

January 26, 1981
Oregon, Illinois

The Council of the City of Oregon met in regular session Monday, January 26, 1981 at 5:30 P.M., City Hall building.

Present: James L. Barnes, Mayor and Commissioners Robert Aurand, Norman Collins, James Ludwig and Frank Svoboda. Absent: none.

Also present: City Attorney David Smith and City Clerk Julienne Crowley.

Mayor Barnes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ludwig moved the minutes of the January 12, 1981 meeting be approved as recorded. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved that the payroll in the amount of \$10,374.57 and claims as follow be allowed: Watcon, Inc., water department supplies, \$44.49; C. H. Ehmen Industries, water department electrical repair at reservoir, \$191.56; Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association, annual dues, \$10.00; Hough True Value Hardware, civil defense supplies, \$2.58; Wall Street Journal, subscription, \$63.00; J. H. Patterson Company, water department supplies, \$2.91; Garard, Moehle & Smith, services rendered by Attorney Smith as city attorney for January, \$166.65; Tracy Steward, Circuit Clerk, court costs collected on parking meter cases, \$195.00; Isham's Body Shop, street department vehicle maintenance, \$108.20; Della Long, janitor service city hall, \$20.00; Pineway Super Market, police and water departments' supplies, \$96.43; Badger Uniforms, police uniform accessories, \$11.83; Steve's Body Shop, street department vehicle maintenance, \$775.20; Welders Supply Company, street department shop supplies, \$15.84; Utility Equipment Company, water meter, \$53.05; Julienne Crowley, cash advanced postage, \$15.34; Commonwealth Edison Company, power, \$4,908.44; N-I Gas Company, gas service, \$998.50; Law Enforcement Equipment, police supplies, \$50.04; Stocking Equipment Company, street department equipment maintenance, \$18.14; Northern Illinois Mayor's Association, expenses for meeting at Maxson's Manor January 15, 1981, \$72.00. Seconded by Norman Collins.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Collins moved that Ordinance #845, an ordinance amending and supplementing Title 3, Chapter 2, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 concerning water and sewer rate of the City Code, introduced and filed for public inspection December 22, 1980 be passed - to become effective March 1, 1981. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved: In January 1981, the Aetna Insurance Company, holder of the City's Group Insurance coverage, gave notice in writing that coverage costs would be increased effective January 1981 and, WHEREAS, by Resolution #319, passed by the Council December 13, 1974, under Section III, the Council agreed to pay the entire cost of the group insurance program effective as of January 1, 1975 over and above the amount each employee is now assessed in accordance with coverage afforded.

NOW, THEREFORE, I move that the Council of the City of Oregon continue in its present policy and agree to again abide by Section III of Resolution #319 thus absorbing the entire increase for group insurance coverage effective January 15th due date in the amount of \$234.02 monthly. Seconded by Norman Collins.

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Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved that an Invitation for Bids for four mobile, two portables and one console radios for City Hall and city equipment be published in the Republican Reporter newspaper on January 29, 1981, with bid opening to be at noon February 19, 1981, City Hall building. Seconded by James Ludwig.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Ludwig advised the council he had talked to the Mayor of the City of Savanna in regard to about 85 parking meters the City of Savanna has for sale plus meter parts. He advised that they wanted between \$12.00 - \$15.00 each. After discussion, the council agreed to authorize the purchase of the meters and instructed the Clerk to contact the Savanna Chief of Police and make an offer of \$10.00 each for all of the meters.

Commissioner Ludwig advised the council that there are four lamp posts in the city that need to be replaced. He is going to check to see if posts can be located that are like the present ones.

The council discussed the joint meeting with the Park District in regards to the city transferring acreage to the Park District in the south west flood area. Commissioner Aurand will submit a letter to the Park District with the city's concerns.

Attorney Smith advised the council that Dick Johnson, manager of Rock Tool Company, Division of Greenlee, had contacted him in reference to the city issuing industrial revenue bonds. Smith advised Johnson to contact the city council on the matter.

Mayor Barnes advised the council that the Chamber of Commerce has a drive on to purchase some new Christmas decorations and inquired whether the city would purchase some. The council agreed not to participate in the purchase.

Attorney Smith submitted the following letter to the council:

January 20, 1981

Mr. James Barnes,
Mayor
City Hall
Oregon, IL 61061

Re: City Attorney as Park Commissioner

Dear Jim:

Since I spoke to you after the last Council meeting, I talked with Jim Grove, Park District Director. I asked him to obtain an opinion from the Park District's legal counsel concerning any conflict of interest which might be of concern to the Park District should I be successful in my efforts to be elected a Park District Commissioner. It's my understanding that the Park District, through its attorney, obtained information from the Attorney General's office of the State of Illinois and in their opinion there was no conflict unless the City and Park District would be involved in negotiations requiring the legal counsel of the City attorney who, in fact, was a board member of the Park District. I believe you and I discussed that potential conflict and felt it could be easily resolved by the City adopting a resolution that should that precise circumstance arise, the City would obtain counsel other than myself or our firm for the limited purpose of the Park District negotiations.

I see no reason to present such a resolution to the

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Council now, but if I am elected, I would request the Council's consideration of such a resolution. Possibly at the next meeting you might bring the matter up for an expression of opinion by the Council members so there aren't any surprises later. I'll leave it to your discretion. Thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

GARARD, MOEHLE & SMITH, P.C.

/s/ Dave

David A. Smith

DAS:bep

The council agreed that they have no objection or can see no problem with Attorney Smith running for the Park Board.

Mayor Barnes advised the council that he has received a letter from the Illinois Liquor Commission setting the date for the Tradewinds hearing, February 18, 1981 in Springfield. He later received a phone call from the Commission stating to disregard the notice, the hearing will be in Chicago and a date submitted later.

Mayor Barnes advised the council that J. R. McInturff has submitted an application for a liquor license for Third and Washington Streets.

The application is for Just Right Lounge, Inc. and was submitted on January 16, 1981.

There being no further business, Commissioner Aurand moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Adjourn: 7:05 P.M.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk