

Bethel City Proposal Tops Busy Agenda for Council

Eugene City Council consideration of the formation of the proposed Bethel City northwest of Eugene will apparently be the high point in the regular meeting at the Eugene city hall Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The council became involved in the issue last week, when Ray Siegenthaler proposed that the city take some definite steps to study Bethel problems. His aim is to see if the city wants to annex any part of the Bethel Water District.

The council plans to make a tour of the district Monday at 9 a.m. and will make a full report on the trip and other details at the meeting Monday night.

ELECTION CANVASS

There will also be an official canvass of the special election vote held in the city on May 21. Two issues were at stake: the special levy for sewer improvements for the city, a five-year plan; and the referendum zoning issue involving land on the north side of the Millrace in East Eugene.

The council will also report on appraisals of land owned by Eugene and School District 4. The appraisals were made by three Eugene men in an attempt to determine values of land at the Dunn School site—proposed location of a new southside fire station; at the old Lincoln School site; and the city-owned land between 12th and 18th Ave. on the east side of Chambers St.

The school board is seeking portions of the latter tract of land for construction of school facilities, while the city would like to acquire the district-owned land for the fire station and parks development.

ANNEXATION ISSUES

Annexation of the land east of Jefferson St. between the present city limits and the south lots of Kretz Rd. will be at issue too.

The city planning commission recommended that Eugene annex a portion to permit relocation of the area of Jefferson St. and to provide for the opening of Lincoln St. adjacent to the new Frances Willard School at 29th Ave.

Another annexation proposal will be made in a committee report to the full council. That will include land surrounding the Sears Roebuck Co. warehouse in the Riverview and Augusta St. area. Main purpose of this move will be to obtain land and right-of-way for a proposed trunk sewer into the Riverview district.

Such sewer plans for the summer construction period will be the topic of another council report. City Manager Robert Finlayson and Engineer W. C. Clubb will complete the listing of proposed projects for construction this year.

There will be other reports on the rezoning to central business use all of the land on both sides of W. 6th and 7th Ave. from Tyler to Taylor St.; a special committee report on paving assessment costs; vacation of part of Oak Grove Dr.; vacation of streets in the Amazon park area;

applications for package beer licenses by the Safeway Store at 13th and Franklin Blvd. and the Foodlands, 19th and Hilyard St.; and bids for paving the alley between Pearl and High St. from 6th Ave. to the alley between 6th

and 7th, the alley between 22nd and 23rd Ave. from Alder to Kincaid St., and the sidewalk installation along the north side of 23rd Ave. from Hilyard to University St., and along the south side of 23rd Ave. from Onyx to Emerald St.

Ray Describes Development of Bethel Plan; Meeting Slated

A special Bethel Water District incorporation committee, headed by Chairman Harry Ray, Saturday sought to clarify the committee's stand on the formation of Bethel City.

The move came in what Day described as a "background" explanation prior to a Tuesday night meeting of Eugene councilmen, planning commissions, county commissioners and the committee.

The group will presumably discuss boundaries of the proposed city, effects of possible annexation to Eugene, and other issues.

The meeting will be held at the county courthouse and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public has been invited.

Ray pointed to the history of the Bethel incorporation move as an "open and aboveboard" attempt to find some solution to growing drainage problems of the large area.

"The drainage problem of the area within the Bethel Water District boundaries in the past few years has increased every year and this last winter it was very bad," he said. "No area in the district was completely free of a serious drainage problem and a public meeting was called to try to find a good, sound, workable answer to this problem."

At this meeting on Feb. 11, according to Ray, everyone agreed on the problem and Attorney Donald Husband explained some of the legal barriers to solution. An initial committee was appointed from those present at the session, and others were named later.

OTHER AREAS STUDIED

The full committee then met two nights each week for several weeks to discuss means of solving the problems, Ray said. It was at the second meeting that the committee actually talked of one means of solution—formation of a drainage district.

But, according to Ray, this would not prove feasible, so the committee went on to other possibilities.

On Feb. 18, he said, the committee met with Mark Westling, secretary of the League of Oregon Cities, and Herman Kehrli, director of the League, for information on incorporation and annexation. Budgets of other cities the size of the Bethel community (5,000 persons) were studied.

