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Protest Against Processing Plant Heard by Council

A. J. Trilety and Counsel Protest Erection and Operation of Building Near Residence.

The city council session Monday evening was highlighted by the lengthy discussion and protest of the action of the council last meeting regarding the permission granted for the erection of a building to house a processing plant on east Main street. The matter was brought up in a formal communication to the council from A. J. Trilety and the Occidental Building & Loan association, who set forth that his residence was located some eight feet from the proposed building. The communicant protested the use of the property for the erection of the building and the operation of the same as a processing or slaughter house. The communication called attention to the fact that the proposed plant was in a locality of many residences, a proposed apartment house of the Perkins and also near the Coronado as well as the flats of the loan and building association.

The matter of the protest was further stressed by Attorney D. O. Dwyer, for the protestants, who asked that the council reconsider the matter of the permit for the erection of the building and the operation of the plant, or at least make necessary the posting of a bond of \$10,000 to guarantee that it would not be a nuisance and to protect the property owners in case that this condition developed.

Councilman Webb, acting mayor at the time of the adoption of the resolution of permit, stated that the matter had been investigated, that the city had granted only the building permit and not for the committing of an unlawful act, that Mr. Rogers had agreed that there would be no unsanitary condition permitted at the plant. The city attorney had been asked for an opinion and had found no ordinance covering the matter as there are no zoning regulations, but that the state law and the city ordinance did provide a penalty for a nuisance which would make necessary the abatement of the same.

Mr. Trilety stated that in other cases where animals had been killed in the city limits that there had been no dwelling houses in the vicinity, that he felt that as a citizen his rights were being ignored in the matter.

Mayor Lillie stated that he did not blame the protestant, but that it was his impression that the city council had granted the permit for the building to be used only in lawful business and that if otherwise it might be closed.

The matter was finally decided by a motion by Councilman Schutz, that the party erecting the building be notified of the protest and threat of injunction and cease work on the building until the state board of health could look over the situation for a report. Also that there be an investigation to see that the upper part of the present building was in keeping with the city fire ordinance.

Chairman Rebal of the judiciary committee, reported an ordinance for the purpose of closing by law an unopened alley in Young & Hayes addition between the property of W. N. Brink and J. A. Capwell on west Rock street. As is the case in the Young & Hayes addition there are two alleys in each block, but those running north and south have never been opened. It was decided to let the matter rest and to bring in a petition at the next meeting.

Chairman Webb of the tax and property committee asked that the city attorney take steps to secure title to a small tract in the north part of the city preparing of deeds to other properties was asked that the city might dispose of the same.

Seek Water Plant Appraisal
Chairman Painter of the fire and water committee, reported that the committee had held a number of meetings and H. H. Henningson, of Omaha had been secured as the city engineer. The committee had not so far received the co-operation promised. Councilman Webb stated that

T. H. Pollock, local manager of the water corporation, had stated he had full confidence that the Plattsmouth Water corporation would get the report of the appraisal for the use of the committee. L. O. Minor, of Kan-kakee, Illinois, former manager in this city was to here to bring the map of improvements up to date. On motion of Councilman Webb the fire and water committee was authorized if necessary to secure a transcript of the appraisal from the records of the federal district court at Omaha.

Chairman Svaboda, of the parks and improvements committee, was granted a motion to have the office of the city clerk at the scale house cleaned up and painted. Mayor Lillie suggested that many of the books of the city records were out in the open and exposed to loss and that cabinets should be erected to house them. City Treasurer M. D. Brown offered the use of the vault at his store for the books, which offer settled a pressing question.

Reports of City Officials
Reports of the city officials were also received at the meeting. City Treasurer M. D. Brown showing the sum of \$19,160.82 on deposit in the Plattsmouth State bank, while City Clerk Albert Olson showed the sum of \$602.85 had been collected through his office for July. The report of the chief of police showed one arrest and fines and costs of \$23.25. Judge C. L. Graves reported for the week of August 3rd that \$18.25 had been collected and in the week of August 10th that \$23.25 had been collected and turned over to the city treasurer.

Chairman Schutz of the lighting committee, suggested the matter of a stop and go light at 6th and Main streets where the traffic condition had become a real one and also at 6th and Pearl where another bad traffic condition exists. The mayor and Councilman Noble also pointed out the danger in the heavy traffic. No definite action was taken on the matter altho it will be looked into farther.

Councilman Rebal called the attention of the council to a new bill in congress to provide road funds for use in the defense zones and based on mileage and not that of population, that had been one of the objections in the presidential veto.

Chairman Seiver of the police committee reported that the city police had reported that they desired two gas guns, specimens of which were demonstrated by the chief of police to the council. The police committee was authorized to make the purchase of the two guns.

Mayor Lillie presented the name of Willis Eaton as a member of the night police force, and after a few remarks on the matter the motion was offered by Councilman Webb that the mayor and police committee work out their own plans for the handling of the force.

State Aid on Roads
The council was informed that the Department of Roads and Irrigation, Gardner G. Scott, engineer, was willing to lend its best efforts toward getting a federal grant of up to 75 per cent of the cost for making highway 73-75 a four lane road through the city, if the city bears the additional cost. This would include new state specification reinforced concrete similar to that on South 13th street in Omaha.

Due to presidential veto of the 75 per cent grant bill for work of this kind, only 50 per cent of cost is now available on approved projects of this kind, but it was pointed out that another bill has been introduced allocating 75 per cent grants on total mileage instead of population basis and that when passed this will meet with presidential favor.

The committee was authorized to contact Mr. Scott and arrange to have the project ready to submit just as soon as the new bill goes through, pledging the city to the remaining part of the PWA cost of doing this long needed work.

The finance committee was granted a recess to check insurance policies submitted by local agencies, covering personal liability, property damage, fire, theft and windstorm loss. The policy recommended for acceptance was that of the Duxbury & Davis agency, low bidders, who have carried this risk the last two years, since the truck was acquired.

Discuss Sewer System
Closing part of the session was devoted to the presentation of a gen-

eral plan for extending the sewer system, with ultimate installation of a treatment or disposal plant, segregation of the sanitary sewers from the storm sewer system and city control of all mains, to be worked toward and accomplished in full when and as expanding conditions in the city seem to warrant.

The first step will be the preparation of such a plan and securing its approval as Exhibit A of the city's intentions, since statutes provide no sewer extension to serve 25 or more people (not homes) shall be made without such a plan and declaration of intentions being approved by the State Health Department.

As the matter now stands, development of additions such as Oakmont in the south part of the city, where 25 new homes are now projected cannot go forward.

To serve this addition and possibly others of like size, extension of the main sanitary sewer along the west side of Chicago avenue will be necessary and to do this will require the survey of the present system and the proposed future improvements.

Douglas McKnight, of Lincoln, a well known engineer, who has done much work in planning sanitary sewer systems submitted a proposal for making the complete survey and preparation of the general plan for present and future work, including the providing of interceptors to divorce the sanitary from the storm system, setting up of treatment and disposal facilities, on a 5 per cent engineering fee basis, chargeable to the project when and as let and to then absorb preliminary fees outlined in the contract submitted totaling \$750 payable as different stages of the survey are completed, but subject to such reimbursement when project let.

On motion the committee was authorized to negotiate further with Engineer McKnight regarding the amount of the reimbursable fee and using his figures as a ceiling limitation.

Mr. Davis, subdivider, stated his willingness to pay the cost of all the laterals, and of the first section of the work to be applied for now, only the main sewer extension cost would be a city obligation with the new addition paying for all laterals and service connections to the various homes.

If undertaken, the main sewer will probably be extended south as far as the end of Chicago avenue paving, to serve other home development in that part of the city.

The council took the first step toward this end by adopting a Resolution of Necessity and setting next meeting night as the time for holding hearings.

The completed plan toward which the city will work as an ultimate objective will also include acquisition by the city of all existing private sewer systems, making their future upkeep a matter of city concern and relieving private owners of the cost of such maintenance.

The preparation and carrying out of this plan is much more complex than the outright designing of a new sanitary sewer system for a town of this size would be, and will be quite expensive when the final goal is attained, but in line with a bill now before congress that if passed will prohibit dumping of untreated sewage into navigable streams but give towns two or more years to get their systems into conformity with the standards provided, so Plattsmouth and many other towns may be faced with that obligation in the not too far distant future, whether or not we take corrective steps at this time.

