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April 17th, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, April 17th, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock. Mayor Cropper and Councilmen Harman, Jackson, Kelley, McCabe and Showell were present.

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

Mr. Marcus J. Williams and Jarrell Legg were also present.

Mr. Williams wished to leave early so he asked that any business pertaining to legal problems be brought up at that time.

Mr. McCabe brought up the matter of owners of equipment leaving hydraulic mechanisms in a position other than on the ground. It was pointed out that if a bucket to a crane is left suspended or a bucket on a front end loader, it would be dangerous if children were playing around it and the bucket would fall.

It was opinionated that inasmuch as there is generally such little of equipment of this type in the City, it would not seem necessary to enact an ordinance covering it.

Mr. Kelley brought up the matter of the proposed lighting for the Boardwalk by the Eastern Shore Public Service Company and a review of their charges by the State Roads Commission.

Mr. Williams advised that the suit against the Bay Shore Development Company in which the City has been enjoined by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kidwell is in progress and just about half over. He stated that he did not feel that the City would be held liable and that he felt that the City would be released.

Mr. Williams advised that he was preparing ordinances for publication for the purposed of public hearings for re-zoning areas in which property of George Galkas and Mrs. Margaret Dennis are located.

Mr. E. E. Gouldman, John Rolfe and Dr. Francis E. Farley came to this meeting with reference to adverse publicity and rumors concerning Ocean City.

Mr. Gouldman stated that he had heard that there are rumors being circulated to the effect that Ocean City is in shambles, that it will be impossible for accommodations to be ready for the summer, that the beach will be littered and unsafe and other rumors. Mr. Gouldman stated that he felt that steps should be taken to counteract these rumors.

It was pointed out that news releases from the Bureau of Information are being sent out and these releases expound the reconstruction and emphasize the fact that we will be ready for vacationers on or before May 30th.

Mayor Cropper stated that he had made tape recordings recently for a television station in Baltimore and was scheduled for appearances on stations in Baltimore and Washington around the first of May and that he was planning to build up Ocean City's re-building and the fact that there will be plenty of accommodations.

It was suggested that ads be taken in various newspapers stressing the fact that Ocean City will be ready for business. Other suggestions were made also; Mr. Showell suggested that the Ocean City films be reedited and shown all over the state. Mr. Harman suggested that a film be made showing the re-building and progress. Mr. Rolfe suggested that ads in papers advise that we will be ready but omit pictures at first until more boardwalk is completed and the property owners are further along in their reconstruction.

It was agreed that steps should be taken to counteract the rumors mentioned and the Mayor and Council advised these men that steps would be taken.

Mr. William H. Kerbin and Mr. Howard Collins came to this meeting representing the Worcester County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Kerbin described the purpose of this Commission and stated that they needed money in order to carry out their purposes. At a previous meeting of the Mayor and Council the matter of contributing to this commission had been proposed and it was decided that due to expenses incurred by the storm of March 6-7, the Mayor and Council would be unable to contribute the sum of \$100.00. Mr. Kerbin pointed out that other municipalities were looking to Ocean City to put in their proportionate share and if they failed to contribute more than \$100. the other towns would not feel that they should contribute any more than that. It was stated that without Ocean City's participation, the whole program would probably expire.

Mayor Cropper stated that he felt that the Mayor and Council should contribute an amount commensurate with Berlin and Ocean City, however, he was willing to go along with the wishes of the Council.

Mr. Showell stated that he favored this Commission and was all for the promotion of

the County and the Towns, but did not feel that we were able to contribute at this time.

Mr. McCabe also stated that he did not feel that we are in a position to contribute more than \$100. at this time.

Mr. Harman and Mr. Kelley also were of the opinion that we are unable to give any more at this time.

Mr. Jackson, who represents the town of Ocean City on this Committee, stated that they had been working for a period of eight months and had developed their plans so that the entire county is involved and they are dependent upon each of the incorporated towns for support. He asked that the Council re-consider and make a shift of funds. He further stated that if the Economic Development Commission were to fall through because of Ocean City, they probably wouldn't be able to re-organize.

Mr. Angelo Villani was present as an interested citizen and he stated that he didn't feel that he was financially able to purchase tickets for this Commission's fund raising dinner, however, he stated that he felt that he should and that he was planning to buy at least two.

Mr. Kerbin asked if the sum allocated for newspaper advertising had been reduced. He was told that it had not.

It was suggested that the matter be discussed with Miss Laws and if she will have funds left over and she feels that the sum of \$500. can be used for the Worcester County Economic Development Commission, then the Mayor and Council will have no objection.

Mr. Bruce Wilson of the Eastern Shore Public Service Company came to this meeting with reference to the proposed boardwalk lighting. Mr. Wilson stated that they would be able to provide modern lighting standards and underground circuits for the sum of \$138.95 per fixture per year. There was considerable discussion pertaining to this cost as compared with the rates that we have been paying. Mr. Wilson was told that we would be willing to pay to them the current rate for the lighting circuit and would be willing to pay for improved lighting standards and lighting. This would be \$92.95 per standard plus approximately \$20.32 circuit charge. Mr. Wilson stated that he would take this up with the officials of his company and would advise immediately whether they will be willing to provide the lighting at this cost.

It was suggested that the number of lights be increased from 49 to around sixty, however, it was then thought that the original number of 49 would be used for this summer with possibly increasing the number next year.

