

City of Farmington Council Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Farmington was held on January 4, 1965.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Lindbergh.

Roll call: Mayor Lindbergh, Councilmen: Brotherton, Forrest, Lindbergh, Peterson and Thayer present.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lindbergh, Clerk Quinn, Attorney Lee and Chief Foltz.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Forrest, seconded by Peterson, to table approval of minutes of Council meeting held on December 21, 1964, until next regular meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Petitions and Communications:

A letter from Richard T. Markham, Thanking Employees for Toy Donation.

Letter read and placed on file from Richard T. Markham, President of Farmington Exchange Club, expressing thanks to the employees of the City of Farmington for their donations of toys for the Farmington Goodwill Drive.

B. Letter Michigan Municipal League RE: Assessment for 1965.

Letter read from the Michigan Municipal League stating that the League will hold its 41st American Municipal Congress to be held in Detroit, Michigan, on January 13-14, 1965. The first time the American Congress has held its annual convention in Michigan. The League has certain responsibilities in connection with this annual meeting of our National Organization. The League has urged membership at the last Annual Convention recorded its desire to join with the City of Detroit and urged member cities and villages to contribute financially to the best of their ability.

C. City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council authorize the City's participation for the promotion of the American Municipal Congress to be held in Detroit, Michigan, July 12-13, 1965, in the amount of \$200.00. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. Letter Young's Guidance Committee RE: Meeting January 5, 1965.

Letter read and placed on file from the Youth Guidance Committee requesting that the City Council appoint a representative to join with the City to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held on January 5, 1965, at the Young's Guidance Committee, 2122 Grand River, at 8:00 p.m. They request that the representative prepare a brief five minute statement on the City's work with the Junior High and High School young people. An indication of the philosophy underlying the work, staff employed, hopes for the future, etc., would be helpful.

City Manager Dinan stated that the City has a representative to attend the Youth Guidance Committee meetings regularly. Sergeant Deadman, our Juvenile Officer, has been working with the Committee since its inception and is well qualified to make a presentation on behalf of the City.

City Manager Dinan stated that the Council appointed Rev. Walter Ballough at a lay member to represent the City on this Committee. Council members are invited to attend this meeting. By unanimous consent, Sergeant Deadman will attend the Youth Guidance Committee meeting as the City representative.

D. Letter from Farmington Goodwill Drive: City Contribution.

Letter read and placed on file

from John H. Richardson, O.V.M., Chairman of the Farmington Goodwill Drive, appreciation for the City's contribution to the Farmington Goodwill Drive to the Council. Their goal "no child in Farmington without a Christmas in 1964."

Reports from City Manager:

A. Report Exchange of Properties Elks Lodge and City.

City Manager Dinan reported that the matter pertaining to the exchange of properties between the Elks Lodge and the City of Farmington was tabled at the last Council meeting to give the office an opportunity to check with the City's Bonding Attorney relative to the establishment of a special assessment district for community parking in the rear of commercial buildings on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road.

City Manager Dinan stated that he had met with the City's Bonding Attorney, Stratton S. Brown, Miller, Canfield, Padlock & Stone, as to whether the City could legally establish this special assessment district for a community parking lot without 100 per cent voluntary participation and initial installment payment.

In summary, the bonding attorney has stated that the City has the legal right to establish a special assessment district for a community parking lot. He stated that there is no precedent that has been established in the Supreme Court as to the method of assessment for the amount of assessment to be levied on the property. In his opinion, the City should proceed with the establishment of the district and send out initial installment. He stated that if someone started a lawsuit then the City will have to defend the position and the equity involved. It was his opinion that it would simplify things if the City could fund the program from their Capital Improvement Program in lieu of selling bonds. He stated that the City could sell for this project.

City Manager Dinan stated that this opinion from the bonding attorney, the City is in a position to proceed with the transfer of property to the Elks Lodge that has been delayed awaiting this legal status or the community parking lot.

The Council discussed the exchange of properties, the bonding attorney's opinion, the necessity for a community parking lot on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road and the procedure that was established for the completed Area "A" parking lot on the south side of Grand River relative to assessment needed for property owners involved.

Mayor Lindbergh stated that the Council has received the Bonding Attorney's legal opinion and the City should be able to proceed with the first installment of the community parking lot on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road. He stated that the City received 100 per cent cooperation from the property owners who were involved in the legal proceedings.

The Council must determine the necessity for a community parking lot, make the first move by exchanging the exchange of properties and proceed with this project based on the legal opinion.

Councilman Brotherton stated that the City established a special assessment district for parking, paving, steps and sidewalks on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road and confirmed August 19, 1963, with plans to provide street parking for that area. He stated that the City has sufficient assurance from the City Bonding Attorney that the City

has authority to establish a special assessment district. Therefore, the City should complete the exchange of properties and proceed to establish a special assessment district and all property owners involved pay their fair share or receive property.

Councilman Peterson stated that in order to establish a special assessment district, the City must own the property for the proposed parking lot and be approved of the exchange of properties.

Councilman Thayer stated that six years ago the Council discussed the necessity for this proposed parking lot and he approved of the exchange of properties.

Councilman Forrest was of the opinion that the transaction for exchange of the Elks and City properties should be delayed until all property owners in the proposed special assessment district agree to share the cost of the project.

He questioned the percentage needed to establish a special assessment district for the proposed parking lot, the procedure to use to include property owners who object to the matter and used to negotiate with the property owners involved to provide information and consent for this project.

Councilman Forrest opposed the exchange of the Elks and City properties as to the future of the exchange of properties, based on appraisal values determined by the City.

Elks Lodge No. 1968, 33300 Grand River, Farmington, Michigan, has offered to exchange with the City of Farmington, 18.15 feet of Lot 3, Block 2, Davis Addition Subdivision, Appraised value \$18,000.00. Net difference of \$18,000.00 to the Elks Lodge No. 1968, as part of the exchange.

and also enter into an agreement with the Elks Lodge No. 1968, that the City of Farmington will have the first option to purchase the building located at 33312 Grand River Avenue, if the Elks Lodge No. 1968, desire to sell the future of the established appraisal price at that time.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Brotherton, Lindbergh, Peterson, Thayer. NAYS: Forrest.

Motion carried.

Councilman Forrest opposed the motion being declared, carried and stated that there was a conflict of interest in the votes cast by Mayor Lindbergh and Councilman Thayer since both were members of the Elks Lodge No. 1968.

He requested that the City immediately prepare a legal opinion regarding the conflict of interest.

Mayor Lindbergh stated that he did not have a conflict of interest, however, requested that the City Attorney prepare a legal opinion on request of Councilman Forrest.

Mr. Robert Rogers, 3912 Solum, stated that before the Council exchanges properties they should have all business property owners committed to the proposed special assessment parking project.

Motion by Brotherton seconded by Peterson that the City prepare procedure to establish a Special Assessment District for parking, paving, steps and sidewalks on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Lindbergh, Peterson, Thayer, Brotherton, Forrest. NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

B. Report Bill Root Chevrolet Parking Lot Setback.

City Manager Dinan reported that the City of Farmington has received a letter from Bill Root Chevrolet, regarding relocation of bumper guards setback from Mayfield Road 40 feet to be in line with existing houses to the south.

Mr. Root and Mr. Herzog stated that they would relocate and relocate bumper guards setback 40 feet to line up with houses to the south although this requirement will cost them three needed parking spaces.

The work will be accomplished during the week of January 4, 1965, so that the parking lot will be in strict adherence to the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Wiggle, 23080 Mayfield Road, Grand River, Michigan, stated that the City of Farmington has a parking lot for a period of days illegally in the area intended for employees parking only.

He stated that he would investigate and inform Mr. Root regarding relocation of bumper guards setback from Mayfield Road 40 feet to be in line with existing houses to the south.

