

State Commends Heppner Water

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Venard have been appointed to the city budget committee. Hold-over citizens members are Piri Howell, Gene Pierce and Glen Ward.

Carl Spaulding has been appointed budget officer. A working meeting on the budget was set by the council for April 1.

Seeks City Water:
Gall McCarty, who said that he has purchased some property northwest of town from Ed La-Trace, appeared to ask if the city would furnish his water to supply a new home that he will build.

Grosheens said that water lines on that side of the city are now pretty well overtaxed. McCarty said that he expected it would take about an 800 ft. line to reach the city system, which would be installed at his expense.

Councilmen expressed the feeling that they would like to sell the water if it were available. The matter was referred to the water committee for

study and recommendation. Two requests for new street lights were heard by the council and this brought up some general discussion on the street light system. Young suggested that when new lights were installed they should be of the mercury vapor type.

He said that the cooperative had made some alterations to the light at Gale and Water streets to help illuminate the intersection after it was asked at the last council meeting.

Permits Granted
Building permits were granted to Randall Peterson, \$2000, for construction of a new 2-car garage and to the Wagon Wheel Cafe for moving coolers, adding a new ceiling and making other improvements.

Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder, reported that she had received replies to inquiries about obtaining government assistance for making improvements to the water system. The inquiry was sent in relation to the discussion at the last meeting on the possible construction of a water main around the west side of the city from the reservoir to the high school.

The city will fill out a preliminary application form to determine what assistance might be given on such a project.

Engineer Chief Approves Plans For New School

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elementary at some length. tentatively placed in the budget is \$6000, which would provide for the laundry. It would be possible to buy reconitioned equipment for \$3000.

Without a laundry, the district this year has spent some \$1400 for laundering at the school, and student fees received for this purpose have already been exhausted.

Supt. Potter said that a cash carryover of \$10,000 in the budget would permit the district to purchase laundry equipment now, cut the \$6000 from the budget and reduce the amount of carryover, if the board wished to proceed in that manner.

Dr. Tibbles suggested that a cooperative plan for a laundry might be worked out with the hospital, using a part time helper.

Chairman Irvin Rauch said that he figured the district would spend about \$30,000 in a 10-year period for laundering. He appointed a committee composed of Directors Howard Cleveland and Tibbles, Supt. Potter and Jack Grossnickle to study the matter.

Teacherages Talked
Director Ralph Skoubo reported on information on teacherages needed at Boardman. He said a private contractor would construct houses of 1100 square feet and offer them at \$110 per month on a 10-year lease.

The board has also reserved some lots in the Boardman area for possible construction of its own houses.
Supt. Potter said that he felt the district could do better than paying the \$110 per month for the houses, and the matter was reserved for further study.

Policies Made
In view of some criticism heard on the amount of travel by the administration, Supt. Potter asked the board to consider whether it wishes to continue the policy of personally interviewing administrators being considered for employment at their present locations, which involves considerable travel, as well as interviewing prospective teachers.

The board unanimously passed a motion affirming the policy of interviewing teachers and administrators.
An administrative code, adopted previously, was brought up for reconsideration and was affirmed with provision made for the board to rehire employees without recommendation of the superintendent. New teachers are to be hired only upon his recommendation. Work of advisory committees in making recommendations is also to be clarified.

Policies on maternity leave and abusing of credit by school district employees were also studied. The policy on maternity leave procedure was adopted and will be incorporated into district contracts by reference.

Abuse of credit that puts employees and the district under criticism will be cause to consider that employee unsatisfactory, the credit policy states. The employee will be given an opportunity to explain unusual circumstances that may affect the matter, it continues.

The board passed a motion that if the board and administration finds no unusual circumstances they may take "necessary steps as they see fit."
Policy requiring students going to events to another town to travel via school transportation was approved. An exception may be made for "extenu-

ating circumstances" which might permit parents to take the student. With permission of chaperone or administrator, the student may ride home with parents from the event attended.

Property Purchase Eyed
The matter of purchasing additional property at the Boardman school site came up again. A triangular strip adjoining the site is under consideration but the Boardman Land Company,

Rep Mann Talks On Plateau Plan, Tax Limitation

Rep. Irvin Mann of Stanfield dropped in at the meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday and found himself speaker of the day.

Called upon for impromptu remarks, he took the opportunity to report on the organization meeting of the Columbia Plateau Resource Council held in the State of Washington recently. Purpose of the council is to get maximum development of all resources in the plateau (Oregon, Washington and Idaho) that drains into the Columbia River.

It will seek to get a conservation program adopted by Congress, taking the area out of the present farm program (ASC) and provide its own program, Mann said.

In order to obtain representation on the board of directors of all interested groups, the organization was divided into eight segments of those participating: 1. Irrigation and conservation districts, 2. associations of rural organizations and commodity groups, 3. associations of local government officials, 4. public utilities, 5. wild-life and recreation, 6. land and water oriented businesses, 7. service clubs, churches, 8. news media.

One director will come from each of the three states to represent each of these groups, he said.

While major farm organizations withheld approval of the council at the meeting, this was not done in a negative manner, Rep. Mann said. They wished to carry the matter back to their organizations and will report to the new council again in six months.

The representative also discussed the proposed property tax limitation of 1 1/2% of market value for which signatures are now being obtained by initiative petition with the hope of the sponsors being to place it on the November ballot.

