

Local news

1st Scout Troop Expanding Role

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of Southfield are happy to welcome the birth of daughter Bonnie Lynne on June 17 at 5 1/2 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cash of New Hudson. Paternal grandfather is Winston Miller of Southfield. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Miller of Hillcrest Dr., Farmington.

A MISCELLANEOUS bridal shower was given in honor of Miss Shirley Jensen of Centerville on July 17.

It was given by Mrs. Lawrence Harshfield, Mrs. John Runyon and Mrs. Wesley Niemisto of Farmington. Forty guests attended this beautiful garden party shower.

The shower cake was decorated with umbrellas and roses. The favors were decorated with nylon (rolls) and wedding bands (filled with candy nuts). (Name tags were also attached to the favors.) Tea, sandwiches, punch, ice cream, cake and coffee were served. Guests came from Port Huron, St. Clair Shores, Detroit and Farmington area. Miss Jensen will be the bride of Philip Pekio of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Biecher of Maple and Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Snyder of Fleming spent a week in the Delaware Inn on Georgian Bay, Canada.

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THE LUTHER DEVILS of Farmington and the Donald E. Duels of Detroit recently drove to Toronto and New York state to visit friends and relatives for 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peppermill Rd. spent a week on Lake Mendota in their mountain cabin in the wilderness.

William R. Miller of Farmington underwent surgery this past week in Grace Hospital. He will also undergo surgery this coming week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Louis Gillespie of Farmington recently visited daughter "Fran" (Mrs. Walton Jett) for 10 days. While Fran and Walt were on vacation she stayed at their home with their family.

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wood creek farms

By ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA 6-6335

Dave and Harriett Goldman left here July 7 in a group of 34 who were going to the American Bar Association meeting in London but spent a week in Switzerland first.

This GROUP flew to Zurich and traveled by bus to Montreux where they boarded a boat for the trip down the lake to Geneva. It was a wonderful week except for an unwelcome incident. At Interlaken a bus boy poured scalding water down Harriett's arm. The boy was immediately taken there and again in Zurich and again in London. Her arm is healing nicely although now the skin is peeling.

The group then flew to London for the association convention and for a wonderful week in London. The highlight of the week, for Harriett at least, was that at a garden party given for them she was near enough to shake hands with the Queen Mother and to speak a few words with her. They returned on a 747 arriving July 21.

DICK, MAXINE and Sheila Carlson left here July 12 to drive to St. Petersburg for the golden wedding anniversary of Maxine's parents.

Following the reception for this marvelous event, Maxine's sister and family joined Dick, Maxine and Sheila for a few days at Farmington in 1967.

Miss Phillips graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic High School in Farmington in 1967.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on July 19, 1971. Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Brotherton.

ROLL CALL: Allen, Brotherton, Richardson, Seibert, Yoder. Absent: None.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Dixon, City Clerk Brines, Chief Deputy City Clerk Brines.

Attorney Kelly arrived at 8:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Yoder supported by Richardson to approve minutes of previous meeting of July 6, 1971 as published. Motion carried, all ayes.

REPORT LAU/1 BREICH REPRESENTATIVE VOLUNTEERING GIRLS STATE

Laurel Breich, Girls' State Representative reported on her work at Girls' State. She outlined the various activities and thanked the Council for having the opportunity to participate. She included her remarks by stating that the whole week was, in her opinion, a valuable and enjoyable experience.

PUBLIC HEARING

CM-7061 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE LAND AREA REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Brotherton opened the public hearing and stated that Notices of said Hearing had been published in the local papers. He asked for comments from interested persons.

City Manager Dixon stated the present ordinance requires 1,100 sq. ft. per lot, and it was recommended by the City Planning Commission that this be amended to reduce the minimum lot size to 1,000 sq. ft. which is more in accord with what is being done in other communities.

Mr. Edward Sauer of 3400 East Court stated that by putting the second story of the Oak Hill Nursing Home in the area that the surrounding property would have a value lowered.

Councilman Richardson told him that this proposed ordinance amendment had nothing to do with the Hill Nursing Home or the construction that was going on there at the present time.

