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State Urges Sewer Vote

Sanitary Authority Points To Gross Pollution Threat

CITY MUST GIVE ESSENTIAL SANITATION SERVICES AND CORRECT DISPOSAL METHOD

If the voters of Beaverton would only realize the extremely urgent need for a municipal sewer system, they would overwhelmingly approve the proposed three-chapter amendments proposed by the city council, declares the Oregon state sanitary authority, in a communication to Mayor Paul Knepp which points out serious nuisance conditions and public health hazards that must be corrected.

Voters, on August 25, will be called upon to vote, at the council chambers in city hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 9 p. m., daylight saving time, on three charter amendments which will authorize the city of Beaverton to construct and maintain a complete sewer collection and disposal system.

All qualified voters of Oregon, who have lived in the city of Beaverton since June 25, will be eligible to vote on this issue. There is no requirement that voters own property in the city.

Beaverton has been on the state sanitary authority's list of cities maintaining dangerous pollution hazards in its method of sewage disposal for about nine months. In December, the authority issued a demand that this situation be cleaned up and threatened to use all means at its command—including condemnation proceedings and installation by the state of an adequate disposal system.

In a letter of August 6, from Curtiss M. Everts, jr., secretary and chief engineer of the sanitary authority, the following communication was addressed to the mayor and city council:

"Gentlemen: We have been advised that on August 24, the city of Beaverton, Oregon, is to vote on a \$225,000 bond issue for the purpose of financing the construction of a municipal sewerage collection system and sewage treatment plant.

"You will recall that in a communication from the state sanitary authority dated December 1, 1947, it was pointed out to the city council that the present individual sewage disposal methods employed by your private residences and business and commercial establishments are extremely inadequate. As a result, serious nuisance conditions and public health hazards have been created.

"Furthermore, the waters of Beaverton creek have become grossly polluted by the sewage effluents from septic tanks and storm water drains. It was further pointed out in our letter of December 1 that such conditions are in direct violation of state statutes and, therefore, must be corrected.

"It should be realized that the city of Beaverton is a rapidly growing community, that because of this growth it is becoming more congested and its problems of sewage disposal are, day by day, increasing in seriousness. Your city is now practically surrounded by very progressive and extremely desirable residential developments, most of which have already installed adequate sewerage facilities. If your city is to keep pace with these suburban areas, it must likewise provide these most essential sanitation services.

"We are confident that if the voters realize the extremely urgent need for a municipal sewerage system, they will approve overwhelmingly the fiscal program proposed by the city council.

"Very truly yours, Oregon State Sanitary Authority."

Progressives Of County Sponsor Politics Rally

A political rally sponsored by the Washington county Progressive party will be held at Huber community hall Thursday, August 19, at 8 p. m.

Purpose of the meeting will be to present to the public the program of the new party and to introduce candidates, including Theodore Welcott, Yamhill farmer and a former navy commander, candidate for representative, first congressional district.

Present plans also call for the appearance of Michael Loring of Portland, who has gained national renown for his singing of Progressive party songs, especially at the Philadelphia convention. He is also a candidate for the state legislature.

All interested persons are invited to attend. A question and answer discussion period will follow the speeches.

City Manager Reports

By M. M. Romig

I hope Beaverton citizens will be patient with us. There are so many street improvements and other building or construction items needed that we simply can't get them all organized, let alone find the men or machines to do the work. We are well aware that the fall rains will begin before we get everything done.

We gave Erickson avenue folks assurance that the surfacing there will be done this fall and we intend to keep that promise. The same is true for work on 9th street.

The special election on August 25 to authorize construction of a sewer system for Beaverton will present to the voter three separate amendments to the city charter. These amendments are all interrelated to authorize the city to construct and operate a sewer system. A voter should vote "Yes" on all three or "No" on all three.

The first amendment adding Section 8-A gives authority to build and operate a sewer system, including the right to "acquire by gift, purchase, grant or condemnation, the necessary lands and rights-of-way therefore, either within or without corporate limits of the City of Beaverton."

