

Special Meeting
Monday
July 2, 1962
8:00 P.M.
Court Room

Present:

Mayor Robert H. Butler

Councilmen: Ted O. Rhodes
Sol C. Rose
Eugene Plummer
D. B. Maness

City Manager, G. W. Ray
City Attorney, J. O. Tally, Jr.
City Accountant, George McCarthy

The Council met in special session to further discuss the preliminary budget for 1962-1963.

At this meeting were present also the members of the County Commission, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board jointly to discuss the 1962-1963 City-County-ABC Bureau of Identification budget.

Mr. I. B. Julian, Chairman of the ABC Board presented the budget to the County Commissioners and the City Council. Following this Mr. Henry Tyson, Chairman of the County Commission commented briefly on the budget.

Upon motion made by Chairman Julian, seconded by Councilman Plummer; the Council and Commission unanimously approved the \$19,113.37 City-County ABC Bureau of Identification budget for 1962-1963. The County Commission and ABC Board members then retired from the meeting.

Mr. Sneed High, Attorney, representing Mrs. Edna Conniffe was recognized by the Council. Mr. High stated that his and his client's purpose in appearing before the Council was regarding their understanding of the amount of right-of-way which property owners along the north and south sides of Maiden Lane were granting to the City for the purpose of widening the street (the street is now being widened and repaved).

Mrs. Conniffe was then recognized by the Council and spoke in her behalf as a property owner on the north side of the street. Mrs. Conniffe stated that she was more than willing to dedicate whatever was needed and desired by the City for the above purpose, but that she expected all property owners along the street to do likewise. She stated in her behalf, she was being required to dedicate more of her property than persons on the south side of the street.

Several former residents and property owners were present and spoke on the subject of pre-existing curbs and gutters and utility strips along the street.

Assistant City Engineer Ashley was called on, after some discussion of the matter by the Council, and explained to the Council and others present as to how the center line of the street, as it previously existed and as contained in the records of the City Engineer's Office was used as a control point in determining the amount to be dedicated to the City by the property owners on each side of the street and that according to this procedure, the amount of dedication was equal for the property owners on both sides of the street.

Councilman Rose stated that an additional control existed at the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad tracks crossing on Maiden Lane and the Assistant City Engineer was directed to recheck the rights-of-way using this control point in an effort to clarify to everyone's interests, that proper and equal amounts were being dedicated by all the property owners.

The Council then moved into further discussion of the City Budget for 1962-1963.

Proposed salary budgets of the Police and Fire Departments were discussed with Police Chief Worrell and Fire Chief Cain commenting on their proposals. Following this, the Council at Councilman Rhodes' suggestion, directed the Police and Fire Chiefs to resubmit their salary budget proposals following the Merit Salary Increase Section of the

City's Pay Plan as adopted by the City Council. This limits the amount of Merit salary increases to be granted to one-third of the personnel in each of the City Departments.

City Manager Ray presented the following interim budget appropriations for 1962-1963 and requested the Council's approval of same:

General Fund	\$150,000.00
Debt Service Fund	200.00
Recreation Fund	15,000.00
Cemetery Fund	2,500.00
Airport Fund	1,000.00

On motion by Councilman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Plummer, the Council voted unanimous approval of the above appropriations.

City Manager Ray then requested the Council's approval to follow the recommendation of Mr. Gordon Bell, Accounting Advisory Section of the Local Government Commission, that the City purchase a National Cash Register accounting machine for \$6,300.00 to mechanize the City's accounting system.

Councilman Plummer moved to follow the recommendation of Mr. Bell.

Prior to a second to Councilman Plummer's above motion, Councilman Rhodes asked City Manager Ray if he concurred in Mr. Bell's recommendation. Mr. Ray stated that he did.

Councilman Rhodes then made a substitute motion that the Council approve the recommendation of the City Manager and purchase the accounting machine for \$6,300.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plummer and carried unanimously.

Discussion was then concluded after a further Special Meeting of the Council was set for 8:00 P. M., Thursday, July 5th in the Council Room at the Kyle House and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

MAURICE W. DOWNS
City Clerk