

Contracts for Construction Of City Building Awarded

Action was taken by the City Council Monday night approving the awarding of contracts for construction of the new municipal building that will put all city offices and departments under one roof with the exception of the fire and police departments.

Official approval on the accepted contracts from the Federal government which is underwriting \$62,500 of the cost for construction of this new building is all that is needed to permit construction to begin. The contracts were awarded to the low bidding firms for all phases of the work and City Manager John Dinan expressed confidence that there should be no delays in getting this approval.

The total of the bids for all phases of construction, including architects fees, was \$123,107 which is only \$3,107 higher than the original construction cost estimate made when application for a Federal grant was filed.

THE GENERAL construction contract was awarded to Gordan B. Hall & Sons, a local construction firm which has built several new commercial and public buildings here in recent years. This is the same

firm which constructed the new city public works and water department buildings on Nine Mile Road last year.

The Hall & Sons base bid for general construction of \$90,400 was the low bid among a field of nine firms. The second lowest bid ran \$1,100 above this and the high bid was over \$13,600.

Included in the general construction work is demolition of the old public safety and municipal court building at the site

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County Airport Hassle Has City Council Split

The Oakland County Board of Supervisor's expenditure of over \$350,000 in tax money for the purchase of land for a proposed airport in the county known as Allen Airport, came in for another round of heated debate among members of the Farmington City Council at

their regular meeting Monday night.

Prompting the renewal of the debate was a request from the Pontiac City Commission asking local support on a resolution adopted by them opposing any further expenditure of public funds to plan, expand or develop Allen Airport, a proposed civilian airport. Original plans called for a jet airport to be developed at this location but these plans were rejected by the Federal agency from which financial assistance to do was sought.

IN A WRITTEN report to the City Manager John Dinan stated that he had discussed this matter with Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the City of Farmington's representative on the Board. Hamlin feels that the Pontiac City Commission is taking this stand in an effort to get rid of the airport over to them in their attempt to get the county to take over and operate the Pontiac municipal airport, Dinan stated.

The city managers' recommendation is to take action on the City of Pontiac request so as not to get involved in the fight between Pontiac and the County Board.

Councilman Henry Forrest, outspokenly opposed to the county's expenditure of public funds for the Allen Airport while at his office on Grand River Avenue.

Forrest, who was 57, was in good health and gave no indication of illness prior to the sudden attack.

He has owned and operated Fred F. Curcio, a prominent Farmington businessman, was struck and died Monday, February 18, while at his office on Grand River Avenue.

Curcio, who was 57, was in good health and gave no indication of illness prior to the sudden attack.

He has owned and operated Fred F. Curcio Oil Company at 3223 Grand River in Farmington for a number of years and previously was the Gulf Oil distributor in the Farmington area. His company holds the franchise in this area of the Leonard Oil Refinery.

A 21 YEAR RESIDENT of Farmington, Curcio resided at 3129 Seven Mile with his wife, Marie, three sons, Vincent, Lawrence and Stephen, and a daughter, Rose Mary. Two married sons, Eugene of Livonia and Charles of Redford, also survive him.

Surviving in addition to his wife and five children are three sisters, Mrs. Fred F. Curcio of the City, Mrs. Lenore Palachio of Farmington, and Mrs. Mabel See FRED CURCIO
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**Twp. Re-Zoning
Hearing Feb. 28**

A public hearing will be held before the Township Zoning Board next Thursday, Feb. 28, on the proposed re-zoning from residential to commercial of an approximately eight acre parcel of land in the southeast section of the Township just east of the City of Farmington Hills.

The parcel is a portion of the 46 acres of land in a triangle bounded by Nine Mile, Tuck and Shiawasseo Roads.

A shopping center is being proposed at this location by the owners of the parcel. The hearing will be held at the Township Hall Building on 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake Road and will start at 8 p.m.

Auto Crash Kills Township Resident

A Farmington Township man was killed Saturday, February 16, in a two-car crash in Bloomfield Township at Telegraph and West Maple Highway. James L. Crowley, 41, of 2125 Farmington Road died at 8:45 a.m. in the Beaumont Hospital just two hours after he was thrown from his car in a collision with another car driven by Myron E. McLaughlin of Detroit. The Detroit man was seriously injured in the crash.

AUTO LICENSE TAB sales at the local Secretary of State's branch office, the Grace Insurance building at 33304 Grand River in Downtown Farmington, are beginning to pick up but there are still an awful lot who have tabs to get. This was the word from George Grace the first part of this week. The deadline for obtaining tabs and commercial plates is Feb. 28, only one week from now. Last year

City, Township Report Most Tax Bills Paid

The deadline for paying real property taxes locally in the City and Township of Farmington is Thursday, February 28, just one week from today.

City Treasurer Kathryn Colter and Township Treasurer Elsie Avery both indicated the first part of this week that they were pleased with the way winter tax payments had come in this year.

The Township treasurer's office report, as of the beginning of this week, showed a total of \$2,519,157 had been collected in school, county and township taxes against the total billing of \$2,685,788. This represents a collection of almost 90 percent. In the remaining days before Feb. 28 enough more should come in to go well over the 90 percent collection mark, it is felt.

THE CITY'S collection record as of the first of this week was even better than the Township's. Colter reported a total collection of \$762,294 against a total billing of \$824,424. This figures out to a better than 95 percent collection.

Beginning March 1 it will be necessary for anyone who has not yet paid their taxes to go directly to the office of the treasurer in the county building in Pontiac. As of Feb. 19, all bills not paid to either the City or Township treasurer will be considered as delinquent and forwarded to the county office.

In addition to the 4 percent additional charge made locally on tax bills not paid by January 1, another penalty charge will be added. This added charge will be 1/4 of one percent for each month the bill is outstanding from March 1 on.

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Based on the all trucks of over 1/2 ton capacity will be prohibited from driving on roads over one ton and up to 11/2 tons weight will be allowed only if kept to the rear of the front house line.

Any trucks or other commercial vehicles with dual wheels will also be prohibited from being parked outside in residential sections even though they may have a capacity of one ton or less.

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