Section 8-B details the method of financing the treatment plant, pumping stations and main trunk sewers. The text is as follows:

The city council may construct that part of the foregoing facilities consisting of a treatment plant, outfall sewers, trunk sewers, main sewers, and pumping plants, as an entire unit or as separate units, in order to provide the City of Beaverton with a basic sanitary sewerage system, and they may construct storm water sewers together with all appurtenances as an entire unit or as separate units; and the council may provide that the same, or that part so constructed, will be paid for by all of the residents of the city or property owners therein, regardless of whether their property is to be actually connected with or presently served by said systems or units.

To pay the cost thereof, the city council is hereby authorized to issue not to exceed \$225,000.00 in sewer bonds which are to be paid by a sewer revenue charge against all water users within the city and which shall not be less than \$1.25 per month for each one family residential unit, with additional charges for additional water use, and which are to be added to the water bills and collected as a part thereof.

Said charges are to continue so long as any of the sewer bonds issued remain unpaid and are not to be reduced below this minimum figure until the city has at least two years requirements on hand for the interest upon and maturing principal of all of the outstanding sewer bonds, and if so reduced they shall be established at this minimum figure when the existing funds fall below this amount.

Said bonds are to further provide that if the funds collected by said sewer revenue charge shall ever be insufficient to pay the interest upon and maturing principal of said sewer bonds, the city council shall levy an ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the city sufficient to pay the deficiency.

I wish to point out that the \$225,000.00 is maximum for the bond issue, and \$1.25 a month minimum for sewer revenue charge. It is hoped that all the authorized bonds need not be sold and it is possible the monthly charge may be \$1.50 at the start.

Next week we shall discuss Section 8-C which deals with the sewer lines in the streets financed by assessments against benefitting property.

ON SUNDAY

James C. Lyon from Vancouver, Wn., and Mr. and Mrs. William Owens of Portland spent Sunday at the J. A. Pederson home. Mr. Lyon is the father of Mrs. Pederson.

FROM LAKEVIEW

Miss Jenny Carroll of Lakeview is visiting with Ruby Boyd and Mrs. Wilmot in Sorrento.

Spontaneous Householders Meat Strike

BEAVERTON WOMEN JOIN IN GROWING PROTEST ON PRICE

Starting from the fact that practically everyone is complaining about unreasonable food prices that are eating into the weekly paycheck, housewives of the area have responded spontaneously and by urging in a widespread meat strike which was expressed by a withholding of meat purchases on last Saturday.

In Beaverton, acting on their own initiative, a group of housewives under the direction of Mrs. B. H. Bettcher, 710 S. E. Hampton street, called every phone number in the Beaverton directory.

Explaining their purpose, the callers suggested that housewives refrain from purchasing meat at a price of over 60c per pound at any time and not to buy meat at all on last Saturday. Very few householders contacted objected to the protest move. Almost unanimously, support was pledged to an all-out fight against continually mounting prices and promises made that for the current week they would hold meat purchases to a bare minimum.

This action should not be confused with the organized meat strike originating in Portland and Multnomah. As Mrs. Bettcher explains it, the idea occurred to her that it would be a way for housewives to do something in a situation about which most people have great reason to complain.

Assisting in the telephone campaign were Mrs. L. R. Martin, Mrs. Grace Cummings, Mrs. A. J. Brennan, Mrs. Lou Kerwin and Mrs. Lillian Best. Many report that women declared it was "just what we've been waiting for."

With some, the word "strike" scared some women who immediately conjured up a picture of themselves on a picket line.

Mrs. Martin, one of the spark-plugs of the drive, said "we don't believe it is actually the butcher's fault that he must charge such unreasonable prices for meat. It goes to deeper, basic sources than that. But we must let the country know that something is being done about it."

