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Oregon, Illinois

The Council of the City of Oregon met in regular session Monday, August 22, 1983 at 7:00 P.M., City Hall building.

Present: James Barnes, Mayor and Commissioners Norman Collins, Elma Braden, James Ludwig and Frank Svoboda. Absent: None.

Also present: City Attorney David Smith, Deputy Clerk Claudia Robertson and Chief of Police Robert Jones.

Mayor Barnes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ludwig moved that the minutes of the August 8, 1983 meeting be approved as recorded. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

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

Commissioner Collins moved that the payroll in the amount of \$13,494.52, the band payroll in the amount of \$1,337.00 and claims as listed be allowed: James Barnes, Mayor, expenses attending Rock River Development meeting, \$20.00; Garard, Moehle and Smith, David Smith, services rendered as City Attorney, \$166.66; Ogle County Collector, second installment 1982 real estate taxes, \$17.83; Garard, Moehle & Smith, P.C., legal expenses, \$154.00; Brown's Electric Service, Mix Park contractual service, \$344.79; Lindgren, Callihan, Weaver & Van Osdol, Ltd., City audit, year ended 4/30/83, \$3,300.00; Commonwealth Edison, electric service, \$568.58; Oregon Auto Supply, Inc., parks and street departments, equipment maintenance, \$58.75; Certified Laboratories, street department maintenance material, \$85.46; Swanson Brothers Construction, sidewalk repairs, \$1,170.00; P. & W. Supply Company, street department maintenance material, \$32.50; Oxford Chemicals, street maintenance material, \$186.12; Duncan Industries, parking meter maintenance materials, \$404.12; C. H. Ehmen Industries, street lighting maintenance and City Hall building repairs, \$606.81; Della Long, City Hall janitor service, \$15.00; W. B. McCloud & Company, pest control, \$12.00; Sterling Business Machines, Inc., office equipment, \$269.08; Postmaster, postage, \$200.00; Julianne Crowley, City Clerk, cash advanced, postage and water department chemicals, \$25.32; B. C. Energy & Services Company, gasoline, \$2,241.03; Northern Illinois Gas Company, street department and disposal plant gas service, \$281.52; Sewer Equipment Company of America, water department equipment, \$100.60; Aqualab, Inc., water samples, \$37.00; Aurand's For Family Fun, disposal plant maintenance material, \$10.95; J. H. Patterson

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water department material, \$7.45. Seconded by Elma Braden.

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

Mayor Barnes introduced Mr. John Lindhorst who is interested in Council backing to organize an Oregon Community Chorus. Mr. Lindhorst described eligible voice categories and types of music to be sung. He proposed rehearsal and concert dates and a budget. Mayor Barnes advised Mr. Lindhorst that the Council would study his proposal.

Mayor Barnes recognized Mr. Pat Donahue who addressed the Council as a representative of the Oregon JayCees. The JayCees wish to organize a "Fun Run" during Autumn on Parade. Mr. Donahue outlined the proposed route, stated that manpower would be lined up by the JayCees, and asked the Council's permission to use City streets and to block off Jefferson Street at Tenth - west.

Attorney Smith advised there would be no liability problem as long as the City would do no supervision. Chief Jones requested that the runners stay in single file.

The Council agreed the JayCees could hold the "Fun Run".

Mayor Barnes recognized Mr. Messenger who inquired about the status of his package liquor license application for the Kopper Kettle Restaurant. He was told that nothing had been done.

Mr. Larry Brinkman announced he has a possible buyer for his property at 302 Illinois Street if the Council would agree to drop condemnation proceedings. The buyer would make the house livable. The Council agreed it might drop proceedings if the buyer can show he has financing, etc. to bring the property to the standards set by Ogle County Health Officer Mike Williams and the City Council within a particular time frame.

Mrs. William Hobbs presented the Council pictures showing storm water drainage problems in the First Street, Water Street and Webster Street area. She requested that tile or a storm sewer be installed. City Engineer McMullen is to study the problem and report to the Council at the next meeting on September 12, 1983.

Mrs. Hobbs also requested a yield sign to be installed on First Street at Webster Street to slow hot-rodgers. Commissioner Ludwig agreed to study

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the problem.