C. Report Farmington Sheet Metal Company.

City Manager Dinan submitted a report from the City Engineer, Frank P. Kahl, relative to the investigation of a complaint from Siegfried Fleischer, 22475 Violet, regarding a vibration shearing machine on the property of the Sheet Metal Company.

The City Engineer stated that he met with John F. Fleischer, owner of the Sheet Metal Company, who stated that he would be willing to place leather padding under the shearing machine which would reduce the shock and possible vibration. He met with the owner of the property and stated that no vibration was transmitted inside the house the evening he was there.

Mr. Fleischer informed Mr. P. Kahl on Sunday, January 3, 1965, that the vibration has been reduced and to disregard the complaint and consider it corrected.

City Manager Dinan informed the Council that he was pleased with the problem was solved, however, if any problem developed during the summer months, he would contact the Council.

D. Report \$1,000 Advance Payment to Asa C. Kahl Land Contract.

City Manager Dinan reported that the City has been requested by Asa C. Kahl that the City advance \$1,000.00 on land contract payment for property located on the northeast corner of State and Liberty Streets that the City has been purchasing on land contract for the past seven years. The City has been purchasing this property on a five year land contract and has received an indefinite extension from Mr. Kahl to provide for a large land contract payments beyond this five year period.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the Council transfer \$1,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to the 702 Land Purchase to be applied against the land contract purchase of property from Asa C. Kahl at the northeast corner of State and Liberty Streets.

Motion by Brotherton supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That transfer of \$1,000.00 be made from Contingency Fund to 702 Land Purchase, to be applied to Land Contract covering Lots 1 & 2, Garadous Webster Subdivision, payable to Asa C. Margaret Kahl.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Forrest, Lindbergh, Peterson, Thayer, Brotherton. NAYS: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted January 1965.

TRENA M. QUINN City Clerk

E. Report Adoption New Heating Fee Schedule.

City Manager Dinan reported that the City of Farmington has received a letter from the Heating Code by Reference which includes the Fee Schedule for heating permits.

City Manager Dinan stated that it would be in order to adopt the City of Detroit's schedule of heating fees so that our fees are consistent with other cities in other communities.

The Heating Inspector has reviewed the schedule and approves the increases.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the Council adopt the City of Detroit's Heating Permit fees as amended July 1, 1964, to go into effect January 1, 1965, with exception that homeowner permit fees remain \$10.00.

Motion by Peterson supported by Brotherton that the City Council adopt the City of Detroit's Heating Permit fees as amended July 1, 1964, with exception that homeowners fees remain \$10.00, effective in January of Farmington, January 1, 1965.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Brotherton, Forrest. NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

F. Report Traffic Control Order No. 17 and No. 18.

City Manager Dinan submitted a copy of Traffic Control Order No. 17 and No. 18 which are the results of a city-wide survey of existing traffic control signs by the Department of Public Safety. The majority of Shop signs designated in these control orders have been installed without any formal traffic control order in prior years.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the Council adopt Traffic Control Orders No. 17 and No. 18 as outlined by the Department of Public Safety.

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer to adopt Traffic Control Orders No. 17 and No. 18 as follows:

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 17

Effective January 5, 1965, the following regulations of traffic shall be in effect:

The following streets shall be designated as "STOP" streets:

- Kirby at Farmington Road
- Chesley Drive at Farmington Road
- Maplenut at Farmington Road
- Tail Oaks at Farmington Road
- Meadowlark at Farmington Road
- Chesley Drive at Farmington Road
- Chesley Drive at Eight Mile Road
- Flanders at Larkspur
- Flanders at Robinwood
- Meadowlark at Flanders
- Chestnut at Tail Oaks
- Tail Oaks at Chestnut

B. The following streets shall be designated as "YIELD RIGHT OF WAY" streets:

- Birchwood at Flanders
- Birchwood at Annewood
- Larkspur at Meadowlark
- Birchwood at Meadowlark
- Robinwood at Meadowlark
- Laurelwood at Meadowlark
- Meadowlark at Birchwood
- Tail Oaks at Birchwood
- Laurelwood at Flanders
- Kirby at Larkspur
- Tail Oaks at Tail Oaks
- Maplenut at Chestnut

"Streets with existing stop signs."