Mr. Sauer then questioned the severe problems he has encountered, and wondered what effect this would have on the Oak Hill of East Court when the second story of Oak Hill was constructed.

City Manager Dixon told him the problem was not due to the variance of the present ordinance, but rather the fact that the Oak Hill Nursing Home is on East Court, and frequent use tends to block a sewer up.

He stated the City Water and Sewer Department is now going to have a regular schedule of checking sewer outfalls, and the sewer line to the sewer main can be installed to ward of back-ups.

Mr. Delman Avers of 2344 East Court said there had been no building permits issued for Oak Hill Nursing Home. The City Manager told him there had been two for the restraining wall and one for the ambulance entrance.

Motion by Seibert supported by Yoder to close the public hearing. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Richardson supported by Yoder to introduce Ordinance No. C-7061, to Amend Ordinance No. 80, Section 10, of the City of Farmington, Michigan, providing that the lot shall have 500 square feet of 1,100 square feet for each hospital bed.

Roll Call: Ayes: Allen, Brotherton, Richardson, Seibert, Yoder. Absent: None.

Motion carried, all ayes.

CM-7101 VACATION OF EASEMENT, LOT 1, VALLEY HILL SUBDIVISION

Action by the City Council was taken at the last meeting in order for Mr. Norman Paulson, owner of the property to contact Detroit Edison Company regarding their objection. However, Mr. Paulson was not present at the meeting and Detroit Edison Company did not appear. The City Manager stated that if they objected to the proposed vacation of this easement as it is the only location where they can service this commercial development.

Motion by Seibert supported by Allen to close public hearing. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Seibert supported by Richardson to direct the request to vacate the private easement, Lot 1 Valley Hill Subdivision. Motion carried, all ayes.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS JULY 19, 1971

Motion by Richardson supported by Seibert to receive and file. Motion carried, all ayes.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 1971

Received and file.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING JUNE 18, 1971

Received and file.

FARMINGTON DISTRICT LIBRARY MEETING JUNE 1, 1971

Received and file.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING JUNE 18, 1971

Received and file.

CM-7161 PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL CLERK RE: DESIGNATION CITY REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETING

Letter from Michigan Municipal League stating that the annual business meeting will be held at Mackinac Island on September 1, 1971 for the election of Directors, Adoption of Resolutions and other business. According to the bylaws, it is necessary for the City to designate an official representative and alternate.

Motion by Richardson supported by Seibert that the City Council designate the City Manager as the official representative and Mayor Brotherton as the alternate City Representative to attend the annual business meeting of the Michigan Municipal League.

Motion carried, all ayes.

FARMINGTON AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL RE: APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Letter received from Farmington Area Advisory Council advising they have made appointments to their Board of Directors for the ensuing 1971 year. They state that of the 20 members of the board, 19 will be participating for their second term of office. This shows that there is a definite interest in this program. They have representatives from a broad range of various community groups throughout the Farmington area.

Motion by Yoder supported by Richardson to receive and file. Motion carried, all ayes.

CM-7181 CITY OF BERKLEY RE: OPPOSITION TO COUNTY FUNDS FOR SPORTS STADIUM

Resolution from the City of Berkley stating that their City Council is opposed to the use of Oakland County funds in connection with building a sports stadium to be located in Oakland County. It is their opinion that the proposed stadium would impose undue expense on the County.

The consensus of opinion of the Farmington City Council previously was that the sports stadium should be built in downtown Detroit to add to the economy of the core city, based on the financial analysis that has been projected that a sports stadium designated for foot football cannot amortize the cost without being subsidized. It would seem logical that the Detroit Tigers baseball team and the Detroit Lions football team should use the same facility to make it financially feasible to pay for a new sports stadium.

Motion by Allen supported by Richardson that the City Council go on record as supporting the City of Berkley resolution by opposing the use of county funds for a sports stadium. Motion carried, all ayes.

CM-7041 COMPLAINT REGARDING LAND FILL OPERATIONS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY

Letter read from Thomas J. Beale, Attorney, stating that his firm has been engaged as counsel for a group of property owners living in Twin Valley Court. They are filing a complaint regarding dumping operation that have been carried out at the rear of the Baptist Church in Farmington located at 33400 Silverstone Road. They state that the dumping operation seriously affects the interests of their clients and constitutes a hazard to the public welfare.

