

Hamilton St. Made Through Street By Medford Council

Hamilton st., from Main st. to Stewart ave., was made a "through" street by the Medford city council Thursday night.

Stop signs will be installed on the streets leading into Hamilton and a 25-mile-per-hour speed zone will be set.

City Manager Robert A. Duff said traffic is already using this section of Hamilton as a through street, and in order to conform to the traffic pattern it should officially be made a through street.

He said the street will be paved where it is not now improved.

Councilman R. L. Van Sickle asked Duff if the "dips" would be taken out of the street. He said these dips could be extremely dangerous on an arterial street. Duff admitted that they could be.

Approval Given
Still talking to Duff, Van Sickle then said, "with your assurance that it's safe, I have no objection." Duff had no comment and the council approved the proposal.

Duff also pointed out that the arrangement would only be temporary until Columbus ave. is widened into a through street within a few years.

Duff reported on the petitions that have been received by the city from property owners in the "southwest district," who are having sewage problems and are seeking annexation as a possible solution to these problems.

Tabulating Names

He said on one group of petitions there were 408 signatures in favor of annexation and 38 opposed; on another group there were 244 signatures opposed, and on yet another petition there were 21 signatures opposed. This makes a total of 408 in favor and 303 against. All petitions are informal.

Duff said the city is now tabulating the names on a map to determine the density

of petitioners by area. The results of this map could possibly be used to establish annexation boundaries, he said.

Duff asked for and received permission from the council to make studies on a proposed sewage plan for this area.

A recommendation made by a high school youth on Student Government day became a primary consideration of the city council in discussion regarding approval of an agreement with the Foster and Kleister company for billboards on city property near the airport.

It was decided by the student councilmen on Student Government day that the city should receive from Foster and Kleister, a free billboard advertising the city's assets in exchange for the city's permission to allow billboards to be erected on their property.

Propose Agreement
Duff proposed that a year-to-year agreement be signed with the billboard company providing for an annual rental of \$25 for each of the four signs on the property. In addition, Duff said the company owes the city more than \$300 in back rent.

Mayor John W. Snider asked Duff about the free sign that the city had decided to request. Duff said he didn't know of the request. Mayor Snider pointed out to Duff that it had been discussed during student government day and at that time was one of the considerations in allowing the company to have billboards on city property.

Duff said he would renegotiate the matter with Foster and Kleister.

Referred to Committee

A request from the Crater Lions club that they be granted permission to install some 25 benches at various bus stops in the city, was referred by the council to its executive committee.

It was pointed out that the club would sell space on the benches for advertising purposes. In their request to the council they said advertising would be permitted on benches in residential areas but not on benches in commercial areas.

Councilman Stanley Stark said he is opposed to the benches for two reasons. One, it would require a revision of the city's sign ordinance in residential areas, and two, there would be a problem of placement. He explained that people having nice homes and lawns would not want benches in front of the property.

Stark also said the city might be liable for the benches. Because of these things, he said the proposed benches are "completely unworkable."

Only Where Buses Operate

Mike Alesko, representing the Crater Lions, said the benches would be placed only where bus lines operate. He was also of the opinion that elderly people and school children would find the benches a convenience.

Van Sickle said at first he had understood that the benches would just have the Crater Lions name on them and he was in favor. If they are to be used for advertising purposes then, he said, he is opposed.

The council accepted bids for the purchase of a car, a station wagon and a half-ton truck. The bid of Lea Motors was accepted for the station wagon and car. They submitted a bid of \$1,599.35 and \$2,215.65, respectively. DeLeigh Motors' bid of \$1,654 was accepted for the truck. According to a report submitted to the council, all three bids were low.

Two recommendations of the planning commission — that Standard Insurance company be granted a sign vari-

ance for their new building — and that a beauty shop be approved as a home occupation — at 3084 Crater Lake highway

— were approved by the council. Extra width driveways were approved for service sta-

tions located at the intersection of Summit ave. and McAndrews rd., and at the intersection of Barnett rd. and El-

lendale dr. Both approvals were temporary.

The council approved a five-year lease of approximately one acre of land and a four-room frame building at the airport to the U. S. forest serv-

ice. Annual rental would be \$340.

A report was given by City Engineer Vernon Thorpe on a proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Court and Edwards st. It was agreed that

the proposal should be studied further.

The council also approved the transfer of a liquor license from J. C. Barnes to his widow, Flora E. Barnes, at the 4th Wheel club.

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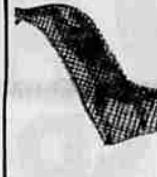
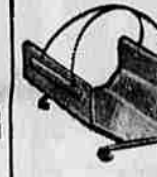
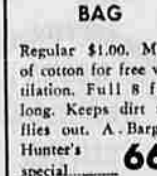
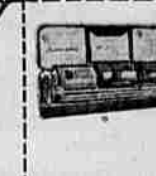
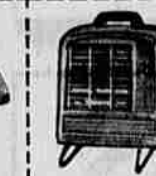
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