

Nuisances Fill Agenda At Council Meeting

It might well have been called "nuisance night" at the city council meeting Monday evening.

Dogs, bugs and an old building all came in for shares of the discussion. At the end of the meeting, it appeared that something more than "just talk" will be done about each.

While the dog problem is a perennial one for city councils everywhere, those city dads at the meeting Monday agreed that it is becoming serious in Heppner. City Attorney Bob Abrams will be asked to prepare an ordinance which may pave the way for better dog control. Chief of Police Gilman was requested to look into the matter of obtaining a pellet gun for catching the dogs, and to determine whether Dr. Jim Norene, veterinarian, would house and feed the animals for the required five days before they are disposed of.

County Found Ineffective

Chief Gilman said that it does no good to put dogs in the county pound.

"They take wire cutters and cut them out or spring the doors with tire irons," he said.

When the matter came before the council some two years ago, purchase of a pellet gun was considered. Gilman said that pellet-laden darts at the dogs would cost about \$125. The pellets act as a sedative and make the dogs easy to catch. Disadvantage is, he said, that different size dogs require different size pellets.

Councilman Haskell Sharrard said that the dog nuisance is so bad in his neighborhood that getting a night's sleep is a problem.

A leash law might not be the answer because dogs tied at night may howl more than those running free, Gilman said.

While it may be a little indefinite at this point what the decision will be, the mood of the council on the matter is stern, and the citizenry can expect some action for better dog control.

Bugs or Bees?

A tree that provides haven for insects, variously called "bugs" and "bees" by the councilmen, must be sprayed, the city fathers agreed after a complaint was brought to their attention. The tree is located in front of a home on Green street, between the sidewalk and the street, and

its "bugs" or "bees" are a nuisance in the neighborhood, it was pointed out.

After some discussion, it was decided that the property owner is responsible for the tree, and the city will request that it be sprayed to kill the insects, whatever they may be.

Shack to Go

Frank S. Parker had asked the city at the July council meeting to seek removal of an old shack near his residence. A committee was appointed to look into the situation and reported Monday night that it concurred that it should be disposed of. To this end, the council agreed to ask the property owner to dispose of it with the suggestion that the fire department might burn it for training in the fall.

To Pave Street

Earl Ayres asked the council to pave Skyline Boulevard, the street to his home from Chase, with the total cost to be assessed to Ayres. The council agreed, and City Superintendent Vic Groshens said that the paving is included in the current street repair program.

Water is Pure

Mayor Al Lamb read a card from the State Board of Health saying that six samples of city water comply with all U. S. Public Health drinking water standards. The board extended congratulations to the city and suggested that it continue these standards through the year, after which a certificate would be issued to the city.

Bridge Work Set

After two special council meetings during the past month on a bridge that leads to the Jim Hager property and is used by his dairy trucks, the council agreed to take responsibility for repairs to the bridge because it is located on a city street. It leads into Kirk street from Cannon.

There had been considerable discussion over whether Hager or the city was responsible for maintenance of the bridge. Groshens said that temporary shoring has been placed under the bridge to make it safe.

Permits for alterations and repairs were granted as follows: David McLeod, 535 N. Main, re-finish basement, new roof, \$2200; L. E. Dick, 260 N. Gilmore, new roof and concrete work, \$900; Fay Prock, 505 Elder, new roof on residence, \$70.

Dam Could Start In Three Years, Engineer States

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government assuming all of the cost: the irrigation feature would be partly reimbursable, equivalent to the users' ability to pay; water quality would be non-reimbursable; municipal and industrial use would be reimbursable; and that portion assigned to recreation would be partly reimbursable.

A new law passed by Congress enters into the recreation feature, he said. This requires a portion assigned to recreation to be repaid by some local or state agency. Included would be the campground facilities, planting the reservoir with fish, and similar items. The State Game Commission might take care of the fish, he said.

Steps Outlined

Meadowcroft outlined steps necessary before such a project could be in construction, two of which have already been attained by the Willow Creek project: 1. Securing of a Congressional resolution of authorizing a study. 2. Securing funds to undertake the study. (This study has been completed and has received favorable reports from all agencies involved).

Next step is approval in an Omnibus bill in Congress (where the Willow Project now stands—the Senate has approved and the House has its Omnibus bill under consideration). Approval in the Omnibus bill means that the project is eligible for construction.

"This does not mean that construction will start," Meadowcroft emphasized, "but it is a very important point. If it doesn't go through the Omnibus bill, the project terminates."

