

February 27th, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, February 27th, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mayor Cropper and Councilmen Harman, Kelley, McCabe and Showell were present. Mr. Jackson was absent.

The meeting was called to order by the president of the Council, Harry W. Kelley.

The minutes of the meeting of February 20, 1962, were read and approved.

Application for renewal of retail alcoholic beverage licenses were approved for the following:

Dutch Bar
Sandpiper Restaurant
Mermaid Inn

The following applications for building permits were approved:

William W. Harman - 12 motel units
Henry Wyatt - seven family apartment
Elbridge Williams - four family apartment
Richard Crabbe - one family dwelling

Mr. Hugh Wilde came to this meeting with reference to the construction of a building on the east side of the boardwalk in the rear of the pier building for garbage. He presented a drawing and specifications that the health department had presented to him. Mr. Wilde stated that they intended to locate the building east of the existing alley and within two feet of the concrete ramp that goes to the pier.

A motion was made by Harman, seconded by McCabe, that the permit be granted. Motion carried and passed withone dissenting voute, that of Mr. Showell.

Mr. Wilde asked what progress was being made on the sewer to be provided for the area around 31st street and he was told that the engineers, George, Miles and Buhr were preparing the plans and specifications to be presented to the Board of Health for approval.

Mr. Kelley explained to Mr. Wilde that the costs of the sewer would be at the expense of the property owners involved and if it could be used later on in the overall system, they would be reimbursed for the costs.

Mr. Harman stated that he had previously been making a motion to approve vouchers, however, he had never seen a payroll and felt that a copy should be presented at each meeting and approved by the Mayor and members of the council. The latest payroll copy was produced and it was signed by each of the council members present. The clerk was asked to present each week a copy of the payroll for approval.

Mr. Harman suggested that a drawing be prepared showing the design of the proposed comfort station and send it to property owners near proposed locations so that they will have a better idea of what is proposed.

The letters mailed by Mr. Jackson in this connection were thought to be of little value inasmuch as they did not tell the property owners enough so that they would be aware of the plan.

Chief Phillips came to this meeting to discuss the plan of registering all employees in the town of Ocean City and the means by which this can be accomplished. He stated that he estimated that there would be approximately 12,000 employees during the season and he wished to set up an office where each of these could be photographed and fingerprinted and given an identification card so that we will have this information in our files. He stated that he felt that this would cut down appreciably on the type of persons who come here for employment and would dispel a goodly number of undesirables.

There was considerable discussion on this concerning the pros and cons of its operation.

There were questions by the Mayor and members of the council as to the number that would be handled per day and whether or not it would be possible to handle them all.

It was suggested that the system could be set up and endeavor to register as many as possible and if they are unable to cover them all, they will eventually do so inasmuch as there are a goodly number that come back year after year.

It was brought out that there had been several cases of larceny in the past year or so that have been unsolved and these have been in hotels and motels and it was thought that the crimes had been committed by employees.

It was suggested that this system could also set forth the persons who have been employed but who have quit for one reason or another and their dismissal would be reported to the police department by the employer.

It was generally stated that it would be well for Chief Phillips to go ahead and get the system in operation for the summer, however, Mr. McCabe stated that he would rather wait until he had had an opportunity to talk with a number of employers to see what they think of the idea.

There was some discussion on how the employees themselves would feel about being fingerprinted and photographed.

It was finally decided to tentatively approve the system as outlined by Chief Phillips and the Mayor and members of the council would talk with various business men of the town about it.

Mayor Cropper stated that he would call the Democratic Messenger and give them a story on it so that it would be before the people and they would know what was being considered.

Mr. Walter Willing came to this meeting and signed the deed conveying land abutting the airport property to the Town of Ocean City. Mr. Willing was given a check for \$5,000. in payment of the land as per agreement.

Mr. Willing called attention to the need of bushing an area next to his fence for a fire lane. The clerk was asked to make a note of this.

There was discussion on the method of handling the exhibit in New York this past week. A bill had presented by Mr. Harry V. Kellum covering himself and three others who had been to the show and worked in the booth. A sum of \$30.00 per day had been set up as an allowance for a couple for hotel and meals. Mr. Kellum's invoice covered the four persons at 30.00 per day. There was a question of the authorization of this. Clerk stated that he thought that Mr. Jackson had talked with Mr. Kellum along these lines.