"I see nothing wrong with a property tax limitation. The Lord only knows property taxes are too high," Rep. Mann declared. However, he pointed out some problems that the limitation would bring if it were passed. "How are we going to replace the revenue?" he asked. It is estimated that if the proposal were approved, \$90,000,000 of present revenue going to taxing districts would be lost to them.

He said that if the legislature acted to provide some source of revenue to supplement the property tax to the taxing agencies, the matter would probably be referred and could not be put into effect.

Mann said that he felt the limitation would result in inequities between areas with those carrying present low millages tending to help pay the bills of those with high millages. It is estimated that under present assessment ratios of 25% of true cash value in effect in most counties, levy would be limited to about 60 mills if the proposal should get on the ballot and be approved.

The State Tax Commission would have the responsibility of allocating the share that each taxing body would receive from property taxed. Thus, if a property owner paid taxes on his home to county, city, cemetery district, school district and fire district, the commission would have to determine what portion of the 60 mills each would receive.

Orville Cutsforth again proposed that the Chamber study a plan for a 6000 acre wild area in the area between Cutsforth park and Arbuckle Mountain. He said there is need to maintain such an area in a virgin state to provide hiking trails and for outdoor lore. His feeling is that many people from other areas would be attracted to such an area for its recreational possibilities.

Greenup Purchase Tops Helena Sale

Don Greenup bought the high selling bull, Bell Mar 30 GMR, black angus, for \$2500 at the production sale of W. J. Harrer and Sons' Green Meadow Angus Ranch at Helena, Mont., February 25, it was reported here.

The bull, three years old this month, weighed 690 lb. at weaning and 1885 lb. at the time of the sale. The bull was delivered here Monday.

The sale brought a total of \$100,000. Greenup and his daughter, Terry, went to Helena and back by airplane.

owner, does not wish to sell but would consider a trade.

Other land available that might be acquired for trading is now listed at \$1500 per acre. The board and Supt. Potter felt that the price is exorbitant when the school district paid only \$100 per acre for its present site.

A committee was asked to continue study of the matter and determine exact needs. Possibility of condemnation of some of the adjoining property was discussed.

Attorney Bob Abrams said that the first step that must be taken in such a case is determination by the board that acquiring the property is necessary.

Architects Paid
Following a meeting recently with Architects Hayslip and Tuft for work that the firm did for the district in the years 1960-63 on a "gentlemen's agreement" and without contract, the board agreed to pay \$2160 to the firm, as a compromise settlement for the \$4000 asked.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at some date in April at the call of the chairman to consider more policy matters.

Ron Daniels, administrator in Boardman, gave a report on a vocational study for Morrow and Umatilla counties. He said that the State Department of Education and the University of Oregon are working out a model proposal. Matching funds may be available from the federal government to set up the vocational education system.

Grossnickle added the feeling that some students are going through high school only because their parents tell them to and have no intention of going to college. Vocational interests can add new incentive for them, he said.

Budget meeting on March 22, Tuesday in the Heppner Elementary school was emphasized. It was also noted that three teachers left Heppner High school Tuesday afternoon because of the flu epidemic, something that spring vacation may give an opportunity for curing.

2 Counties Plan To Work Together On Economic Act

Morrow county will join Umatilla county to cooperate as a 2-county area under the Economic Opportunity act as a result of action taken at a meeting here February 17, County Judge Paul Jones said.

The some 20 local persons at the meeting voted to join with Umatilla in the program. One reason for the action is because of the close tie of each county with Blue Mountain College which is in a position to help implement provisions of the act, the judge said.

County Judge D. R. (Sam) Cook of Umatilla county was present to explain formation of such a community action committee, and Mel Bates of Pendleton, director of the program in the committee in coordinating with the federal act.

All but one member of the county's recently-appointed Economic Opportunity committee were present, and others in the group of some 20 attending included the members of the county court, other county officials and community leaders.

As a result of the vote in favor of the 2-county organization, Judge Jones immediately wrote to John W. Oberdorf, State Economic Opportunity program, len, state coordinator of the program and received a reply congratulating the Morrow county group on its action.

Oberdorf said that he would be in the area in the near future and would seek to assist in pointing out what steps might be undertaken here.

Among possibilities discussed at the meeting were the "Head Start" program for pre-kindergarten children, both underprivileged and others whose parents may be interested; needs of potential school dropouts; and those that might be presented under the Youth Corps program.

Suggestions for the application of the federal program locally are supposed to come from the local community action committee, Judge Jones said.

Rules Established For Roping Event

Rules to apply to the Morrow county amateur roping event in the Morrow county rodeo were revised by the rodeo board at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday.

The new rules have been accepted by Kinzua Corporation which annually gives a saddle to the winner of the event.

Regular NRA-RCA rules will apply, according to John Venard, rodeo secretary. Qualifications for the event include these: 1. Continuous resident of Morrow county as of March 1 the year of the rodeo, 2. burden of proof of residence rests upon contestant, 3. ineligible to rope in Morrow county roping if a past member of RCA or is black listed RCA permit holder, 4. horse must be Morrow county owned, 5. no more than two contestants may use the same horse in Morrow county roping and must so state at the time of sign-up, 6. a horse may be used by other contestants in other events, 7. contestants roping in Morrow county roping will be eligible to rope in open roping, 8. former winners will be ineligible to compete.

Entrants must prove qualifications to satisfaction of the rodeo committee. Those found in violation of these rules will be automatically disqualified.

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