

Council Grants Franchise to Telephone Company

Duff Authorized To Start Suits For Two Projects

The Medford city council Thursday night authorized City Manager Robert A. Duff to enter into two different condemnation proceedings against property needed for city street development projects.

One of the properties is owned by I. D. Phipps and is needed for the Fourth st. extension across Bear creek some 73 of an acre is involved.

Duff said it is hoped that construction of the four-lane bridge can begin in the spring. He said negotiations for the Phipps property have gone on for the past six months. He pointed out it may not be necessary to institute condemnation proceedings in either case, but he is now authorized to do so if it is necessary.

The other property is located at the corner of Siskiyou blvd. and Highland dr. It is owned by C. A. Parlier and involves a 20 to 70 foot area across which Siskiyou blvd. is located.

Duff said that although a right of entry was granted to the city and Siskiyou blvd. already constructed at this point, the city has still not been able to agree on a price with Parlier.

Investigation of Water on Lot Asked

County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen has been directed to make an investigation of water overflowing on land owned by Dan Scott, 967 Gibson rd., Central Point, the Jackson county court said Friday.

Scott appeared before the county court Wednesday to complain of the water flowing from a county road onto his land.

JORDAN REPORTS CLASH

Amman, Jordan (UPI)—Jordan Thursday reported that one of its border patrol troops was wounded in an exchange of fire with Israeli troops who had crossed into Jordanian territory.

Opposition Voiced By Van Sickle to 10-Year Franchise

The Medford city council Thursday night approved a 10-year franchise for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, despite the objections of Councilman R. L. Van Sickle.

Negotiations on the franchise had been underway for the past year and a half. Under its terms, the company will pay the city an annual rate of \$19,500 or 2 per cent of its gross local service receipts, whichever is highest. Councilman Van Sickle, who has been consistently voting against the rest of the council in recent months, saw two of his amendments fail, with only himself voting in favor. He also cast the lone vote in opposition to the franchise.

First Amendment

The first amendment proposed by Van Sickle would change the 2 per cent of its gross local service receipts to include not only telephone service receipts, but receipts from all communication services, including telegraph operations.

It was pointed out that the company's receipts from operations other than telephones in the city are small.

Van Sickle also wanted the length of the franchise limited to five years instead of 10 years. He said the franchise should be reviewed at the end of the five-year period.

The latter amendment was handily defeated after it was pointed out that the city places no such restriction on its franchises with other public utilities in the city.

Acceptable to Company

Jack Creager, local manager of Pacific Telephone Northwest, said the company would rather have a 20-year franchise but as the city charter limits the length of franchises to 10 years, that is acceptable to the company. But, he said, a 10-year franchise is necessary if the company

is to plan for the future properly.

Van Sickle also said that he felt the city should require the company to pay 2 1/2 per cent of its gross local receipts instead of 2 per cent. He said the 2 1/2 per cent was recommended by the Public Utilities Commissioner as a fair price.

Creager pointed out that of the some 85 cities in Oregon with which the company does business, not one of them requires any greater payment than 2 per cent.

He said that last year the company paid the city \$16,670 and it will not be until 1963 that 2 per cent of the gross receipts of the company equals the \$19,500 annually guaranteed the city by the company.

This \$19,500 is a minimum, he noted, and will be paid the city even if business here should fall off. However, when 2 per cent of gross receipts is higher than the guaranteed price, then the company will pay the city the higher amount, thereby giving the city a built-in increase.

Creager said: "We feel we are paying a very reasonable amount and feel we are offering to pay the city of Medford as much as any other city in Oregon." He said, too, that if the company paid the city any more it would "discriminate" against other Oregon cities.

Creager said that the PUC commissioner ruled that cities should be entitled to a fair return on the use of their streets by utilities, but points out too, "that any attempt by a city to make a revenue-producing agreement out of a franchise is unfair."

Mayor John W. Snider agreed fully with Creager that the company, under the franchise, would be paying the city a fair amount and said: "I know of no company that has had finer public relations or done more for the community than the telephone company. I would feel 'ashamed' if we (Medford) were the first city to take advantage of them."

Pins Presented To Old Timer Elks

Three 51-year members and two 50-year members headed the list of Old Timers honored by the Medford Elks lodge at a dinner Thursday night.

Fifty-one year members are Grover C. Corum, a charter member, Earl C. Gaddis, and L. B. Haskins. The two 50-year members are George Porter and H. K. Hanna.

The dinner and presentation of pins was followed by a regular meeting of the Elks lodge. Murrey Dumas was general chairman of the event.