They state that according to the Farmington City Code, such dumping has to be approved by the City Council and a permit is required. They also state that the persons responsible for this dumping operation should remove the dirt and debris and restore the landscape of the lot in order to prevent further erosion, slides and unnecessary drainage.

City Manager Dixon stated that, prior to the excavation of Silverstone from Oak Hill Road to Grand River Avenue, the Farmington Baptist Church stated they would appropriate 100,000 sq. ft. of land which would be in a position to expand their parking lot at the rear of the church. The City Manager stated that the contractor used the property for their dumping operation. However, it was brought to the City's attention by Mr. Robert Hauer of 24175 Twin Valley Court that this was not the case and that the City immediately ordered the dumping operation to be discontinued at this location.

City Manager Dixon has also had an opportunity to review this situation and has concluded that the Farmington Baptist Church and he has agreed to allow the City to remove any debris from the side of the slope, and also remove excessive dirt from around the trees at the bottom of the slope so they will not be damaged.

In addition a representative from the Davey Tree Service has analyzed the trees that were growing on the side of the slope with excessive dirt and debris, and it was his opinion that these trees may survive due to the fact that the root structure of the trees on a side of a slope have a tendency to reach down to the bottom of the valley for water.

Mr. Beale stated that Attorney Beale was correct in that no public hearing was held on this matter, and no permit was issued because once the excavation starts on a project of this nature, it is only a matter of a day or two and the excavation is completed. Therefore, there is no time to engage in a public hearing or issue a permit under these conditions. The administration did not realize that this would extend into the valley and that it would have any effect on the existing trees. As soon as the complaint was filed, the City Manager ordered this operation to cease.

From a practical standpoint, Mr. Beale's request that the dirt be removed is not practical or feasible without being involved in an operation that would cost thousands of dollars. City Manager Dixon therefore believes the best approach would be to remove any debris and maintain the trees that were affected and preclude any dumping in the future.

In the discussion that ensued, Mr. Robert Hauer showed the Council members some photographs he had taken of the dumping operation and the debris on the slope. Also the custodian of the First Baptist Church was present at the meeting and apologized on behalf of the Church for the trouble caused.

It was the consensus of the City Council that perhaps a field trip might be in order so they could better evaluate the situation.

Motion by Seibert supported by Richardson to table action on this until the next meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

CM-7061 REQUEST TO BOARD OF ZONING RE: PERMISSION TO APPEAR BEFORE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OUTDOOR RECREATION MOTOR VEHICLE

Letter from Robert Tilly, 2315 Drake Road, stating that he has purchased property located at the southwest corner of Shumard and Grand River. It is his intention to construct a "Dogden" type car park at this location. He appeared before the Farmington City Planning Commission on July 19, 1971 for site plan approval. The Planning Commission decided this request based on the opinion of City Attorney Robert Kelly, that this type of use is prohibited under the Commercial District which prohibits trotting tracks or similar outdoor recreation that involves the racing or performance of automobiles, motorcycles, or other motor driven vehicles. It is his opinion that the property would be considered this type of operation.

Mr. Tilly is requesting that the City Council change the ordinance so that he may operate his business or give him permission to use the property for this type of operation. He states he would be willing to operate on a temporary permit so that the City Council can see the nice type of operation that he can do for children. Mr. Tilly plans to have his operation during the summer months and the hours will be 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekends.

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission that since this use was prohibited the Zoning Board of Appeals would have the authority to grant a variance. Also the City Attorney stated there would be no point in referring this to the Board of Appeals - either the ordinance would have to be amended or the ordinance is unconstitutional.

Motion by Richardson supported by Yoder to refer Mr. Tilly's request to the Board of Appeals. His request is to appear without recommendation from the City Council, and if they see fit to recommend a change in the Zoning Ordinance then the Council will take his recommendation.

Motion carried, all ayes except one abstention - Allen.