The following claims were ordered paid by the council:

General Fund	
W. L. Renner, now weeds	\$ 50.00
Lester Taylor, labor	3.20
Ray Becker, recording deeds	2.25
Weyrich & Hadraha, supplies	1.90
W. A. Swatek, supplies	1.33
Kroehler Hdw., supplies jail Iowa-Neb. Light & Power Co. gas city hall	1.00
Standard Blue Print Co., prints of city plat	3.50
Lincoln Telephone Co., phone rents	10.20
E. A. Cadwell, cutting weeds city lots	10.00
A. J. Trilety, rent	15.00
Street Lighting Fund	
Consumers Pub. Power Dist., street lights	\$206.60
John Frady, repairs	1.41
Fire Hydrant Rental	
Platts. Water Corp., fire hydrant rental	\$483.96
Business Tax Fund	
Lester Taylor, cleaning stls.	\$ 8.40
John Kubicka, same	9.60
Noah Parker, same	9.45
Dog Tax Fund	
E. O. Vroman, burying 1 dog	\$.60
O. F. Smalley, burying 2 dogs	1.20

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Police Fund	
F. G. Fricke Co., supplies	\$ 1.05
Warga Hdw., supplies	.30
Amusement Fund	
Schmoeller & Mueller, supplies	\$ 1.95
Road Fund	
Lester Taylor, labor	\$ 32.00
John Kubicka, same	28.00
Noah Parker, same	40.27
Chester Taylor, same	10.80
Clodt Service, gas and supplies	42.12
Clara Clitzenbeard, hauling	35.60
Gamble Store, paint	.59
Kroehler Hdw., supplies	1.65
Tidball Lumber Co., labor and cement	2.25
Winscot Texaco Service, gas	10.92
E. J. Richey, lumber	19.80
H. L. Gayer, crushed rock	10.00
John E. Frady, supplies	8.04

Rock Bluff was a Busy Place in Early Seventies

Omaha Tribune Writer Tells of Activities of One Time Thriving River Town.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore, of Murray, who has been untiring in gathering historic data of early Cass county, recently received a copy of the Omaha Weekly Tribune in which appeared the following interesting account of the old river town:

A writer for the Omaha Weekly Tribune touring Cass county in January, 1871 says, "We found Rock Bluff to be a small town beautifully situated in a cozy little valley at the mouth of Rock Creek. A more beautiful site could not be obtained from the Platte to the Weeping Water, overlooking, as it does, the river at one of its romantic points. The bluffs on the Iowa side of the river are about three miles distant. The Iowa bottom is covered with a dense growth of timber, while "Egypt" lies about one and a half miles below—the glory of the Hawkeyes!"

Benedict Spiers, a German, was the first settler—having located while the Indians held possession of the land—probably in 1854. In 1855 Col. Thomas Patterson, Robert W. Stafford and H. H. Fowler purchased a part of the claim of Mr. Spiers and laid out a town.

There is nothing in Rock Bluff that indicates a rapid growth. It has several business houses classified as follows: Two grist mills, one saw mill, one wagon shop, two blacksmith shops, three boot and shoe shops, one carpenter shop, one brick yard, one shingle machine, two general stores, one drug store, one grocery store, one district school, one high school, three meeting houses, five religious societies, one Masonic lodge, one I.O.O.F. lodge, one I.O.G.T. lodge, one Iyccum and one Sunday school. The Methodists are building a fine stone church, 25 by 40 feet to cost complete \$2,000. The present population is about 400. The district school has 139 pupils under the charge of Mr. Mulker and assistants. The Naomil Institute was formally opened Sept. 13, 1870 with 50 scholars, with 75 applicants for enrollment for the present year.

Contacted the following firms: Dry goods, Patterson and Walker. They own a good brick store 22 by 66 erected in 1868 and cost \$2,500. They have been in business four years, capital invested \$10,000, annual sales \$35,000. Last year they shipped 60,000 bushels of grain by steambot, but the railroads have destroyed the river market and this year the grain trade has been light. Groceries, C. M. Graves, just starting in business with good prospects of success, is a native of old Kentucky and a resident of Rock Bluff one year.

Drug store, Dr. A. C. Forbes & Bros. Have been here three weeks but are opening with flattering prospects. Young, energetic and fair dealing they will reap a golden harvest. May their stock of goods ever become a drug on the market.

General merchandise, Joseph Shera. He came from the old country directly to Nebraska and has been in business since 1864. He is daily on the road to success. Capital invested \$7,000. Sales \$20,000.

Such is Rock Bluff. May prosperly dispel every shadow and open to its citizens a prosperous future.

TAKING AVIATION TRAINING

The aviation cadet class of 42-B reporting to the Air Corps Training Detachment, Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Arizona, on July 19, 1941, consisted of 67 energetic and enthusiastic young men who were very eager to get their flying equipment, instructions and their first flying lesson with the U. S. army air corps. The opportunities they had long awaited had finally arrived. Among this group was Aviation Cadet Wayne W. Falk, who graduated from Plattsmouth high school in 1937, and Tarkio College at Tarkio, Mo., in 1941, lettering three years in college football.

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