Others who received pins, and the years of membership, include H. L. Alford, Larry J. Schade and C. A. Wine-trout, 45 years; Wil Hansen, Albert Piche, Everett Y. Car-kin, Russell D. Semon and E. H. Sleight, 40 years; Dewey S. Hill and I. B. Walther, 35 years; Michael Beck, J. R. Bierma and R. Cole Holmes, 30 years.

Alton Anderson, H. J. Bringle, D. H. Canfield, W. E. Caulter, M. H. Coulter, John Cupp, John W. Henson, H. E. Hursi, H. C. Kentner, Jr., W. E. Lantis, Claude Miles, Everett M. Moore, Milton Ottoman, S. E. Phillips, Harold E. Sander, Fred B. Sweeney and Frank Van Dyke, 25 years.

Heart Group Sets Scientific Meeting

The regional scientific meeting sponsored by the Oregon Heart Association will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Jackson County Medical Society at the Rogue Valley Country club Wednesday, Oct. 12.

The afternoon session will start at 2:30 p.m., and the evening session at 7:30 p.m. Dr. L. L. Brock, medical director of the work classification unit of the Colorado Heart Association, Denver, and Dr. Wayne Rogers, medical director of the Oregon Heart Association work classification unit, Portland, will speak at the sessions.



DONATIONS—Dr. Byron Woodruff, left, Roseburg, president of the Oregon Optometric association, and Harold Berenson, manager of the Portland Red Cross chapter, display the some 1,700 frames, 300 temples, 750 lenses and 200 cases donated by Oregon optometrists to citizens of Chile.

Optometrists in State Contribute Supplies to Chile

Portland—Dr. Byron Woodruff, Roseburg, president of the 145-member Oregon Optometric association, has turned over to the American Red Cross \$25,400 worth of lenses, frames and spectacle cases for the disaster-struck citizens of Chile.

The project of collecting the lenses, frames and cases from OOA members started from Dr. William Thompson, Medford.

Dr. Woodruff turned over to Frederick Greenwood, chairman of the Portland Multnomah county chapter of the Red Cross, about 1,700 frames, 300 temples, 750 lenses and 200 cases. They were donated by association members and several Portland-headquartered optical supply houses.

Calls Ambassador
Dr. Thompson, after the last earthquake in Chile, telephoned Walter Muller, Chilean ambassador in Washington, D.C. He volunteered to fly a team of five Oregon optometrists to Chile if they were needed.

Ambassador Muller indicated that his country's primary need was for optical supplies. Dr. Thompson contacted optometrists in 49 Oregon cities, and for 60 days their contributions have been received at the Portland Red Cross office.

Harold Berenson, Portland Red Cross manager, said the supplies will be boxed and sent to Chile as soon as possible.

Bar Expresses Measure Opinion

The Jackson County Bar association has expressed opposition to Measure No. 4, a state constitutional amendment proposal which would permit prosecution by information or indictment.

Law now provides that criminal prosecution commence by a grand jury indictment. The measure would commence criminal prosecutions by filing written charges, which are called an "information."

The position taken by the local Bar was not unanimous, according to Edward Branchfield, president.

Many lawyers, he said, felt the Bar should take no action as an organization concerning the measure. Others, however, felt the association would be providing a public service in taking a stand since many laymen are not familiar with legal proceedings.

The Bar usually does not express opinions on ballot measures, Branchfield noted, and no action was taken on 14 other proposals which will appear on the November general election ballot.

'Everyone' Contributes to Air Pollution, Duff Relates

Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff said Friday that one of the most important things to be stressed at an air pollution conference in Eugene last week was that "everyone" contributes to air pollution.

Not only are industry and orchard smudge pots responsible for air pollution, he said, but so are exhaust from automobiles and leaf and trash fires.

Duff attended the two-day conference as a representative of the city. The conference was organized by the U.S. public health service and sponsored by the Oregon state board of health and the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.

Some 40 persons representing industry, cities, counties and the state attended the sessions which were primarily concerned with an introduction to the problem of air pollution and some suggested solutions to these problems.

One of the problems in trying

Kennedy Appoints Porter to Post

Eugene — Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has been appointed by Sen. John F. Kennedy to his Natural Resources Advisory committee, the Democratic presidential candidate's headquarters announced Friday.

"I am particularly glad to have Porter on this committee, because of his special interest in water and conservation problems," Senator Kennedy said.

"The committee will have an important role in the campaign clarifying the issues in this field, which has been regarded and neglected by the Eisenhower administration. The committee will then make the recommendations for an action policy on natural resources for my administration."