Study Cost \$500,000

Fourth step is request for funds for an advanced engineering study, which, if approved, would take about three years. Total estimated cost of a detailed study on this project is placed at about \$500,000.

By comparison, the study which was previously completed is only a preliminary study, Meadowcroft said.

Included in this detailed study would be these: 1. Foundation exploration and geologic studies, important to safe design. 2. Detailed hydrological and water supply studies, calling on the best hydrologists the engineers could secure, and analysis of long term water supply available. 3. Studies of the dam design. 4. Design of the channel through town with attention to disturbing the community as little as possible. 5. Making a land-use management survey. 6. Develop sports fishery requirements in conjunction with State and Federal agencies, and develop quality control with the State Board of Health. 7. Development of water use criteria and water rights analyses.

Local Steps Told

Four important local steps would be: 1. Irrigation and land use aspects study by landholders and water users. 2. Contracting with city for repayment of costs for municipal water supply. 3. Arranging for repayment of the share of the recreation costs in addition to annual maintenance costs on recreation facilities. 4. Furnishing rights of way on channel through town.

P. W. Mahoney asked questions in regard to riparian water rights and said that landholders along the creek would insist that these be protected.

Meadowcroft said that existing rights would be protected and those now irrigating who do not wish to participate in the storage water would still be permitted to use to the limit of their present rights. He said that it is hoped that those along the creek would find it so much more advantageous to have the improvement in their water use pattern—to have it available at the needed season of the year—that this would make it desirable for them to participate.

In answer to Mahoney's ques-

Lone Fire Truck Set for City Use

Lionis newly-purchased fire truck, a 1952 GMC, has been placed in service after purchase from Western States Fire Apparatus Co., Cornelius, through Heppner Auto Sales, Inc.

The city had intended to purchase a Seagraves truck from Sunnyvale, Calif., but decided on the GMC as a better buy. Mayor Charles O'Connor said. It was bought at a cost of \$10,200 but it will be necessary to add equipment costing about \$1600. Voters had approved purchase of the truck in a recent special election.

It was formerly owned by a rural fire district in Washington county and has passed all state tests for a 750 gallon-per-minute rating.

The city faces a new problem now that the truck is in service and the old truck is retired. It will not be available for out-of-town calls because it is wholly a city-owned truck and paid for by taxes levied only to city property owners.

The former truck was partly paid by donations, among those some from nearby farmers, and a now-disbanded rural district also helped, O'Connor said.

Mayor O'Connor said that he feels keenly for those living near town, since all are close friends and neighbors to the townspeople, and he said that something should be done to plan for their fire protection.

"Neighboring farmers should probably investigate the possibility of making an agreement for fire protection," he said.

He said that he planned to talk with County Judge Paul Jones to see if some plan might be devised for utilizing the old rig for rural use.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients who were admitted to Pioneer Memorial Hospital during the past week for medical care, and were dismissed, include the following: Nancy Fanger, Condon; Phyllis Cole, Lexington; William H. Johnson, Heppner; Belinda Meadows, Kinzua; Burton Peck, Condon; Douglas Gribble, Heppner; and Jerry Davidson, Heppner.

Admitted, and still receiving medical care, is Mildred Hunt, Heppner.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Guthberlet and daughter, Annette, who are on a three-month trip in the United States from their home near Adelaide, So. Australia, were week-end guests of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon and family. Rev. Guthberlet, who is pastor of a church in Australia, was guest speaker at the Methodist church on Sunday. He was acquainted with the Dixon family several years ago when they were ministers of churches in Southern Oregon.

Mrs. Wavel Wilkinson has returned home from a "perfect" vacation trip into Canada and Alaska. She accompanied her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scherzinger of Riverside, Calif., traveling north by car, transferring to boat while the car was being shipped from Port Rupert to the Alaskan port, then touring much of Alaska. They found about 1/3 of the roads still under construction, recovering from earthquake damages.

tion about drought years, in which he pointed out that the creek was virtually dry three years in a row in the 30's, Meadowcroft said that surveys show that the reservoir will "fill and spill" in about one-half of the years. Thus, in these years the supply would be more than necessary to fill it to capacity.

The engineer termed this a "worthy project" and pointed out that it has been in development for more than 20 years.

He reviewed statistics on the dam, which would be approximately 160 feet high with a capacity of 11,500 acre feet. Reservoir would extend about 1 1/2 miles up the Willow Creek channel and about one mile up Balm Fork.

Crews Start Work On Courthouse

"You'd never get me up there!" said Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman.