"We called butcher shops, too. Most of them were willing to cooperate in seeking price relief, some even offering to close up shop entirely for a week, to make the campaign more decisive. Others, however, were not too enthusiastic."

All the women who conducted the phone solicitation did so at the expense of their regular household duties, such as canning, and other tasks. Early this week, they are still busy "catching up" with neglected work and are awaiting the next move the situation will require.

State Holds Street Work In Beaverton

IMPROVEMENTS ON EAST AND LOMBARD LACK JOB BIDDERS

City work on East and Lombard streets, started by the city of Beaverton in anticipation of promised co-operation by the state highway commission, as a form of gas-tax rebate, came to a full halt Wednesday morning, upon receipt of information that the job was postponed because of a lack of bidders to do the work.

The city had made extensive arrangements to prepare both streets for surfacing, by removal of dirt and filling in with rock, as well as the laying of tile and otherwise meeting the demands of the state department.

When the word was received at the city hall that the deal had fallen through and would probably be postponed for action until the September meeting of the commission, it was necessary to immediately halt city work until the bid is awarded.

The city manager declares he thought that at least one contractor had looked at the job and was supposed to have readied a bid. However, at time of the meeting, reportedly none had been received.

BIKE DERBY SAT. NITE



RAPIDLY NEARING TOP CONDITION for this season's high school football campaign, Beaverton's new athletic plant includes a cinder track and turfed midfield as well as baseball and softball diamonds to be installed at the left hand side of the picture.

The grandstand has been completely renovated for use on August 14 when the Kiwanis Bike Carnival officially opens the field. Fifteen boys and girls races will be run off on the cinder track while the Multnomah County Motorcycle Corps will present thrilling exhibitions in midfield.

(Photo by Harrell-Beaverton 4988)

First Event Initiates Hi School Field

THRILLS AND RACE EVENTS BILLED ON ANNUAL PROGRAM

Realizing a long-time dream of school planners, Beaverton high school's new athletic field will be officially dedicated on August 14, when the local Kiwanis club sponsors its first annual Bike Carnival, with thrills, races, special prizes and fun for all. The evening program will go to the club's fund for the assisting of lesser-privileged children of the area. Over 75 youngsters had signed up for the event, at present time.

Racing events, with description and prizes offered, have been listed by the committee in charge:

1. Boys, 6 to 9 years, 1/2 lap, bicycle horn.
2. Girls, all ages, 1/2 lap, bicycle light.
3. Boys 10' and 11 years, 2 laps, carry-all basket.
4. Boys, 12 and 13 years, 1/2 lap, scout knife.
5. Boys, 14 years and up, potato shuttle (4 boys with a potato, 100 yards each) 1 flashlight to each on winning team.
6. Boys, 6 to 9 years, 1 lap, bicycle light.
7. Girls, all ages, 1 lap, bicycle horn.
8. Boys, 10 and 11 years, 1 lap, ping pong set.
9. Boys 12 and 13, 2 laps, Ex-acto set.
10. Boys, 14 and up, 1 lap, tennis racket.
11. Boys, 6 to 9 years, walk-ride (walk quarter lap, ride quarter lap, walk quarter lap, ride quarter lap, bicycle tire).
12. Boys, 10 and 11 years, 2 laps (1/2 each) pony express—4 boys with 1 bike on each team—flashlight to each member of winning team.
13. Boys, 12 and 13, 4 laps, archery set.
14. Girls, all ages, stunt race 100 yards (ride away but regularly), tire tube.
15. Boys, 14 and up, 4 laps, speedometer.

An outstanding feature event will be the appearance of the Multnomah County Police Motorcycle corps, talented saddle experts who have been operating as a group for the last ten years, except for the wartime interlude. This motorcycle drill team organization is composed partly of regular county motorcycle cops and partly of reserve officers.

Their exhibition has been gaining mounting attention, by reason of its showing up and down the Pacific coast and into Mexico. The members of the posse have put in countless hours of hard practice throughout the years, to perfect their daredevil offerings.

