

Budget Committee Discusses Road Funds, Reorganization

The Medford citizens budget committee last night urged the city council to seek League of Oregon Cities assistance in working for larger shares of county road monies for city purposes.

The committee, in starting a detailed study of the proposed \$610,158 budget for fiscal year 1956-57, urged promotion of legislation which would allow cities to share county road funds, not only those derived from a levy, but also from other sources.

Cities presently share monies derived from county general road fund levies, but City Manager Robert Duff pointed out that the county court has indicated that no road fund tax will be levied during fiscal year 1956-57.

Cities Share in Levy

About 45 per cent of general road funds raised by a levy is returned to Jackson county cities. During the present fiscal year, Medford received about \$18,000 as its share. This year was the first time Medford has participated in sharing funds from a general road levy, Duff said.

He said that apparently the county cannot be forced to share O and C funds which go into the general road fund.

Duff said he attempted to get the county to participate in sharing cost of repairs of boundary roads, such as Stewart ave. and McAndrews rd., but the court told him that no funds have been budgeted for that purpose.

Duff said he was under the impression that the county next fiscal year may not have a levy at all because of present available funds and anticipated O and C revenue.

Maintain Tax Base

He noted, however, that the county has to levy a tax at least every three years to maintain its tax base.

The Medford budget committee discussed funds proposed for reorganization of legal and treasurer-recorder offices.

Duff stated that he feels a full-time city attorney is necessary for modernization and codification of ordinances and revision of charter.

Secretarial Work

Frank Farrell, the present city attorney, has expressed a desire to leave city service because of increased private business, Duff said. The change would require additional secretarial work, and employment of a receptionist has been proposed to handle city hall telephone calls and to handle typing to relieve a secretary.

Also discussed was reorganization of the present treasurer-recorder office into that of a finance department, which will effect a saving of more than \$3,000 during the fiscal year 1956-57.

Under the proposal Darell Huson would become finance director, and Miss Neva Samuels, present recorder, would become assistant director. Huson is now treasurer. The office of license collector would be eliminated when reorganization becomes effective.

The committee also discussed possibilities of a 40-hour work week for city employees who now work 44 hours a week. Duff noted that at least two additional policemen would be necessary. One patrolman eliminated from this year's budget has been added to the 1956-57 budget.

Most other cities in Oregon of comparable size are on a 40-hour week basis, Duff said.

The city has increased in area by about 34 per cent during the past year, Duff noted, and consideration is being given the possibility of annexation of Berrydale and Grandview districts. Another police beat—four patrolmen and one car—would be needed should the districts be annexed, he stated.

4-H Club News

Westside Sewing Club

The Westside Stitchers held a workshop for the young members on March 16 at which time they worked on their projects.

The regular monthly meeting was held March 21 at the home of our leader, Mrs. Tronek. We looked at the projects some of the girls had finished. We told what he had been sewing and how we were coming along with it.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Nancy Barnes.

Nitroglycerin Found by Girl Puzzles Officials

Dayton, O. (U.P.)—Authorities today sought to determine how a bottle of nitroglycerine, picked up by a four-year-old girl from the lawn of her home in nearby Kettering, got there.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Etans said their daughter, Kathy, brought the bottle to her mother Tuesday and asked: "Mommy will you open this please."

A label on the bottle bore the inscription, "Fidelity Prescriptions," and was marked, "Nitroglycerine. Danger."

Duff said that franchise revenues, increased state funds, and a higher tax base would offset some of the expense of providing service to the areas if annexed.

Items Requested

Several budget items, which were eliminated for fiscal year 1955-56 when voters rejected a levy more than the 6 per cent limitation, have been requested for next fiscal year, Duff noted. Among them are increased street lighting and funds for the planning commission.

The committee said it will consider a capital improvement program for arterial streets and necessary storm sewers, to be financed over several years time, when the planning commission and city council take action to initiate the program.

Fred Robinson was the only council member present at last night's meeting. The committee is made up of the city council and eight citizen members, of which Stanley Stark is chairman. All but Stark, who is out of town, attended.

Russian Replaces French In German High School

Frankfurt, Germany (U.P.)—Russian has replaced French as the second foreign language taught at the Goethe High school here.

School officials said the increasing number of students whose families fled East Germany, where Russian is a compulsory school subject, caused the change. English is the first foreign language taught.

The family developing from the eggs of one female moth can devour up to 92 pounds of wool a year.

Castor oil is an important raw ingredient in the manufacture of paint, varnish, nylon and various lubricants.

Fort Clatsop Bill Reported Favorably

Washington (U.P.)—The Senate interior subcommittee on public lands yesterday reported favorably on a bill by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) for preserving Fort Clatsop near Astoria, Ore., as a national monument.

The bill calls for Interior Department study of the proposal to enshrine the present structure and location which marks the winter headquarters on the Oregon coast of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Neuberger said the bill probably would be considered by the full Senate Interior committee within two weeks.

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