This was his comment in regard to Cliff Aldrich of lone painting the little ball at the top of the courthouse tower Wednesday, and the sentiment was shared by other onlookers.

But Aldrich's work, cost of which will be shared by the lone Lions club, typified the "current movement" to give the courthouse a bright new look.

It's a stem-to-stern project and Aldrich was working as far out on the "stem" as he could get.

Meanwhile a crew of men from American Services of Walla Walla is engaged in giving the courthouse interior a thorough cleaning, including painting of many of its rooms.

Earlier this year the county court appointed a "Renovation and Preservation Committee" for the courthouse to act in an advisory capacity. Mrs. Max Barclay was named chairman and members are Mrs. Paul Brown, Mrs. Verner Troedson, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Mrs. Harold Walker.

They made recommendations: 1. To thoroughly clean the entire building on the inside, this work to be done by professional janitorial services on a bid basis.

2. Entire entrance renovated, including immediate removal of all janitor's supplies by the stairwell. Bulletin boards removed, painted and made attractive.

3. Immediate cleaning and deodorizing of all rest rooms.

4. Immediate repair to linoleum on entrance to tax office and license division office floor.

5. (Relative to moving of school offices, which has been accomplished).

6. It is apparent that in the tax office crowded conditions are a hindrance to efficient operation.

7. In the license division we noted the sagging floor and would advise that the basement be given a thorough inspection to see if the structural condition can be remedied from there.

Work on most of these recommendations is now in progress, and the venerable courthouse should emerge epic and span with the most thorough housecleaning that it has encountered in its 63-year history.

American Services has received the contract for the following: Stripping, sealing and double waxing all floors on the main floor; cleaning all venetian blinds (about 40); cleaning all windows, inside and out; cleaning all light fixtures and relamping all fixtures with new or used tubes; washing assessor's office walls; washing walls in the main floor hall from front entrance to rear entrance.

These are being done at a cost

of \$766. In addition, the Walla Walla firm is painting the two former school offices, one of which is to be used by Justice of the Peace Earl Soward and the other as a room for use by juvenile counselors. They are painting the jury room, the health office, the photo copying room, and the vault room.

The same general color scheme will be used throughout the building in accordance with the advisory committee's recommendation, Judge Paul Jones said.

Complete remodeling and modernizing of the front entrance in accordance with a plan outlined by Stan Pavish of American Services is being considered. The back entrance will also be altered.

"We'll at least change the door to open to the outside, instead of the inside, to make it legal," the judge said.

Pavish also recommended that the court room benches be clean-

ed and waxed, or thoroughly cleaned, sanded and varnished. This item is under advisement.

Pavish recommended that all window sills be revarnished after old varnish is removed. He said the building custodian needs a storage area on the main floor for his equipment and advised obtaining a larger and more efficient floor scrubbing machine.

Other recommendations also have been made for consideration.

Work of adding a new face to one side of the clock is going forward this week while the tower and cupola from the main roof up is being painted by Aldrich.

Mr and Mrs. Clyde Pettyjohn and family are now making their home in Condon, where they moved about three weeks ago. Pettyjohn is employed at the Highland Machinery Co.

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Illness Claims Life of Member Of Wright Family

Funeral services for Joan (Wright) Zimmerman, 44, were held Tuesday, August 3, at 10 a.m. at the First Christian church, Heppner. Rev. Al Boschee presided over the memorial service. Interment was in River-view Cemetery, Portland, with Burns Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Zimmerman died Sunday, August 1, in St. Anthony hospital, Pendleton, after a lingering illness which kept her hospitalized the past three months. Born May 30, 1921, in Heppner, she was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Wright. She attended schools here, and after graduation took business training in Portland, where she worked for a few years prior to her marriage. She had also been employed at the Hermiston Telephone office.

On March 9, 1941, she was married to Richard C. Zimmerman in Heppner, and have since made their home in Hermiston.

Survivors include her husband, Dick, and two children, Bonnie Gene, 21, recently returned from service abroad in the Peace Corps, and Clayton Lee, 22, now stationed with the Navy in Viet Nam; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Wright, Heppner; three brothers, W. Clayton Wright, Pendleton; Robert N. Wright, Pilot Rock, and Albert Wright, Heppner, and several nieces and nephews.

Roaring Flames Raze Buildings

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a power winch and jointer. He felt that the jointer might be repaired.

No insurance was carried on the leveled buildings and their contents but the adjacent houses were insured, he said. His loss was estimated at several thousand dollars.

The Moores lost bicycles, garden tools and other items which were stored in one of the buildings.

