

## Detroit Council Hears Reports

DETROIT — The regular meeting of Feb. 12, 1974, of Detroit City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim King. Council members present were Joe Arsenault, David Wilde, Joyce Crist and Robert Layman. There were 12 citizens present.

City recorder, Ruth Thomason, read the minutes of the Jan. 8 meeting and gave a treasurers report. The minutes were approved as read.

City attorney Ralph W. G. Wyckoff of Salem was present and gave a progress report

on the city's attempt to collect over \$2,200 special auditing expenses from the bonding company. The special auditing expenses relate back to when city recorder, Judy VanFleet, allegedly appropriated city funds without authorization. Wyckoff said the bonding company has agreed to pay back the \$2,173 Mrs. VanFleet allegedly took, but refused to pay city auditing expenses. The costly auditing expense was due to some of the city's records missing, according to city officials. Following a discussion on the subject, the city council authorized Wyckoff to pursue the claim against the bonding company for auditing expenses.

Relating back to recent vandalism when four windows were broken at Detroit City Hall, a short discussion was held on whether the breakage was covered by insurance. City recorder Thomason said that apparently the city had no insurance on this type of damage because it was so costly.

Former mayor, Cliff McMillan, thanked the council for a potted plant he received following his release from the hospital.

Street Commissioner Robert (Bob) Layman, gave a report on repair of some of the city streets. He said many of the streets are badly in need of repair but that more rock was needed to complete the job. He said that a new culvert or ditching system is sorely needed in the area of Slaydens Resort. Mr. Slayden, who was present, offered to grant the city an easement across the front of his property for the project. Layman told the council he did not feel that the resort should pay the full bill of the proposed culvert and related installation expense since the problem is being caused by city water run off. It was suggested that a 24-inch culvert or even larger, should be installed to take care of the situation. King said the matter would be looked into to see what would be feasible to correct the problem.

Water Commissioner Dave Wilde gave a report on water lines being exposed. Apparently, many of them due to the recent freeze and water run off. He also reported that two lots have been sold in a summer home addition where previously a city water line had been installed across the property. He said the owner wants the water line removed. In other business, it was re-



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ported that the city's planning board Commission is four members short. Those remaining on the commission are Lee Boeckstiegel, Nils Bittner, Barbara Whitely, Ruth Huber and Robert Kirk. Action is planned to fill the vacancies.

A report was given on remodeling the city recorders office. Mayor King said tentative plans are to put in built-in separate filing cabinets so that each council member will have his own.

Mayor King said Consumers Power has offered to remove a large tree close to the city hall free of charge. The tree is interfering with power lines and is damaging the roof and foundation of the city hall.

There was a short discussion on the 1974-75 budget and on the updating of the city charter. March 19 has been set for a special meeting to discuss the updating of the city charter.

City recorder, Ruth Thomason, reported the city received \$221,066 cigarette tax revenue for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1973. Liquor revenue received was \$750,466.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Mr. Mayor and Members of Council: Gentlemen:

Our purpose in submitting our 'letter to the editor' that was published in the Mill City two fold. First, we wanted to answer to questions that arose as we studied the Nov. 1973 update proposal. Second, we wanted to arouse local public awareness that Mill City does have a major problem (whether or not the people want the problem) that must be solved.

We welcome your reply in the Feb. 14 Enterprise and are grateful for the Feb. 11 letter from Clark & Groff that was handed out at the Feb. 13 council meeting. In addition, we are truly thankful for the overflow of local citizens that attended this council meeting. If we have been successful in awakening public awareness and if we have aroused a public interest in this matter, our letters will not have been in vain.

Your letter indicates the matter of sewers will be on the November 1974 ballot. Over three months have elapsed since the publication of the 'update proposal' dated November 1973. The less than nine months remaining is a very short time in which to alert and inform the public to asking them to vote on such a vital issue. We are glad the ball has started to roll.

With reference to the above letters and summarizing council's open discussion period we understand the following facts are quite well agreed upon as stated:

1. Total project costs will be approximately \$2,800,000.
2. The previously published statement that 75% of costs would be carried by governmental grant was in error.
3. All state monies would be loans, not grants.
4. All combined grants, as of today, would total only about \$735,000.00 leaving in excess of \$2,000,000 to be financed by Mill City. If connection costs (estimated at \$330.00 to \$390) were to be paid in advance, the total bond request could be lowered accordingly. Bond repayments, both interest and principal would be repaid according to some formula as yet to be determined. This formula could consist of enlarged connection charges, monthly service charges, foot-frontage assessments, assessed valuation prorate levies or in any combined application of the above.
5. Total amount to be financed does approximate 28% of total city valuation.

If the above statements are true, we can then agreeably proceed together with further questions.