Gates will open, at the new high school field, at 7 p. m. on August 14, with the events scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. Prizes will also be awarded to members of the audience, with a complete Beautyrest mattress awaiting some fortunate spectator.

The net proceeds of this affair will go toward the funds of the club, in its increasingly important work among lesser privileged children of the area. Tickets may be obtained at all places of business displaying placards describing the event.

Beaverton Grad Associates With Co-op Ass'n, East

Dr. Ivan Bierley, who graduated from Beaverton high school in 1932, has taken a post as assistant manager of a large co-operative association in the eastern states, according to word received.

Bierley, who helped his high school debate team win honors in northwest Oregon, studied agricultural economics at Oregon State college, receiving MA and PHD degrees. He then went to work in the New York state agricultural department, covering county fairs, farmer clubs and similar gatherings in behalf of agricultural education.

During his employment there, he took movie shots of farmers and their short cuts in handling herds and doing other farm work. With this, he was chosen to go to Great Britain in 1948, where he exhibited the film before farmer organizations.

Post Office Signs Up For New Location

START AUGUST 15 CONSTRUCTION TO READY BY NOV. 1st

The post office department has signed a lease for 2500 feet in the front of a new building to go up at the rear of the Beaverton Hardware, according to Marble Cook, Cook and Ed Zumwalt are joint lease-holders and their new building will be 40 feet by 100 feet, of locked pumice slab construction.

Paul Tigard, of United Builders, will direct the construction, which will cost an estimated \$20,000. The same fixtures are now in use by the Beaverton post office will be installed in the new location, pending delivery by the government of new fixtures.

Floor will be of concrete with asphalt tile blocks. The alleyway will be paved and canopied for trucks and mail carriers. Front and side entrances will be provided.

Construction is set to begin on August 15, with completion set for occupancy by October 15 or November 1.

At the back of the building, the remaining 1500 feet of space will be used by the Beaverton Hardware for a plumbing department and warehouse.

Recital Guests Hear Play Back Of Piano Program

One of the outstanding musical events of the year in Beaverton was the piano recital of Miss Caryl Jean Short last Thursday evening in the residence-studio of her teacher, Miss Alice Clement.

Miss Short was first heard in a Prelude in A Minor and a Two-Part Invention in A Minor by Bach, followed by the E Minor Sonata by Haydn. Following this group of classics was a group of two Chopin waltzes and The Little Shepherd by Debussy. The romantic numbers of two etudes by Heller, and Traumerli by Schumann were her next choices. The program was closed with the brilliant three movement Concerto in A Minor by Jean Williams. The orchestral parts of the concerto were played at the second piano by Miss Clement.

A recording of the complete program was made without the knowledge of Miss Short until she heard some of her numbers coming from another room during the congratulations.

Bike Racers!

All boys and girls who wish to enter the first annual Kiwanis Club Bike Carnival, at Beaverton high school athletic field, August 14, are requested to meet Friday, August 13, at 7 p. m., in the Kiwanis hall, at Beaverton.

This will be the last chance for qualified youngsters to be entered in the big event. Marble Cook, chairman in charge of racing events, will prepare the official list of entries for each race at the Friday meeting.

If anyone wishes to enter the bike event but has not filled out an entry blank, he or she should attend this meeting for the purpose of getting lined up for the prizes and big time that is due August 14.

Vacation End Council OK's Grade School Opens Sept. 7

OREGON STATE LAW REQUIRES MEDICAL EXAMS - BEGINNERS

The long summer is drawing to a rapid close. School children who had been freed of the routine of class-room are beginning to ready themselves for a resumption of the old grind, in the first days of fall.

The Beaverton grade school sets September 7 as the opening date of the 1948-49 year. Repairs and improvements have been made on the grade school building and staff of instructors will be ready and waiting to start their annual chore of imposing the 3 R's on the younger set.