Firemen answered the alarm at 6:10 p.m. Joining the crew of eight volunteers were a number of former firemen and townspeople. It was hot work because the flames, fed by the paint and other inflammable materials, quickly engulfed the building.

The propane tank explosion caused some fear that more explosions might occur, but firemen realized the tank was there and figured it would explode. No one was injured because it burst in such a manner that no fragments were thrown for a long distance.

Hoses were laid as far as Gale street, three blocks away.

Cause of the fire had not been determined definitely by Wednesday, but Keithley discounted any possibility of spontaneous combustion. He also said he had not been in the buildings for several days.


Stan Phillips, of John Day, deputy state fire marshal, was here investigating the fire Tuesday evening and late Wednesday afternoon.

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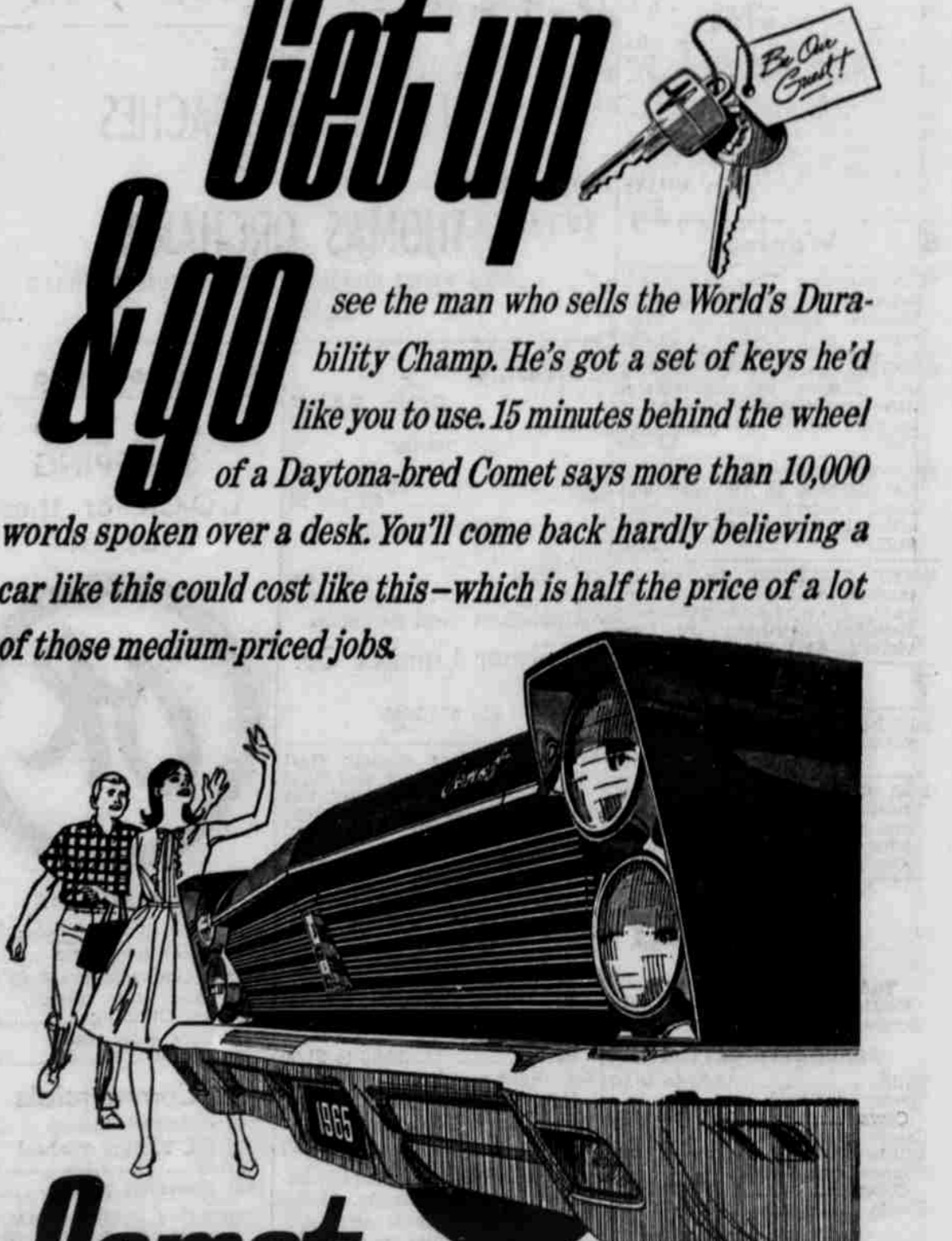
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