Approved by City Council January 4, 1965.

JOHN D. DINAN City Manager

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 18

Effective January 5, 1965, the following regulations of traffic shall be in effect:

A. The following streets shall be designated as "STOP" streets:

- State at Wilmarth
- State at Gill
- Alta Loma at Gill

Department has improved 1000 per cent and shows types of training necessary for the Department.

Councilman Brotherton requested information regarding the schedule for removing snow and repairing broken ice on the City ice tanks.

City Manager Dinan stated that the City has an agreement with the G & C Snow Removal Company to remove the snow from the tanks when the ice will hold the equipment. He stated that a guard is posted when the tank is flooded and an attempt is made to keep skaters off the tank until the ice is firm.

Councilman Brotherton suggested that the City Manager contact the G & C Snow Removal regarding equipment parked at his home.

W. Allen Nelson, 2708 Warner, suggested that loaded trucks be prohibited from using Warner Street and Oakland Avenue as regular route to prevent breaking pavement.

Chief Foltz stated that signs have been ordered, will be posted when received, and he will check for violations.

Claims and Accounts

A. Monthly Bills.

Motion by Thayer supported by Peterson that claims and accounts for December, 1964, be approved for payment as submitted.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Brotherton, Forrest, Lindbergh, Peterson, Thayer. NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peterson seconded by Thayer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ROBERT B. LINDBERGH, Mayor

TRENA M. QUINN, Clerk

A statement of the Venus de Milo, about one yard tall, was one of the first commercially produced nickel-in castings. It was made in Paris in 1876. Today, the castings of nickel-in castings are used annually by industry throughout the world.

Flight recorders on aircraft—the small instruments which ground in teaching includes help to ascertain the causes of seven years as a teacher and aircraft crashes—are protected guidance counselor in Bethlehem from shock and corrosion by a hem schools, a year as a teaching-house of special cast nickel for the Bethlehem Steel Cor-stainless steel.

ITA Speaker Slated By Bond School PTA

A speaker of interest to all parents in Farmington Township will address the January 13 meeting of the Bond Elementary School PTA.

Philip C. Hilaire, Reading Consultant, to the Oakland County Board of Education, will describe the Initial Teaching Alphabet approach to teaching children how to read.

THIS NEW ALPHABET was specifically designed to give young children confidence in learning through a greater certainty of success in the early learning stages.

Mr. Hilaire became acquainted with ITA in England where he was Reading Consultant and Psychologist for the U.S. Air Force Schools. He learned about it from its inventor, Sir James Pitman, grandson of the inventor of shorthand.

On his return from England, Mr. Hilaire became Reading Consultant in his home town of Bethlehem, Pa. He introduced the ITA Program in the Bethlehem schools, and its success brought a special citation from Governor William W. Scranton and Dr. Charles Boehm, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, which read in part: "For his pioneering efforts in promoting the development and use of the Initial Teaching Alphabet in the schools of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

ITA IS CURRENTLY being used in selected schools in Oakland County.

Mr. Hilaire's varied background in teaching includes help to ascertain the causes of seven years as a teacher and aircraft crashes—are protected guidance counselor in Bethlehem from shock and corrosion by a hem schools, a year as a teaching-house of special cast nickel for the Bethlehem Steel Cor-stainless steel.



PHILIP C. HILAIRE

A NAVY VETERAN, Mr. Hilaire is a graduate of Liberty High School and Meridian College. He received his M.A. degree from Lehigh University, and has done graduate work at Temple University and the University of Michigan. He also taught at Eastern Michigan and Wayne State Universities.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Bond School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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