

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Building Court Room on January 15, 1974 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Ike Fultz presiding.

Present: Ike Fultz, Robert Leonard, W. F. McElroy, Jim Humphreys, Roy Roberts

Also Present: Milas D. Franks, City Manager
Montie Meeks, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Thomas Ross, from 605 Roberts Avenue appeared before Council about a Storm Drainage problem. He stated that he had bought some property on the Southside that was very grown up. He had cleaned it off and now that it is cleaned off water is coming across his property from a drain pipe located under Roberts Avenue. He stated that the water was washing away his land. He asked Council to do something about it. 6467

The City Manager advised Council that he had looked at the situation, and that at that time he did not feel that it was the City's responsibility to correct the situation since it was on private property. 6468

Council instructed the City Manager to look at the situation again and determine what corrective action could be taken.

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote, Council authorized renewal of Pool Room License to George and Frank Bolling T/A The Sportsman. 6469

Mrs. Edwards appeared before Council for Mr. & Mrs. John Leho. She asked that the City put rock or gravel at the dead end of 8th Street. She stated that the road was in very bad shape. 6470

Council advised City Manager to put stone on this road.

Mrs. Edwards also complained about the stumps that were left where the City had cleaned off 8th Street, N.W. She said that children played on this property and that the stumps were very dangerous. She also said that she would like to have them removed so that they can get to their Lots and develop them. 6471

Mayor requested the City Manager to look into the stump problem and see what could be done.

Mrs. Edwards also complained about the garbage that had been dumped over the bank by renters in some of the houses on 8th Street. She would like for the City to see about having it removed. 6472

This matter was referred to the City Manager for investigation.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous vote Council moved to reappoint Bill Clements and Bardin Thrower to a four (4) year term to the N.I.D.A. Board, said term to expire January 2, 1978. 6473

The City Manager advised Council that the reappraisal of Real Estate will be under way by April. Mr. Franks said that he was bringing this to Council's attention at this time so that they could be thinking about three (3) people to serve on the Property Appraisal Board. He also advised Council that compensation for these people would have to be decided. 6474

The City Manager advised Council that the City had budgeted \$12,250.00 for

the installation of guard rail in the City. Mr. Franks advised Council that he had contacted Macko, Inc. of Charlottesville, Virginia to get a price for this work. The Mayor asked the City Manager for an outline of guard rail installation. Mr. Franks advised that it was needed in the following places:

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Ramsey Section - 900 Feet

East Park Avenue near Park Drive-Inn, near Virginia Supply, and the access road to the new Elementary School.

Tipple Hill coming into the City.

Residential area beginning on Henry Street, around Highland Avenue and coming off to Chestnut Street.

3,380

3,380 feet of guard rail is needed for these areas.

The City Manager advised Council that the signing program for the City was almost complete. They are now making an inventory of the balance of the City to see what else is needed. All new signs will be put on Park Avenue in the Business District. The City is replacing all old signs with the new national standard signs.

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The Mayor asked for a progress report on the Ramsey Park. City Manager advised that this park was almost completed. Swings, rides, and merry-go-round have been installed.

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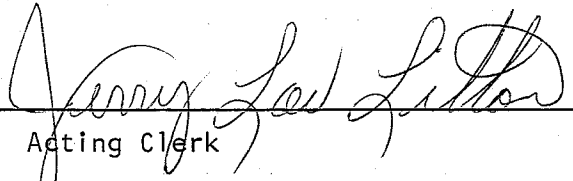
Council instructed the Manager to complete the other planned Parks before consideration would be given for purchasing additional equipment.

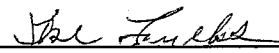
George Bolling told the Council that an Incinerator System for the City would be very expensive. He was quoting Olin Willis. He said that he was working at the Wise County Landfill and he watched the City truck unload their garbage. He said that 20% of it was paper. He suggested that the City look into the possibility of having the merchants separate the cardboard boxes and have a special truck pick up the cardboard. He said that George Hunnicutt had a paper bailer. He suggested that the City try and work out something with Mr. Hunnicutt on bailing this excess paper. He said that the City could cut down on their amount of garbage going to the Landfill at Wise this way.

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Mayor authorized the City Manager to look into the paper bailing idea.

There being no further business to come before the City Council same adjourned.


Acting Clerk



Mayor