Porter said he had discussed the water and timber resources problems of Oregon's Fourth district with Senator Kennedy.

"We are both convinced," Porter said, "that real progress can be made toward their solution under his administration through sound investment in our natural resources. I am pleased to serve on the committee, not only to help point up this issue during the campaign, but in order to help determine the policy of the new administration."

'VOICE' USES SATELLITE
Washington — (UPI) — The Voice of America transmitted a message via the Courier satellite Thursday telling other countries such a satellite system might some day result in jam-proof news broadcasts.

Improvement Jobs Accepted by City

Three improvement projects in the city, including the Eighth st. bridge, received final approval and acceptance by the Medford city council Thursday night.

Although the bridge was opened to traffic earlier this year, the council had to wait until it received notice of satisfactory completion from the state highway department before it could formally accept the project.

The recently completed major streets resurfacing project was also approved and accepted by the council. Final cost of the work was \$30,852, compared to the contract price of \$30,007.

The third project approved was the installation of sidewalks on the south side of Country Club dr. from Sutter st. 325 feet west.

The city of Medford, in dealing with its own air pollution problems, is holding a series of meetings with various groups to arrive at a comprehensive and equitable solution to the pollution control problem.

One meeting was held two weeks ago with the Medford Chamber of Commerce and another one, probably with the county court, will be held in the near future, Duff said.

Action on Paving Proposal Deferred After Objections

The Medford city council Thursday deferred action on a petition requesting the partial paving of Benson st. after a spokesman for some property owners in the area voiced objection to the proposal.

The petition requested that Benson st. be paved with low-cost paving from Prune to Dakota sts.

James W. Irby told the council that he and several other persons in the area object to low-cost paving because it would make it difficult to have curbs and gutters installed later.

Irby said another petition has been circulated in the area which asks that Benson st. be paved, curbed and gutted from West 10th st. to Prune st. This petition lacks one signature of having the necessary 50 per cent of the property owners signed, he said.

Although the low-cost paving area would not extend to

West 10th st., he said property owners at this end of the street are justifiably concerned over how the street was to be improved at the other end.

He asked the council if the city would add its signature to the petition as the city owns several properties in the area. The matter was taken under advisement by the council.

An offer from Keith B. Lawton to purchase a city-owned strip of land, 20 by 58 feet, for \$100 on Benson st. was deferred by the council pending studies on the paving problem.

A public hearing on a proposal to vacate a portion of the Rogue Valley Heights subdivision was not held as scheduled because the city failed to advertise the hearing properly, according to City Attorney Joel Reeder.

Hearing Called

A public hearing was called for Oct. 20 on a proposal by the city water department to install a six-inch water main on Beatty st. from McAndrews on Beatty st., and on rd. to Manzanita st., and on rd. to Manzanita st. In a letter to the council the water commission said the main is needed both to provide fire protection and adequate water service to the property on Beatty st.

Attorney Dick Courtright, representing the Crater Lions club, withdrew a club plan to install benches at bus stops in the city, partially as an advertising venture. He said another, more complete, plan would be submitted to the council at a later date.

The withdrawal came after Councilman Ed Hall, chairman of a council committee that investigated the proposal, voiced three objections to the plan.

Hall said, one, the advertising on bus stop benches would conflict with the sign ordinance in residential areas; two, if there are to be benches at bus stops, they should be provided by the city without advertising; and, three, he questioned the legality of having this kind of advertising on public land.

The council established the Niantic st. Sanitary Sewer Fund No. 2 which will provide for the issuance of warrants for sanitary sewer construction on Niantic st.

An assessment ordinance was passed for assessing the cost of construction of a sidewalk on Country Club dr. from Sutter st. to a point 320 feet west. The final cost of the project was \$246 per front foot, which was 4.7 per cent higher than the original quoted price, but less than a revised estimate of cost had originally indicated.

Several other petitions were received by the council, including one seeking installation of a sanitary sewer on Park Place No. 5, from Prune to Dakota sts., and they were taken under consideration.

Local Woman Places Fifth in Contest

Mrs. Roy Deutschman, 11 North Columbus st., Medford, won fifth prize in a national contest sponsored by the Hines 57 company, according to a company spokesman Saturday.

Her prize was a set of Winfield china. The contest was one describing in three words Hines' new screw-on baby food cap. She also sent in a picture of her baby, which according to her, won the prize for her.

Portland—(UPI)—The eight-day Pacific International Livestock Exposition Rodeo opens Saturday.

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