There were other remarks concerning the exhibit. It was opionated that it would be best to take the display to Harrisburg, Penna. next winter instead of New York and Mr. Kelley and Mayor Cropper suggested that models be hired to attend the exhibit during the entire show and that someone from here be hired to attend the show who would know about fishing.

Criticism of the costs involved were made and the fact that the exhibit had been of no value and the money had just as well have been poured in the inlet.

It was decided that Mr. Kellum's voucher would not be paid at this time, but that we would wait until we received expenses from all of those who had attended the show and pay them all at once.

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Cropper stated that if we had such an exhibit next year that they would handle it so that it would be less costly and would be more efficiently operated.

On motion by McCabe, seconded by Harman, the following vouchers were approved:

Checks written since last council meeting and signed by Treasurer or Mayor:

#31569 - Superintendent of Documents, Gov't. Printing Office - Catalog - Outdoor Recreation	2.00
#31570 - Walter J. Willing - Parcel of land at east end of runway	5,000.00
#31571 - Pay Roll week ending 2/22/62	2,079.00
#31572 - T. Earl Pierce - Expenses to New York to bring display back and expenses to Richmond to deliver two trucks for bodies to be mounted and return new truck	150.00
#31573 - Bank of Ocean City - Bonds redeemable and coupon interest - Ocean City Water Bonds of 1955	11,587.50
#31574 - Mayor & Council - Transfer funds from Special Assessment Fund to General Fund	13,000.00
#31575 - Bank of Ocean City - Coupon interest - Water Improvement Bonds of 1959	6,500.00
#31576 - Railway Express Agency - Prepaid freight on brochurs and mounted fish to New York	48.76

The following checks presented for approval at meeting of Mayor and Council on Tuesday, February 27th, 1962:

#31577 - Employees' Retirement System - Contribution for February	660.95
#31578 - Bank of Ocean City - Deposit federal withholding taxes col- lected in February	923.60
#31579 - Vernon J. Phillips - Sum withheld from wages of policemen x during month of February	31.50
#31580 - Black and Decker Mfg. Co. - Switch for power saw	3.95
#31581 - International Salt Co. - 600 bags salt	687.00
#31582 - Void	
#31583 - Kline's Keating Oil Service - Fuel oil for Fire Housena d Office	46.39
#31584 - The Dual Parking Meter Co. - Repair and clean parking meter mechanisms (108)	1,527.03
#31585 - Henry Hudson Hotel - Room	18.90
#31586 - Clifton Cannon - Statement for period 1/22 to 2/10/62	223.37
#31587 - Howard Parsons - Sharpening saw blades	2.00
#31588 - Ocean City Machine Works - Statement for month of February	267.75
#31589 - Dixie Sign Company - Rental of signs for month of March	619.55
#31590 - Pioneer Salt Co. - Chlorine	81.90
#31591 - Edward 5 and 10 - Ribbon for marlin certificates and lamp bulbs for Xmas	1.72
#31592 - Harry V. Kellum - Expenses for four in New York	389.31

PAY ROLL WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1962

	\$2,405.14
Less Social Security	75.19
Less Federal W/H	221.60
Less State W/H	21.35
Less Police Fund	8.00
Net	<u>\$2,079.00</u>

Wages on a weekly basis	\$1,800.97
Wages on an hourly basis	604.17
	<u>\$2,405.14</u>

Distribution of Weekly Wages:

10.141 Clerks	\$ 233.47	
10.811 Municipal Buildings	115.00	
11.111 Police	1,122.50	
12.901 Boardwalk	150.00	
13.201 Sewers	85.00	
20.201 Water	<u>95.00</u>	\$1,800.97

Distribution of Hourly Wages:

10.811 Municipal Buildings	\$ 113.44	
10.911 Advertising	15.00	
11.111 Police Department	45.48	
11.212 Fire Department	26.63	
12.201 Streets	62.50	
12.901 Boardwalk	106.61	
12.901 Boardwalk (Capital)	30.00	
13.301 Beach Cleaning	9.46	
13.401 Waste Collection	116.84	
20.201 Water	<u>78.21</u>	604.17
		<u>\$2,405.14</u>

Clerk stated that Mrs. Walter Jarman had called with reference to Mr. Mac B. Jenkins' request to construct a motel on his property closer than five feet to his north property line. Mr. and Mrs. Jarman were very much against the construction of the building closer than 5' to the line and stated that they felt that the ordinance should be adhered to.

In view of this, the Clerk was asked to advise Mr. Jenkins that the Mayor and Council could not entertain his request.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 9:00 P. M.