kirkpatrick explained the City's priority rating which is ahead of the original owners.

It was moved by Frady and seconded by Hamlin that the City purchase 56.263 acres, more or less, in Kellogg Park, for \$25,318.35 as offered in a letter, dated August 25, 1948, from War Assets Administration, Regional Division for Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho, over the signature of H. W. K. Hartmayer, Chief Non-industrial Division. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by Frady and seconded by Nelson that the offer of the War Assets Administration be accepted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the same when approved by the City Manager and City Attorney. Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Kirkpatrick pointed out that, according to law, the property owners may bond for payment of sewer assessment in the amount of assessed value only and that all of the difference between the assessment and the assessed value must be paid before the property may be bonded.

The matter of rotating the working hours of the City Police came up for discussion. Manager Taber was asked why the rotating of hours was being done. Mr. Taber explained that no one had been demoted, that the rotation of hours was done in police departments of other cities as well as the State Police, that in his opinion it would be beneficial to the department as it had proven to be so in other places, that in a department with but three regular men it was necessary to rotate the Chief's hours but in a larger department it would not be necessary, and that until there are more men in the department he would be obliged to continue to rotate the Chief's hours.

It was moved by Mortensen and seconded by Sperr that the matter of department work with regard to Police department be dropped and that Manager Taber be given a vote of confidence. Motion carried and so ordered.

On motion duly made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Ellen Martin
Recorder