

Mayor Given Power To Sign Petition On City's Behalf

The Medford city council Thursday night voted to empower Mayor John W. Snider to sign a petition on behalf of the city calling for improvement work on certain sections of East Main st., Valley View dr and Hillcrest rd.

About a month ago, representatives of the city administration met with residents owning property abutting on the streets involved to ask the owners to join in the project and pay a portion of the cost.

The project would call for widening sections of the streets and for the installation of curbs and gutters.

The owners were advised at the meeting that their cost would amount to about \$5 per front foot.

Following the meeting, petitions were circulated by property owners soliciting support of the improvements. City Manager Robert Duff announced to the council Thursday that a petition connected with the East Main st. part of the project had been signed by about 35 per cent of the property owners involved.

Since the city owns a piece of property with approximately an 180-foot frontage on East Main st., it was recommended that Mayor Snider endorse the petition on behalf of the city. The council vote was unanimous.

There is sufficient money in the city's arterial street fund to finance the city's share of the improvement project, Duff said.

In other action, the council voted to approve eminent domain proceedings against Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parlier, 440 Highland dr., in connection with a parcel of land near the intersection of Highland dr. and Siskiyou Blvd.

Proceedings were also approved against Janice and Charles L. Gheharoff and Yvonne R. and Bob Reynolds, and against Dr. G. N. Citizen, 913 Whitman ave., in connection with planned improvements on the Melrose-Barnett street extension project.

An ordinance was passed providing for segregation of assessments in connection with the Crater Lake ave. sanitary sewer.

Action on a proposal to amend the Medford fire code was delayed until the July 19 meeting of the council, but a resolution initiating a 64-hour week for city firemen was passed.

Proposed new standards for driveways within the city, which were drawn up and submitted by the public works department, were unanimously adopted.

A power line at the municipal airport was assigned to Pacific Power and Light company. PP&L will rebuild the deteriorated line so it will serve the fruitgrowers' labor camp and the U. S. forest service aerial fire suppression station at the airport.

The council voted to amend the city building code to permit the use of one hour fire resistant plate glass for windows in certain interior partitions in buildings.

Several improvement projects were voted on by the council:

Plans and specifications for paving Newtown st. from Catherine to Belmont sts were approved.

Plans and specifications were okayed for curbs and gutters on Walnut, Niantic and Beatty sts.

A contract was awarded to Tru-Mix Concrete company to pave Velia st. from Morrow rd. to Johnson st.

The Velia st. paving fund was established.

A water main assessment ordinance was passed for Oak, Taft and Narregan sts. from McAndrews rd. to Clark st. Street is Designated.

Upon recommendation of the city manager's traffic committee, the council voted to designate McAndrews rd. from Riverside ave. to Jackson st. as a through street.

The transfer of a number of items in the city's 1961-62 fiscal budget was allowed by council vote, but Councilman Donald Hansen asked the administration to prepare a report on how certain items which have increased noticeably in cost can be brought back into balance.

Upon recommendation of the city planning commission, the council called a public hearing for July 5 on a request for a change of zone for

property which would facilitate the construction of a Safeway store on West Main st. between Hamilton and Quince sts.

A request to construct and maintain a trailer park on the west side of Table Rock rd. north of Berrydale ave., subject to a number of conditions set forth by the planning commission, was approved by the council.

A request to operate a home occupation known as the Humpty-Dumpty Doll hospital at 16 Western ave. also gained council approval.

However, a request by Lew Miles, proprietor of Siskiyou Memorial Park for a variance to the city sign regulations was referred to a meeting of the council executive committee, Miles, and City Planner Ned Langford.

An application to transfer a liquor dispenser's license for the Tower Broiler, 1206 North Riverside ave., from the present owners to the corporation officers of Jerand Investment Company Inc., who are arranging to purchase the restaurant, was approved by the council.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor John W. Snider. All councilmen were present. The next regular meeting of the council is scheduled July 5.

Timber Carnival Plans Progressing

Albany - Organization of the 1962 World Championship Timber carnival is progressing in Albany, according to Daniel Ordeman, carnival president.

Improvement projects include grading and rocking the four-lane road in and out of Timber Linn park, building of permanent fencing around the stage area, and the erection of a new cooking shelter in the area.

Festivities will open this year with the coronation of a queen July 1. The queen's coronation ball will be July 2.

Canteen Officer at Domiciliary Resigns

White City - Clarence J. Bryan, canteen officer at the VA Domiciliary, Wednesday submitted his resignation from the service to Frank Maier, field superintendent of the Veterans Canteen Service, effective immediately.

Bryan took over the duties here in May, 1951, and has developed the facilities now available in this department of the Veterans Administration. The canteen service is directed from the area office in San Francisco.

Bryan plans to remain here indefinitely.

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