1. On page 7 of the Feb. 11 letter, Clark & Groff estimate an annual payment of \$111,506 to retire bonds AFTER advance payment of all connection fees have been paid. These fees will be approximately \$350.00 per home for the original 600 users, as we understand it. This reduces the required bonding by \$210,000. If this money were to be included in the bond total, it would require approximately \$12,600 more per annum for a total of \$124,106.00. Does this not compare favorably with our estimate of \$125,100 based on a \$2,085,000 bond rather than the reduced bonding figure of \$1,450,000 quoted?
2. On page 6 of the Feb. 11 letter, with reference to our question 7, is it not still agreed that with a \$7,610,000 valuation and an annual bond payment of about \$157,000, the tax levy would have to be about \$20.65 per thousand in addition to the present tax if the tax carries the full burden, and no matter how you slice it, with advance connection fees, foot frontage, land area or tax assessors pro-rated formula, the combined cost to a property owner will approximate this levy?

Would it not be cheaper for Mill City residents to put all of the expense of this project into one large bonding package, hopefully to be purchased by FHA or some similar agency and hopefully at about 5%?

You ask residents to prepay connection fees that appear to approximate \$400 per residence. The owner must also raise money to go under his house, reverse the flow (in many cases) and lay his own tile out to the street line. This could average out to well over \$500 in many areas of the city. Flow lines will have to be met and many lots will require hand work because many mechanical diggers cannot work in confined spaces. Could this expense not drive many a home owner to a lending in-

## Detroit Cougars Paw OSSD Tuesday Night

Turnovers took their toll as Detroit pounded out a 74-44 Casco League win over Oregon State School for the Deaf in a Tuesday night basketball duel there last week.

OSSD stayed in range the first quarter, trailing only 14-16 with eight of the Panther points coming from Paul Singleton. Detroit then doubled the score up on the Panthers and pulled away. Singleton was the leading scorer for OSSD with 22 points.

Detroit 74 — Smith 22, Monroe 12, Rick Roth 12, Randy Roth 10, Lynn 8, Gardner 4, Williamson 4, Adams 2.

OSSD 44 — Paul Singleton 22, Traeger 8, McKenzie 7, Azure 3, Martin 3, Detroit 34—  
Halftime score: Detroit 34—OSSD 20. Total fouls: Detroit 17, OSSD 13. Fouled out: Azure, JV, Detroit 51, OSSD 49.

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## Minutes Of City Council Meeting

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING: Feb. 13, 1974.

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Council President Howell in the absence of the mayor, who was excused. Councilmen Wills and Councilwoman Carey present. Councilman DeMain arrived late.

The council accepted the appointment of James W. Jaquette to fill out the council term left vacant by Mr. Brunner's resignation. The recorder swore in Mr. Jaquette.

The minutes of the last regular council meeting of Jan. 9, 1974 were read and approved.

The recorder read the police report: traffic citations: 8; traffic warnings: 11; municipal citations: adult 3, juvenile 3; jail record: prisoners lodged 1; court record: cases processed 14; incidents - complaints: 72; case reports: 10; accidents reported: 2; money received (fines): \$163.00.

The bills were read. Councilman Wills suggested that \$80 be withheld from the Mill City Hardware bill until the order is completed and that the bill for backhoeing not be paid as the work was contracted for the state. Moved by Carey, seconded by Wills to pay the bills with the exception, in the amount of \$2,693.89. Passed with a roll call with all aye votes.

Moved by Wills, seconded by Carey to postpone all regularly scheduled business, putting it on the agenda for the next regular meeting, and get to the sewer discussion. Four aye votes, Councilman DeMain—no.

The request of Mr. and Mrs. Tuinstra for a variance on trailer restrictions was referred to the planning commission, the recommendation to be sent to Councilman DeMain who will make the decision on the variance.

Moved by DeMain, seconded by Carey to table Richard Sims' request for a six month's extension on his building permit until next meeting. Passed with all aye votes.

Councilwoman Carey assured the audience that the city park would be on next month's agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. followed by a question and answer discussion between the public and Wayne Taylor of Clark & Groff Engineers, concerning the sewer update study.

Respectfully submitted:  
Judith Bogle  
City Recorder

stitution to borrow anywhere from \$500 to as high as \$1,500? What interest rate will he have to pay on today's market. What sort of field inspection will the lending agency require? What will this cost? Will not most want the house as security if an appraisal proves it's worth? Would it not be better for the city to raise sufficient additional monies from the sale from bonds and then make this money available at a reasonable interest rate to those who need or desire it? It must be remembered however, that either of these solutions would place a lien or encumbrance on the property.

We understand the reason for, agree with and do not fault Clark & Groff for their inflation projections, both dollar and population wise, but this is sugar coating the problem. They project city valuation and population expansion for 40 years and arrive at the ridiculously low figure of \$2.00 per thousand. We do not question their figures. We do know, however, that most of us will not live long enough to enjoy this \$2.00 figure. What we want to know is what the next four or five years will cost per year.

All of this brings about a vicious circle. The minute sewers are installed, the average user assuming a \$15,000 property value plus 4% inflation the first year, will be paying approximately \$27 per month, if we correctly understand the figures quoted. This is on top of his household line and connection fee which have already been paid out-of-pocket. Now the assessor comes along and raises the property valuation through virtue of having a sewer. Are we sadly in error or is this actually the way this sewer financial picture can be projected?