CM-7161 REQUEST FROM VETERANS OF WORLD WAR ONE TO SELL APPLE BLOSSOMS IN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON SEPTEMBER 18, 1971

Letter received from Farmington Barracks No. 1152 Veterans of World War One stating that they are planning to sell apple blossoms in 1971. They state the proceeds raised by the sale are used to help veterans of World War I who are in the hospital, rest homes, or are housebound in their own homes. During the past year they have been able to provide assistance to several needy veterans, and this is the only way they raise funds during the year.

Motion by Seibert supported by Richardson to grant permission to Farmington Barracks No. 1152 to sell apple blossoms in the City of Farmington on September 18, 1971.

Motion carried, all ayes.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CM-7101 REPORT BIDS ASPHALT PAVING HAMLIN COURT AND JAMES COURT

City Manager Dixon reported the City received bids for Thursday, July 15, 1971 as per advertisement. Bids were as follows:

1. Maraldo Asphalt Paving Co.	\$ 22,326.50
2. Nade Paving Co.	22,698.25
3. Lind Asphalt Paving Co.	22,750.87
4. J. Boyle Inc.	26,120.00
5. Detroit Concrete Products.	36,380.00
6. Wahmanen Asphalt Co.	38,657.25
7. A. and A. Asphalt Paving.	40,001.00

The low bidder Maraldo Asphalt Paving Co. has been investigated by the City Engineers and they state they are qualified to do this project. Also the bid was in accordance with the engineer's estimate of cost.

Motion by Seibert supported by Richardson to award the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Farmington City Council award the bid for "D" deep strength asphalt paving curb and gutter on Hamlin Court and James Court to the low bidder, Maraldo Asphalt Paving Company, in the amount of \$22,326.50.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Brotherton, Richardson, Seibert, Yoder, Allen

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JULY 19, 1971.

Elizabeth Brines, City Clerk

CM-7041 REPORT PICK UP TRUCK AND LOAN PACKER

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Richardson, Seibert, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JULY 19, 1971.

Elizabeth Brines, City Clerk

CM-7061

The City of Farmington received bids for the purchase of a 2 1/2 yard loader truck at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 1971 as per advertisement. Bids were as follows:

Jerry Biedfeld Company: Garwood 855 Heavy Duty Loader Packer. 1971 Ford LNT 800 (diesel) \$22,204.00

O'Green Ford Co.: Garwood 855 Heavy Duty Loader Packer. 1971 Ford LNT 800 (diesel) \$23,125.00

Pennard & Real Estate Company, Inc.: Heil Mark III 1970 Ford \$17,500.00

CM 700 Gasoline demonstrator \$17,500.00

Heil Mark III 1971 (load packer body) \$1,750.00

Heil Mark V 1971 (load packer body) \$1,750.00

S & W Equipment Inc.: Demster Load Packer - 1971 Ford \$22,100.00 Diesel (demonstrator) \$22,100.00

In analyzing the bids, the low bidder for the new equipment Jerry Biedfeld is only \$224.00 higher than the S. and W. Equipment Inc. for a demonstrator truck with more than 5,000 miles. The other demonstrator as bid by Pennard and Real Estate Company, Inc. did not meet specifications and provides a lighter duty load packer with gasoline engine, while the specifications call for a heavy duty load packer.

A discussion ensued between members of the City Council and representatives of O'Green Ford and S. and W. Equipment Company as to exactly what the specifications would be for this type of operation.

Motion by Allen supported by Richardson to award the bid for 2 1/2 yard Load Packer truck to the low bidder, Jerry Biedfeld in the amount of \$22,204.

Motion by Richardson supported by Yoder to table action the decision of awarding this bid and establish a special Council Meeting for 7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, July 21, 1971 for this purpose.

