

Farmington City Council Proceedings

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

Meeting called to order at 8:01 P.M. by Mayor Brotherton.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Brotherton, Councilmen Allen, Peterson, Thayer and Yoder present. ABSENT: None.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Dinan, Clerk Folz and Chief Police.

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D. LETTER FROM NARDIN PARK METHODIST CHURCH REQUESTING CONSERVATION OF NEW CHURCH.

Letter read from Clayton R. Wadsworth, Chairman of the new Nardin Park Methodist Church, 2087 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan, dated on Sunday, October 17, 1965 and during the following week special services will be held.

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President of the Board of Education Mr. Reed, Farmington Public Schools, were present and discussed the problem involved as to the location of the new Nardin Park Methodist Church, 2087 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan, dated on Sunday, October 17, 1965 and during the following week special services will be held.

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quoted by the Michigan State Highway Department to participate in 50 per cent of the cost for modernization of existing traffic signal lights at the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Roads. The total cost for this installation would be \$1,088.00 and since Farmington Road is under the jurisdiction of the City, we are required to pay 50 per cent of the cost of \$544.00.

The signal lights have not been at 100 per cent efficiency. There have been electrical problems and conceivably the lights have been out for some eight years ago.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the Council approve the modernization project to the pedestrian crossing lights at this intersection and appropriate \$544.00 from the Contingent Fund to cover the cost. With the increased volume of traffic and pedestrians in the downtown area, it is important that the signal lights work properly to give adequate safety for crossing the dangerous intersection.

Motion by Allen seconded by Thayer that the request from the Michigan Highway Department that the City participate in 50 per cent of the cost for modernization of existing pedestrian crossing signal lights at the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Road be held in abeyance until a light is provided at Grand River and Power Road.

AYES: Allen, Thayer, Peterson, Yoder, Brotherton.

NAYS: None.

E. REPORT SURVEY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN CROSSING PROSPECT AND SHILAWASSEE.

City Manager Dinan submitted the results of a survey conducted by the Public Safety Department on the crossing of elementary school at the intersection of Prospect and Shilawassee in connection with petitions that were filed last year regarding the hazardous crossing at this intersection for elementary school children.

The survey indicates there are approximately 25 elementary school students that cross at this location in the morning and afternoon with the aid of safety patrol boys. From observation in conducting the survey the Public Safety Department was of the opinion that the patrol boys handled the situation in a very satisfactory manner and did not allow the children to cross, assuming that vehicles would stop for stop signs, but rather held children back at the curb until there was acquisition of the road equipment, the Department states that they were able to improve their efficiency in traffic enforcement in this area as well as other school locations. In connection with improving the traffic control at this intersection the City has installed four large 36 inch scotch light stop signs in four directions and have installed proper sidewalk crosswalks and painting on pavement stating "Slow School Crossing Ahead."

Councilman Allen stated that he had observed better traffic control at 3 P.M., however, he suggested that the Public Safety Department control motorcyclists who race on Shilawassee with their motorcycles by using a plain clothesman to curb this violation.

Councilman Yoder was of the opinion that the new school houses established has helped greatly.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder to receive and file the report of the Public Safety Department survey on School Crossing at Shilawassee and Prospect. Motion carried, all ayes.

F. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT ON INVESTMENTS OF FUNDS.

City Manager Dinan read the report of the City Treasurer on investments and investment procedures in accordance with the Council's request.

Councilman Allen stated that the report of the City Treasurer on investments and investment procedures was excellent. He further stated that he was of the opinion that the audit should be placed on the agenda for discussion of any point distant question.

Mayor Brotherton stated that previous Councils had a disapproved audit and he pointed out that in the audit and at times issued special instructions to the City Manager.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Allen to receive and file the City Treasurer's report on investments and investment procedures. Motion carried, all ayes.

G. REPORT FALL AND SPRING RECREATION PROGRAM.

City Manager Dinan submitted the schedule of the Recreation Department's Fall Program which includes five basic activities: Duplicate Bridge, Square Dancing, Men's, Women's and Children's Gymnastics. All of the adult activities will be held at the Farmington Junior High School and the children's activity at the Cloverleaf School on Saturday mornings.

Programs and scheduling of facilities have been approved by School District for this ten week fall program which commences during the week of October 17, 1965 and concludes January 9, 1966. Fee involved for the Square Dancing is \$10.00 per couple and for Duplicate Bridge is \$1.00 per evening per participant. The symposium cost the City approximately \$500.00 for the ten week period.

The size of the program is not too elaborate for two reasons:

1. We do not want to overlap with the Adult Education Program which involves bridge classes, art classes, oil painting, crafts and social dance classes.

2. In starting a program, we wanted to gauge the participation and popularity of programs prior to getting involved in any more elaborate activities.

City Manager stated that Mr. Evan Bageris has assumed the duties of the Director of the Recreation Department and has recruited instructors in the various phases of the program.

He stated that since this is our initial promotion in Fall and Spring Recreation Programs, the local newspapers have been solicited for as much publicity as possible to generate an interest in making these programs successful.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Thayer to receive report on Fall and Spring Recreation Program. Motion carried, all ayes.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson that the meeting be recessed until 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 26, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Brotherton, Councilmen Allen, Peterson, Thayer and Yoder present. ABSENT: None.

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