Mrs. Hobbs then reported that a weed and mosquito problem exists in the same area which is to be checked by Commissioner Braden.

Attorney George Fisher representing the proprietors of The Cafe of Conover Square inquired about the status of their liquor license application. City Attorney Smith inquired if the business was owned by a corporation and was told it was a sole proprietorship in joint tenancy. Attorney Smith advised the application should have only one name and would be complete with a copy of the assignment of lease and a surety bond. Mayor Barnes noted that the application was for an existing liquor license.

Gerald Medlar was present for a decision on his liquor license application for a proposed bowling alley on Pines Road. The application has been on file since July 1, 1983. During lengthy discussion Mayor Barnes brought up the problem with minors and stated that minors will have to be kept out of the bar area. Attorney Smith pointed out that the bar area will have to be physically secured during the hours liquor cannot be sold. Because the City code will have to be changed, Attorney Smith suggested the interested parties survey surrounding cities and bring back ideas to the Council. Chief Jones stressed that only bowlers should be permitted to drink in the bowling area. Spectators should be permitted to drink in the bar area only and that the proprietors would have to police minors.

Mayor Barnes moved that an ordinance be drawn providing: 1) Increasing the number of Class A licenses by two (2); 2) Excepting restaurants from requirements of first floor location for licensed premises; 3) special conditions for liquor service in bowling alleys. Seconded by Norman Collins.

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

Commissioner Svoboda reported that the cost to hire a crane for disposal plant work would be \$48.00 per hour.

Chief Jones commented that the shelter and benches behind Conover Square look nice and that "No Drinking" signs are needed.

Commissioner Braden announced that she would begin to issue letters regarding junk vehicles beginning Tuesday, August 23rd.

Commissioner Svoboda informed the Council that employee Harry Fletcher wishes to take a water treatment correspondence course from Southern

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Illinois University at a cost of \$50.00. The Council agreed Mr. Fletcher could take this course.

Commissioner Collins and employee Glenn Bennett reported on Mix Park renovation. The water in the statue area has been shut off because children have been hauling dirt from the torn-up area and creating a muddy mess. The tennis court area is still not leveled and Commissioner Ludwig was asked if the street department could do this work. Commissioner Collins noted that the leveling was needed soon so that landscaping could be done this Fall. Commissioner Ludwig suggested hiring outside help because he doesn't think the City machine is big enough for the job. Commissioner Collins advised Mr. Bennett to contact Leonard Bruns to do the work. Commissioner Ludwig said that Street Superintendent Bacon would try first.

Mr. Bennett also announced that seeding and fertilizer had been ordered. He informed Attorney Smith that he would like to have the fire escape from Nash School demolition, now Park District property. Mr. Smith advised Mr. Bennett to contact Jim Grove.

Mayor Barnes noted that the City Clerk had approved a raffle license for the Oregon Rotary Club to be held from August 24, 1983 through October 2, 1983.

Mayor Barnes informed the Council that a liquor license application had been received from Canyon Company, d/b/a Casey's General Store. The Council agreed that a reply should be sent stating that no package liquor license is available and that they have no proof that the store is not closer than 100 feet from the Church of the Nazarene.

Mayor Barnes read a letter from Municipal Maintenance, Inc. expressing appreciation for cooperation received from the water department, police department and the street department during the time they were working in Oregon.

City Engineer Dennis McMullen presented the Council with an estimated cost breakdown for First Street water main from Jefferson Street to Washington Street and reported on various projects.

The condition of Fourteenth Street in Wright Subdivision was discussed. Attorney Smith stated that the City needs no bid to make emergency repairs and that the City has various leverage for forcing the developer to comply with specifications. They are: (1) issuing no building permits (2) placing a lien and (3) starting suit.

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Commissioner Ludwig and Mayor Barnes recommended sending a letter to Larry Wright giving him 90 days to come up with a solution (engineering plans) for work to be done in the Spring of 1984 - with a finish date. The letter should state that the City is not responsible for damage to the street during plowing.

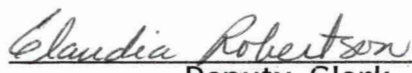
There being no further business Commissioner Braden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by James Ludwig.

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

Adjourn: 8:45 P.M.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


Deputy Clerk