CM-7191 REPORT BIDS PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT ALBERT SYSTEM

City Manager Dixon reported bids were received at 10:30 a.m. July 7, 1971 as per advertisement for the Home Alerting System as part of the City's reorganization of Communications system in the Public Safety Department. The bids were as follows:

1. Peter Payette Company, Grosse Ile, Michigan \$17,950.00

2. Placeton RTO Civil Receivers at \$18.00

3. Placeton RTO Civil Station Encoder \$175.00

Total \$2,895.00

2. Motorola Corporation, Southfield, Michigan \$20,000.00

3. Model MOCBMS Alert Monitors \$1,000.00

1. Model SP-CEC-25 Encoder \$1,000.00

Total \$4,000.00

3. Outcomer, Southfield, Michigan \$20,000.00

2. Federal Model 8015 Receivers \$1,000.00

1. Federal Model RTO Encoder \$1,000.00

Total \$23,000.00

It was the recommendation of the Director of Public Safety that the City accept the bid of Peter Payette Company in the amount of \$2,895.00. It is recommended with all aspects of the specifications and is within the projected estimate of cost.

Motion by Richardson supported by Yoder to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Farmington City Council award the bid for 20 Placeton RTO Civil Receivers at \$18.00 each and 1 Placeton RTO Civil Station Encoder at \$175.00 to the low bidder, Peter Payette Company in the amount of \$2,895.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Home Alerting System be paid for from a loan from the National City Bank of Detroit as part of the City's share in the new Communications System for the Public Safety Department.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Seibert, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton, Richardson

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JULY 19, 1971

Elizabeth Brines, City Clerk

CM-7181 REPORT ON EMPIRE CAR COMPANY OPERATIONS

City Manager Dixon reported he has been advised that Elsie Newberry d/b/a Empire Car Company has gone out of business.

Empire Car Company was the recipient of four City bond plates and the City Manager reported the insurance has expired as was the City, and to all intents and purposes is not operating as a reliable car company in the City of Farmington.

A report from the Department of Public Safety indicates that a check of Empire Car Company's trip sheets indicates that at least the Company provided service where the company was in operation. The trip sheets showed they operated one shift a day for ten days in May, and one shift a day for 10 days in April. They have no trip sheets for the month of March.

The Department of Public Safety has confiscated these four bond plates as Empire Car Company did not comply with the City of Farmington tax ordinance by allowing its insurance to expire.

City Manager Dixon told the Council members he has been contacted by Mr. Thomas Macaluso, owner of the Star Cab Company in Novi who wanted the Council would issue the four bond plates previously held by Empire Car Company to him. Star Cab Company has been the recipient for bond plates on two previous occasions because it was felt that these bond plates were sufficient to service the Farmington area. However now that this has been reduced by two, the City Manager thought perhaps the Council would want to allow these confiscated bond plates to be issued to the Star Cab Company.

Motion by Yoder supported by Richardson that the Farmington City Council issue the four confiscated bond plates from Empire Car Company to the Star Cab Company of Novi, Michigan - expiration date, December 31, 1971.

Motion carried, all ayes.

CM-7101 REPORT ON AMENDMENT WOOD ORDINANCE

City Manager Dixon reported he had an opportunity to review the existing Wood Ordinance with City Attorney Robert Kelly. It was the conclusion of the City Manager and Attorney Kelly that under Ordinance 9.82 the City should amend the time schedule for requiring weed cutting period of May 15 on or before July 1st, and second cutting of June 30th before September 1st.

In analyzing the schedule they believed this six week period is too long in that the property owner can wait before cutting the weeds, or having the City the weeds for five days notice, and recommended that Section 9.82 be amended to read as follows:

"that the cutting, removing or destroying of such weeds, grass and vegetation at least once after May 15, and before June 1, and once after July 15 and before August 1 each year shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this chapter."

Both City Manager Dixon and City Attorney Kelly believe that by reducing the length of time to cut these weeds, in essence they are expediting this phase by a minimum of thirty days.

Motion by Richardson supported by Seibert to introduce Ordinance No. C-7061 as an amendment to the Code of the City of Farmington, Chapter 88, Section 9.82, of Occupant or Owner.

Motion carried, all ayes.

CM-7181

City Manager Dixon reported that in analyzing the Shopping Center Maintenance Ordinance with City Attorney Kelly, they were of the opinion that the wording under section 5.37 Landscaping, is adequate to require proper cutting of weeds to those parts of highway rights-of-way adjoining the Shopping Center and that this would be simply a matter of enforcement through the issuance of violations to property owners that did not comply with the requirements of the chapter.

However, this ordinance would not control