On motion by Harman, seconded by Jackson, the following vouchers were approved for payment:

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

#31745 - Charles E. Clark - Building shelves	23.63
#31746 - Leroy Cropper " "	9.00
#31747 - Arthur Pitts " "	17.33
#31748 - Vernon J. Phillips - Deductions from police during month of March for fund	40.00
#31749 - Superintendent of Documents - Govt. Printing Office - Tide tables	1.00
#31750 - Pay roll week ending 4/12/62	3,226.82
#31751 - T. Earl Pierce - Luncheon at Sea Scape for Mayor and Council and representatives of syndicate interested in constructing convention hall	27.50

Checks prepared and presented for approval at the meeting of Mayor and Council on Tuesday, April 17th, 196

*1150.00*

#3175 - Hugh T. Cropper - Expenses trips to Washington and Annapolis	50.00
#31753 - Baer Paper Company - Wax, brillo pads, brush	43.06
#31754 - Inlet Marine Supplies - Rope for Fire Co.	40.50
#31755 - Bailey's Pharmacy - Film and bulbs	2.71
#31756 - Eastern Shore Gas Co. - Gas consumed treatment plants, garage bldg., police barracks, comfort station, trailer lot and north fire house	<i>267.74</i>
#31757 - Robert B. Jackson - Expenses to New York outdoor show	90.00
#31758 - Margretta Carmel - Expenses to New York outdoor show	120.00
#31759 - Kline's Heating Oil Service - Fuel oil for fire house and office	<i>8.69</i>
#31760 - Erma Hudson - Rental of truck 4/ thru 4/11	<i>21.40</i>
#31761 - Bob Savage - " " " "	<i>46.00</i>
#31762 - Paul's Cleaners - Cleaning and pressing police uniforms Feb. and March	139.25
#31763 - Mrs. Louis Harrison - Land rent for sign space on Rte. # 50	125.00
#31764 - Masten Transportation Co. - Prepaid freight on meters sent for repairs	59.67
#31765 - Francis R. Davis - oak piling delivered to 17th and 18th streets	1,683.00

Pay Roll W/e	4/12/62		3,664.60
		Less Social Security	114.58
		Less Federal W/H	286.10
		Less State W/H	29.10
		Less Police Fund	8.00
			<u>3,226.82</u>

Wages on Monthly Basis	708.33
Wages on Weekly Basis	2,220.97
Wages on Hourly Basis	735.30
	<u>3,664.60</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF MONTHLY WAGES:

10.131	Mayor and Council	708.33
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DISTRIBUTION OF HOURLY WAGES:

10.141	Clerks	213.47	
10.142F	Clerks Auto	2.73	
10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	110.00	
10.911	Advertising	120.00	
11.111	Police	1,191.35	
11.212	Fire Dept.	1.36	
12.201	Roadways	163.44	
12.901	Boardwalk	32.73	
13.201	Sewers	89.68	
13.203SD	Storm Drains	37.50	
13.401	Waste Collection	8.16	
20.201	Water	118.05	
	Clean-up	70.00	
	1959 Capital	62.50	
		<u>2,220.97</u>	2,220.97

DISTRIBUTION OF HOURLY WAGES:

10.142F	Clerks Auto	2.70	
10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	55.50	
11.911	Police Dept.	17.31	
11.212	Fire Dept.	40.35	
12.201	Streets	22.20	
12.901	Boardwalk	61.18	
13.201	Sewers	43.74	
13.203SD	Storm Drains	28.00	
13.401	Waste Collection	160.96	
20.201	Water	120.70	
20.911	Comfort Station	49.87	
	Clean-up	64.25	
	Storm	36.04	
	1959 Capital	32.50	
		<u>735.30</u>	
			<u>3,664.60</u>

The minutes of the meeting of April 10, 1962, were approved ~~for / by /~~

Mr. Legg suggested that rather than have piling driven at ends of streets, that a barrier of other material be constructed as the purpose of the structure is to keep sand from coming on the streets when the ocean runs through. Consideration of this is to be given.

Mr. Showell stated that the Small Business Administration representatives would not be in Ocean City as they had previously been and stated that he felt that they should be asked to be here at least two days per week. Mr. Harman stated that he felt that if anyone interested in a loan would be better off to go to Pocomoke City as they would have their application closer to the top of the list.

Mr. Showell asked that the Mayor and Council sign a petition endorsing the application of Vincent and Marie King for a beer and wine license. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by McCabe, that the Mayor and Council go along with the application and endorse it as the Mayor and Council as a body.

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners to the effect that the Mayor and Council is infavor of granting this license. It was suggested that the letter point out that there are at least three restaurants that will not open this summer that have beer licenses.

Mr. McCabe brought up the matter of persons selling coffee, sandwiches, etc. from their cars and other vehicles in competition to those who have a license and have an established business on which they pay taxes. The Clerk was asked to have the Police stop all those who are conducting this type business.

A letter from the American National Red Cross to Mayor Cropper in reply to his letter commending the Red Cross and their representatives for the assistance given to Ocean City following the recent storm was read by the clerk.

A letter from the Office of Emergency Planning replying to Mayor Cropper's letter was also read.

A letter from Dr. Prather of the Department of Health commending Luther Bell and Robert E. Allen, Sr. for their excellent and untiring service during the catastrophe of March 6th and 7th ~~next~~ was also read.

It was decided to wait on the decision of purchasing new parking meters for the beach parking lot until it is learned the cost of repairing the original meters that were damaged by salt water during the storm.

Approval was given for the erection of a street light on the ~~lot~~ south side of 41st street on Pole #127d.

There were several applications for piling to be driven across street ends; 22nd street, 25th street and 12th street. It was decided to wait on this.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 10:00 P. M.