First day of school will hit the youngsters easily. Only half a day's session is scheduled, with pupils being registered and dismissed before noon. Wednesday, September 8, education will start seriously.

School buses will start running the same old routes as they followed last year. If population changes, during vacation, make it necessary, these routes might be shifted, to give the proper service.

Under provisions of the Oregon state school law, children beginning in the first grade must be at least six years of age on or before November 15. Also required is a complete physical examination of the first graders, before they enter school. This medical check-up may be done by the family physician but in every case, certificate showing the examination has been made must be presented at the start of school.

The teaching staff will remain unchanged except for the additions of William Smith, to teach upper grades and assist in physical education, and Errol Hassell, new grade school superintendent of district 48.

Bids on bonds for the new school will be opened on August 13, with construction due to begin on the new building behind Haskell shopping center shortly thereafter.

Oregon Pioneer Passes Away In Portland, Aug. 2

Resident of Oregon since 1903, Edward Rood, 75, route 1, Cornelius, passed away in a Portland hospital on August 2. There were no services held here, the body being shipped to Wisconsin for final interment because of numerous relatives there.

Mr. Rood was born September 4, 1873, in Sugar Creek, Wisconsin. Surviving in the county is his sister, Ina Rood, of Cornelius. Remains were in state on Wednesday afternoon, August 4, from 1 until 4 p. m. Private commitment was at the Riverview Abbey Crematorium. Peggy's Mortuary, Beaverton, was in charge.

PALM SPRINGS RETURN

Mrs. Arthur Mildorn of Palm Springs, Calif., returned to her home on Monday after her aunt Mrs. Sanford Rogers was taken back to the hospital for further treatment.

Council OK's Erickson Ave. Surface Job

DELEGATION OF 10 PROPERTY OWNERS AT AUG. 9 HEARING

At the August 9 special meeting of the Beaverton city council, to hear objections on the improvement of Erickson street from 3rd to below Berthold avenue, a delegation of ten property owners were present and seemed satisfied with the action of the council in declaring the improvement will begin at the earliest date possible. The council had passed the resolution on Erickson at its July 19 meeting, the job City manager Maurice M. Romig presented estimates that the job will require 160 cubic feet of rock, at a cost of \$360 and 4100 square yards of oil, at \$320, on the basis of a roadway (finished) 18 feet wide. Because of objections by property owners present, the council agreed to make the road 22 feet wide, as provided in the original resolution, even though it will mean a small additional charge.

The people present express strong dissatisfaction with the condition of Erickson street and particularly in the manner by which popular subscription was made for work already done there. It was pointed out that of 21 persons owning property on Erickson, 9 were reported to have paid into the voluntary fund for the primary work. Original specifications, it was added, did not include oiling of the street, that coming as an afterthought.

After a long range discussion, that included such subjects as parking, speeding, planting shrubs alongside the new high school athletic field, school zone speed limits and contractor vs. city construction method, the group of property owners expressed unanimous desire to see the job go ahead, on a 22 foot width basis, as soon as possible before start of the fall rains.

The council voted to have a street improvement ordinance prepared and to proceed with the job.

The city fathers also voted to turn \$50 license fee collected from the recent carnival, which played on Canyon road last month, over to the volunteer fire department. The fire department cleaned up the carnival mess left, cutting the grass and burning up the refuse.

City manager reported that a petition has been sent into the state highway commission for lights at Cedar and East streets.

With no objections being heard from the proposition of improving 11th street, the council voted to go through with the job.

Also authorized was \$1400 purchase of an oil truck.

AUTHORITY ON ZION

Rabbi Philip Klemman, minister of the Neveh Zedek congregation church in Portland will speak on "World Brotherhood" at the First Methodist Sunday, August 15 at 11 o'clock. He is a Pacific Northwest Zionist authority on the present Palestinian problems. All are welcome.

NEAR AMITY

Mr. and Mrs. M. Romig and family spent Sunday with Mr. Romig's brother and family near Amity, Oregon.