

Irrigon news

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Irrigon's December Council session opened with the reading of a letter from City Engineer Tom Clark, evaluating testimony at a recent sewage disposal hearing, relative to health problems in the area. He noted that testimony, at the Health Dept. hearing, agreed 100 per cent that a health hazard existed.

In the letter, Clark noted that a formal decision from the Health Dept. had not yet been made and set some alternatives for action by the city in the event such a decision does not accelerate acquisition of a municipal sewage treatment system. He said that a more intense sampling program might be necessary and that another possibility was expansion of the present water system, to reach residences within the area presently using water from shallow wells. This would require these wells to be abandoned for domestic use. He stated that the involved government agencies had indicated that help in financing was available for either alternative.

An engineering agreement covering work to be done under the second phase for the sewer system planning was tabled until more information on what was actually involved and how payment would be made, was settled.

Discussion concerning police protection for the city centered on the hiring of a new police-safety officer. A proposal to hire Gary Kirkpatrick

who was recently employed by the city under C.E.T.A. was strongly opposed by Judge elect Dianne Brownlee, especially on the method of selection. Brownlee maintained that to the welfare of the community should be filled only after careful consideration of a number of qualified candidates. Since Kirkpatrick was the only candidate applying and qualifying under C.E.T.A. rules and since the loss of C.E.T.A. funds could occur if not obligated by the end of Dec. he was hired to assume duties immediately. Much of his employment in the near future is to be filled with orientation and training. Several areas of procedure and duties were left unresolved.

In other Council action:
Set Jan. 2 as date for

hearing on review of zoning ordinance and map and new mobile home ordinance in preparation of adopting a comprehensive plan for the city.

Voted to hire a City recorder-secretary which office had been absorbed by the city manager several months ago. The council indicated the city administrator position was over encumbered with office details. A new Recorder-Secretary will be appointed by the council in the Jan. meeting, as required by city charter.

Agreed to buy an office copy

machine from the County for \$300.

Voted to participate in a medical hospital insurance program for city employees.

Other discussion dealt with cleanup on 7th St. which involved payment to the city of \$200 for cleanup by Zach Enterprises who had used the street for material and equipment storage. A complaint which had been received about the "unsightly condition of Riverview Trailer Court as a first look at the city by those approaching from the east. Councilmen Collins and Jorgensen were absent.

Shirley Rugg receives 'Trail Boss' award for range management achievements

Morrow County sheep rancher Shirley Rugg has been awarded the Pacific Northwest Section, Society of Range Management's highest commendation, the "Trail Boss Award" for outstanding contributions to range land practices.

The award was announced during the Society of Range Management's annual con-

vention in Spokane. Mrs. Rugg was selected from a field of more than 350 members of the organization in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

One of the few remaining owners of a large range sheep operation in Oregon, Mrs. Rugg has served as chairman and vice chairman of the Blue Mountain chapter of the

Range Management Society. Last year, she was appointed by Gov. Straub to serve on the Oregon State Board of Forestry. The Parkers Mill area rancher has also been active with the Oregon Sheep Growers Assn. and the Morrow County Livestock Growers Assn. She received the Morrow Livestock Growers' "Livestock Grower of the

Year" award in 1969.

The Pacific Northwest Range Management Society noted that Mrs. Rugg has been highly successful in implementing dual grazing systems for sheep and cattle on her own land, as well as on U.S. Forest Service grazing land.

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