

REGIONAL NEWS

Zoning Procedure Considered By Gold Hill City Council

By MARY KELL
Gold Hill - The Oregon statute procedure for zoning was accepted by the Gold Hill city council last Monday night. It is recommended by the bureau of municipal research. The city did not have a zoning procedure in its ordinances or charter.

Robert Grant, Medford attorney, was present to explain aspects of the Oregon statute procedure. He stressed the importance of detailed study in the development of Gold Hill zoning.

Legal Factors

He spoke of possible legal factors involved in a request Gold Hill is confronted with. This is changing a part of a residential area on Second ave. to a commercial zone. The present zoning ordinance which was adopted in 1950 has no exceptions for businesses in that particular area. John Cogswell, owner of Cogswell's market, has asked the council to change his property from residential to a commercial zone classification. The property involved is located between the Rogue river and Second ave. having a highway frontage of 558 feet. It includes Cogswell's market, trailer court, residence, and the former Van Houten property which the Cogswells recently purchased. Cogswell told the council that he plans to build a super market on the Van Houten property.

Mrs. Blanche Merriman and Donald Ferguson, who own homes adjoining the former Van Houten property, were present. Mrs. Merriman said she has resided at her home on Second ave. for 41 years. The Ferguson's home is located on the banks of Rogue river.

Mayor Milton Steinmetz stated that Cogswell also plans to im. ove the present trailer court. The mayor pointed out the importance of establishing specific zoning regulations for trailer courts to govern not

only this request, but any that might arise in the future. He said perhaps someone in another part of town might request permission to establish a trailer court. He urged that all of these factors be considered. The city does not have an ordinance at the present time regarding trailer courts, he said.

The attorney pointed out that the adjoining property owners have a right to express their opinions just as much as a person making a petition. The protection of the minority of property owners is an important factor in the state statutes zoning procedure.

Cogswell was told by city officials that the time element on his zoning request will depend on the proper procedure to be followed in compliance with the Oregon statutes.

The council and property owners discussed the possibility of developing First ave. into a continuous street that would extend through the residential area in question. Examples of procedure in compliance with the state statutes were explained. The council will direct the city planning commission to hold public hearings and then make a tentative report of such public hearings to the council.

Notices of public hearings will be published in the most widely circulated newspaper, according to certain state regulations. It was stated that the Medford Mail Tribune will serve as this source of informing the public in this matter.

Prior to any public hearings on zoning issues, the council may authorize the city planning commission to make a preliminary investigation and draw maps of streets, recreational facilities, and commercial enterprises in the town. Several classifications may be set up by the commission for zoning.

The council discussed a proposition to bring the water filter matter before the people for a vote.

John Stafford, Regional Editor

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Audio-Visual Room Added To School

Williams - The basement room of the Williams elementary school is being converted into an audio-visual aids department and seventh and eighth grade science laboratory.

The room was previously used for second and third grade classes. The room was repainted, and movie screens, projectors and science equipment installed. Movies were previously shown in the school gym.

Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock - Last Monday morning Lloyd Dusenberry, one of Steve Wilson's tree fallers, arrived here and began inspecting our old pine tree.

Holding up a plumb bob and squinting at the line, he said, "She leans a little to the south and east." Then, getting his axe and saw, he started the task of felling the old landmark. In what seemed a short time filled with the shrieks and howls of the power saw, this one of the last two monarchs of what used to be a pine forest came crashing to the ground. The lone survivor now stands on the Bob Sage land, and so far has withstood the slashing of its roots by road crews. In sawing off the branches, some of them 12 to 15 inches through, Dusenberry remarked that this was a tough tree. Then he told him that if he had

been the elements for 173 years, he might be tough too. This is the tree's age according to the growth rings counted by two young high school graduates. From the base to the top the distance is just about 100 feet. It is five feet across the stump.

From one end to the other, the red-headed woodpeckers have drilled slots for storing acorns. Many of the slots are filled now. We asked Jim Fleischer how many slots he would estimate there were, and he said, about a half million. We think he overestimated them.

Birthdays may come and birthdays may go, but I go on forever. No, we are not like the piece in the old reader, and will not be going on forever, but it seems we have had lots of birthdays. We had another one last Thursday which we enjoyed very much. We had as guests that day - four of our sisters. During the afternoon we reminisced and tried to recall the many happenings in the family for the past 70 years or so.