The next night, Ray added, the committee met to consider some of the prospective budgets. The following week, the committee met with Eugene Mayor V. Edwin Johnson, City Manager Robert Finlayson and Councilman Carl

Koppe. They discussed immediate and long-range benefits of annexation of Bethel to Eugene.

3 MORE MEETINGS

Then in three successive meetings, the committee talked with Kenneth Spies of the state board of health and Victor Morgan, of the Lane County Health Department; met and unanimously approved minor incorporation for the district, and then met to prepare a final draft of an outline of the study.

This outline was presented to residents of the district at subsequent public meetings, according to Ray. He and Milton Buehler, one of the committee members, drafted the proposals and results of all the meetings.

COUNCIL SAID 'UNFAIR'

The committee's outline, Ray explained this week, will be the subject of his comments at the Tuesday night meeting. He explained that all of the committee's considerations and qualifications are listed in the document, and that this will be the same as presented to the people when the committee recommended incorporation on a limited scale.

He also charged that the city council has not been fair in dealing with them in the latest move. Ray maintained that a council committee agreed to meet with them before making any Eugene plans public and before the city fathers took any action toward aggressive study and support of annexation of Bethel.

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BYRON PRICE
Leaves EWEB Job

Price Leaves For BPA Job

Byron Price, assistant to Eugene Water & Electric Board Superintendent Ray Boals for the past year, left Eugene Friday for his new post as assistant chief of the Bonneville Power Administration.

Price, 38, was named to the federal post on May 27 by BPA Administrator William A. Pearl. Actually Price will be on duty with Army reserve forces for the next two weeks. He will report at the Portland office of the BPA as of July 6, he said in Eugene this week.

Price has a long record of engineering duties, including many years' service with the Corps of Army Engineers in the Northwest. He has worked in this capacity under the command of Ralph Tudor, now under-secretary of interior.

Price is married and has two children. While in Eugene he served as chairman of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Industries Committee.

July 4 Show At Howe Field Biggest Ever

The Eugene Active Club's sixth annual Fourth of July fireworks show was shaping into a "grand 'n glorious" event Saturday as officials continued preparations for the biggest display ever.

The show is scheduled for Howe Field on the University of Oregon campus. It will include a regular program for children before the giant fireworks display.

This portion of the event will start at 7:30 p.m., to be climaxed by a drawing for a bicycle. At 9:15 p.m., according to program chairman Ted Mohr, the Activists will set off the first of more than 240 aerial shells and nine set pieces.

Mohr said that the display this year will have better timing than in the past, with displays set off more rapidly. He added that seating capacity has been increased from 30,000 to 40,000.

The show will be open to the public without charge, but there will be containers available for contributions. All proceeds will be given to the Crippled Children's Fund.

Aldrich Rites On Monday

Services for Henry W. Aldrich, Eugene and Portland lumberman who died Thursday night, have been set for Monday.

Private services will be at Finley's Mortuary in Portland at 11:30 a.m., with burial in River-view Abbey.

The family has asked that contributions be made to the Oregon Heart Assn., or St. Mark's Episcopal Church in lieu of flowers.

Mr. Aldrich, partner with his son in the H. W. Aldrich Lumber Co. of Eugene, moved to Portland three years ago. He died at Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 70.

Five Irving 4-H's Back from Dairy Tour

IRVING—Five of the Clover-leaves 4-H Livestock Club were among the tired but happy group of 31 4-H club members to return Monday night after a three-day dairy tour. They were Lyle Johnson, Phyllis Koele, William Cook, Robert Bronson and Frank Chandler. Lyle Johnson said it seemed rugged when it rained

too hard one night and they had to go under cover. Phyllis reported that the part that was, to the most of them, the most impressive was the ferry ride across the wide mouth of the Columbia River. She said the ten-mile trip across took about thirty minutes each way. Each one wished he could go again.

Actress Has Son

HOLLYWOOD—Actress Phyllis Nulty, was born Thursday to Dr. James McNulty, a gynecologist, and a nurse, Dr. Bernard Nulty, at the birth in a hospital.

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