All of us agree that sewers are desirable? Given all the facts, we believe the citizens of this community will make the right decision come election day.

Concerned citizens

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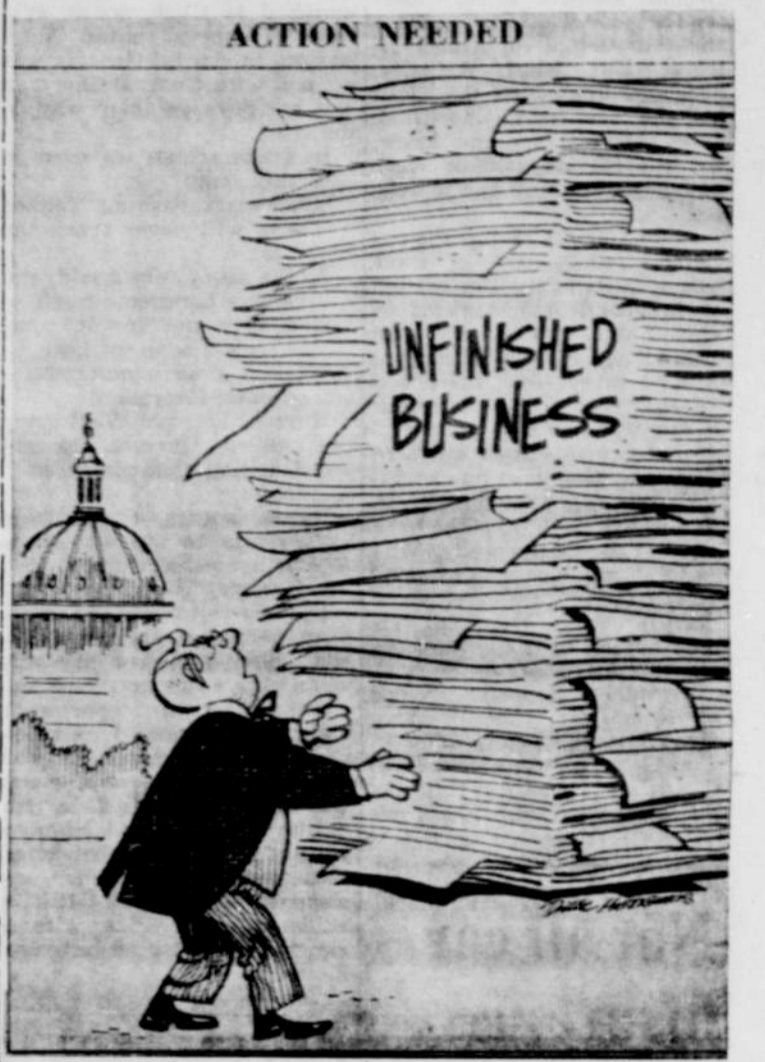
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If congress would lift certain price controls such as the ones on natural gas, industry could function better in finding the answers to the energy shortage in this nation. Industry could then explore new ways to find additional energy sources.

Congress should also pass the budget control bill, which will provide better control of federal spending. The proposed bill would set firm and enforceable spending ceilings that will not be subject to haphazard or easy adjustment by big spenders.

Amendments should be made to the occupational safety act so that certain restrictions are no longer such a burden to the small businessmen who are the hallmarks of our economy and provide many jobs.

By acting now, congress could provide the atmosphere in which industry could continue to provide the nation with the best possible standard of living.

## Alsea Nips Detroit In Close Win Friday

DETROIT — Joe Haley scored the winning points for Alsea as they posted a 55-54 cliff-hanger win over Detroit in Friday night Casco league basketball competition here.

Haley finished up 16 markers while teammate Tad Olson had 20. Brian Smith bucketed 18 points for high point honors for Detroit.

Alsea 55—Tad Olson 20, M. Schreiber 2, Stone 9, Hendrix 2, Culley 4, B. Scheiber 1, Haley 16.

Detroit 54 — Smith 18, Randy Roth 16, Rick Roth 3, Monroe 4, Lynn 6, Williamson 2, Gardner 5.

Halftime: Detroit 27, Alsea 22. Total fouls: Alsea 26, Detroit 19. Fouled out: M. Schreiber, Haley, Smith and Gardner. JV—Detroit 52, Alsea 53. Friday, Feb. 22, Triangle Lake will host Detroit JV game at 6:15 and varsity at 6:00 p.m.

## DETROIT IDANHA Boots Champion

Mrs. Rubin Krieger, Idanha, was released from Salem General Hospital Friday, following 15 days of hospitalization for medical attention. She is now recuperating at home.

Bill Waters, Detroit, was taken by Idanha Rural Fire District ambulance last Thursday night about 10:30 p.m. to Santiam Memorial Hospital, Stayton, for medical attention. A report said his condition is improving.

The Idanha Rural Fire District was called to a Detroit mobile home fire about 3:00 Thursday. Local citizens had responded to the alarm and carried out burning blankets and a mattress preparatory to the arrival of the fire department. No other damage was reported other than some smoke damage. Cause of the fire was not learned.

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