We almost got into some pretty warm arguments. Nealon family members are noted for their argumental ability. Six of them during times past have argued with students in school rooms, while the younger generation has produced one lawyer. Others are preparing for that line of work. One statement that nearly caused an argument was made by sister Margaret (Mrs. O. T. Wilson) who said Grandmother Law told her that President Tyler visited their home when she was about eight years old. She had an awful time trying to wear a hoop skirt, which she wasn't used to, but was supposed to wear on such occasions.

Among the birthday cards we received some were rather unique, like the following: "A man isn't old until he quits looking. I read in the Tablets one day. But if he keeps looking, dare he eat his wife's cooking? There's danger of arsenic that way. Happy Birthday!"

Here's another: "For the man who has written the news for many a day, and still writes a lot of news for so little pay." Shouldn't have put this one in. The boss may think we were implicated in

Prospect Lions Host District Meeting

Prospect - The Prospect Lions club was host for a district Lions meeting recently. Attending were 66 members from nine clubs.

A. G. McLain, district 36E governor, was present with Bruce Blew, deputy governor. Bruce Pingle and Al Greshen, zone chairmen, also attended. A smorgasbord was served by Prospect Lady Lions.

NEW ENGINEER

Tiller - New district engineer for the South Umpqua district of the national forest is John A. Ebervien. He began his duties Feb. 20. He has a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Kansas State university. Elmo Picht, fire control officer, for the South Umpqua district is in Portland for a training course in accident investigation and reporting.

Insurance Considered By Eagle Point Grange

Eagle Point - An insurance policy giving accident coverage to all volunteer workers constructing the Scout-Community building was accepted by the Eagle Point city council Tuesday night.

The policy does not cover paid employees, breakage of glasses or dentures. Following an explanation of the insurance policies now held, a motion was passed to have an inventory and appraisal made of city property and its assets. The last appraisal was made in 1958 when policies were taken out. Several additions to buildings and furnishings have been made since that time.

The council also approved a \$10,000 building binder insurance policy for coverage on the community building until completed. A recommendation was made by the insurance company that all smaller cities take out a major medical insurance policy covering city employees and their families to help defray costs of medical expenses. This is being taken under consideration and bids will be issued at a later date.

Clint Charley appeared in behalf of his own and his brother's interest regarding the easement for the sewage lagoon system that passes through their land. Charley said they would like to have a deed for the four acres lying next to his land. The matter was turned over to the sewage lagoon committee. Recommendations will be presented at the April council meeting.

Presents Lease

Ed Chamberlain presented a lease for the city to sign on the property to the community building where the city now has gravel piled. The city agreed to sign the lease giving Chamberlain \$10 for the first year.

Ben Day appeared with members of the Jackson County Home Owners Protective association to explain the organization and its purpose.

Larry Davis, planning commission president, and Stewart Hopper, secretary, explained parts of a Central Point zoning ordinance Eagle Point is studying. The commission is working on zoning various areas of the city and adopting a building code. The commission was requested to meet with city attorney Gregg Hornecker and prepare a zoning ordinance within the next two months.

Oregon State Sanitation Engineer Keith Sherrer told council members that a chlorination unit must be attached to the sewage lagoon plant.

before the water can be dispensed into the river due to municipal use of water from the river by Gold Hill and Grants Pass.

According to a letter received from Clark and Groff engineers, this must be approved before the bonds can be put up for sale. The unit will cost approximately \$5,000 with about 30 per cent of the cost being paid by federal assistance. It was also pointed out that the \$29,000 already received was free and clear and did not have to be paid back. Due to the absence of a representative from Clark and Groff, action was deferred until the council can consult with them on the matter of the water being over 98 per cent pure when it leaves the lagoon.

The council authorized the Jackson County Title company to do title research work on front footage for the sewer lagoon system.

N. California Television Log

Programs listed below are received from the television stations and the Mail Tribune assumes no responsibility except to make changes as supplied.

KICZ-TV (Channel 3)
Friday
4:00-Search for Tomorrow
4:15-Guiding Light
4:30-Jeff's Collie
5:00-Uncle Bill Cartoons
5:30-Huckleberry Hound
6:00-News
6:10-Weather
6:15-Douglas Edwards News
6:30-Two Faces West
7:00-Sat. Hunt
7:30-Rawhide
8:00-News
9:30-Jackie Gleason
10:00-Twilight Zone
10:30-Big Three Movie
12:00-News and Weather
Saturday
4:15-Santa Anita Races
5:15-Reading Out Loud
5:45-THA
6:00-Dan Simon Report
6:15-Industry on Parade
6:30-Price Is Right
7:00-Talk Hunter Show
7:30-Perry Mason
8:30-Checkmate
9:30-Have Gun, Will Travel
10:00-Gunslinger
10:30-Manhunt
11:00-News & Weather

KVPJ-TV (Channel 7)
Friday
5:30-Rio Tin Tin
6:00-Newsbeat Northstate
6:15-NBC News
6:30-Shotgun Slade
7:00-Pony Express
7:30-The American
8:30-Flintstones
9:00-77 Sunset Strip
9:30-Detectives
10:30-Law & Mr. Jones
11:00-11th Hour News
11:35-Academy Theatre
12:45-Late News and Sign Off
Saturday
1:00-Why Teacher
1:30-Contrails
2:00-NCAA Basketball
4:00-Baseball
4:30-Enforcers
4:45-Film Fare
5:00-Disc Date
6:00-Lawrence Welk
7:00-Fight of the Week
7:45-Baseball Score
8:00-Hitchcock Presents
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Budget Committee Undecided On Teacher Salary Increase

By JOAN MILLEMANN

Murphy Correspondent

Grants Pass - The Josephine county school budget committee has come to a tentative agreement on all items on the budget with the exception of teachers' salaries.

"They met in consecutive evening sessions Monday and Tuesday in an attempt to complete the budget but were unable to solve the problem of teachers' salaries in a way that was acceptable to all members of the committee. A motion, re-introduced by Frank Hyde of Williams, to hold the salaries to last year's figure and allow a normal increment was once again defeated.

Not Acceptable

The request of the teachers' committee to be put on the same scale as District 7 is not entirely acceptable to some board members since they feel that the larger increases in salaries on this plan come to those teachers already in the bracket receiving the highest pay. They feel they would like to see a better distribution of raises. It was the feeling by other members that a small, or "token," raise was of no value; that, if a raise

was necessary to meet competitive salary figures in other districts, it would be better to meet those figures as had been requested.

Placing the teachers on the scale equal to District 7 would mean an increase of \$38,000 over last year's figure for teachers' salaries. There was much discussion on this question, but no motion containing a concrete proposal was introduced. It is hoped a final meeting to complete this and other items will be held Monday, March 13. The committee was reminded that there is a limited amount of time left since publication of the budget must take place the last week in March, with time allowed for the public hearing required by law when questions or explanations on the budget will be handled by members of the school board and budget committee.

On other items in the budget, there was a definite trend to deny any requests for major building or repairs of any type, as well as for capital outlay, in the hope that these items might be included in the bond issue which will be placed before the voters later in the year. It was felt that, by handling these major ex-

penses in this way, county taxpayers would not be faced with a heavy burden to be paid in one year, but would benefit because the expense of a bond issue would be spread out over a greater period of time. If, however, such a bond issue should be defeated, next year's budget would have to allow for these and other building needs and would be increased. One such item discussed was the request of the FFA chapter at Illinois Valley High school for a tractor to use in their work. A figure of \$2,500 for such a tractor was quoted, with the agreement that the chapter itself would handle the money necessary for future trade-ins or upkeep.

The value of a tractor for the boys in FFA was brought out and a motion was made to purchase it. The committee, stressing that they agreed with the idea of the purchase, decided, however, not to put it into the budget at this time, preferring to wait for further details on the planned use of such a piece of equipment, and to consider whether or not such a capital outlay could be part of a bond issue.

Lunch Program

Discussion was held on difficulties being encountered in the school lunch program this year due to the amount of lunches being given the children on credit. In order to qualify for government surplus foods used in all lunch programs in the county, no child must be denied a meal if they are unable to pay for it. This means that several schools in the areas hardest hit by unemployment are having financial difficulty in carrying on their lunch programs.

This led to the suggestion that while no child should go hungry, it might be the responsibility of the county welfare agency to make up the cost of the meal, rather than have the school board and the taxpayer bear the burden financially. The board plans to look into the possibility of such a solution in the future but, as far as this year's difficulties are concerned, can do nothing beyond the money allotted in the budget. In one or two areas, PTA units have held fund-raising affairs to raise enough money to see their lunch programs through the rest of the year.

Both meetings were attended by many interested people and at each session, all board and committee members were present.

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