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The Common Council of the Town of Avondale, Maricopa County, Arizona, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 1953, at 7:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Joe Gill; Councilmen Russell H. Brinker, Frank M. Geddes, Carlos O. Henderson and Thos. V. Ludlow, Jr. Also present: D. W. Bumsted, Attorney, and Charles Andrade, Town Clerk.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 12, 1953, were approved, as read.

#### APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mr. Norton and Mr. Holler of the Maricopa Housing Authority were present at the invitation of the council to brief the members of the council on the effects of the relinquishment of Avondale Circle to the Town of Avondale by the Federal Housing Authority in connection with a letter received by Mayor Gill under date of May 4, 1953, which advises that the closing date for the relinquishment of said housing has been set tentatively for May 31, 1953.

Mr. Norton explained that the Federal Housing Authority had anticipated turning Avondale Circle over to the town on May 31, 1953, but due to the delay in receiving renewal of lease from Goodyear Farms of the lands now used by the Circle for an accidation bed for sewage disposal, the Housing project could not be turned over to the town until the end of June 1953.

Mr. Norton stated that the lease is for 10 years, subject to cancellation at any time. Provision in the lease is made whereby the lease can be cancelled within 60 days after sewage for the Town of Goodyear becomes available. In this connection, Mr. Norton explained that it has already been agreed that if the Town of Goodyear gets sewage, they will permit the Avondale Circle to tie into the system.

Mayor Gill said that what the Council would like to know is when the project is formally relinquished to the town, who will operate the project.

Mr. Norton stated that according to the Resolution and the Agreement formerly entered into, the Maricopa Housing Authority will operate the project for the Town of Avondale, just as they are now doing, except that after a sufficient Reserve is built up, the profits will be remitted to the Town of Avondale quarterly.

Mr. Holler informed the Council that for the year 4/1/52 to 3/31/53, the income of the Circle was \$76,989.50, but due to the fact that replacements and other improvements had to be made during said year, the result was that the project ended up with a \$13,000.00 deficit. Replacements and improvements were as follows: New asbestos siding on all units, new coolers, drainage system installed consisting of catch basins and 24" tile., armor coat surfacing of roads, etc. These brought the operating expenses up to \$78,973.00 or an excess over Income of \$1983.50, which with payment of \$570.00 in Insurance, \$9013.00 in taxes and \$1600.00 in salaries and social security, etc, brought the total deficit to \$13,166.00.

It was pointed out that the total area to be relinquished is 21.1368 acres and the cost to the Town for the land alone will be \$5,058.52 which represents a sound investment from the standpoint of present day value of the property alone, not to mention the income from rents which will accrue to the town. It was also pointed out that as soon as relinquishment is effected, the town can tie its present water system to that of the Circle, giving it an addition reserve water supply when needed.

**Communitations received:**

A letter under date of May 22, 1953 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation written to Mr. Carlos O. Henderson, Police Commissioner, commending both Chief Harry T. Rex and Patrolman J. R. Vandeventer for locating and apprehending two Air Force deserters, one on April 29, 1953, and the other on May 11, 1953.

The letter was read and ordered filed, after a remark by Police Commissioner Henderson to the effect that it is refreshing to hear some praise about our police force, for a change.

**COMPLAINTS:**

Mrs. Jessie Madden entered a complaint against the owner of Lot 2, Block 6 in Hill Subdivision for maintaing a common nuisance, to wit: an outside privy which is very offensive to the neighborhood.

The Council instructed the Clerk to bring the matter to the attention of the new Council which will assume duty on June 9, 1953.

**CANVASSING OF VOTES:**

The following letter, dated May 26, 1953, from the Election Board was read:

Mayor and Common Council  
Town of Avondale,  
Avondale, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Elections, hereby certify that the General Election for the Election of seven (7) Councilmen was held in the Town of Avondale, as scheduled, on the 25th day of May, 1953, between the hours of 6 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M.

We further certify that a total of 190 ballots were cast and that 5 of these ballots were spoiled and voided; that of the 185 valid ballots tallied, the seven Non-Partisan and one Independent candidates whose names appeared on the ballot, received the following votes: Russell H. Brinker, 116; Fred Campbell, Jr., 139; Carlos O. Henderson, 111; Archie M. Kingsbury, 122; Thos. V. Ludlow, Jr., 104; Cecil V. Suggs, 89; Hiram O. Wendling, 111; and the Independent Candidate, Paul DeSanti, 111.

Letter of Election Board, Cont'd:

There were ten (10) write-ins, as follows: Frank Geddes, 1; J. A. Hill, 2; F. E. Riley, 5; John L. Kelly, 4; Oscar Nandin, 3; Hymen Schwartz, 5; Paul Linville, 2; Carl Schmidt, 1; Jim Raleigh, 1; Riley, 2.

(Sgd) Thomas Aragon, Inspector

(Sgd) W. H. Stroud, Judge

(Sgd) Joseph Werholtz, Judge

(Sgd) Elois Roberts, Clerk

(Sgd) Winnie Brummell, Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May, 1953 .

(Sgd) Chas. Andrade, Notary Public  
My commission expires 7/11/53. Maricopa County, Arizona.

After reading of the above, Mr. Henderson moved that the returns as reported by the Election Board be accepted by the Council and that the following seven candidates receiving the highest vote be declared Elected:

Fred Campbell, Jr.,	129 votes
Archie M. Kingsbury	122 votes
Russell H. Brinker	116 votes
Charles O. Henderson	111 votes
Paul De Santi	111 votes
Hiram O. Wendling,	111 votes
Thos. V. Ludlow, Jr.	104 votes

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinker, and carried unanimously.

Payment OF DEMAND CLAIMS:

The following demand claims were approved and ordered paid:

Water Works

W 817 Western Supply Co.	New Meter, 1"	49.01
818 General Petroleum Corpn.	Gas & Oil	3.73
819 Petty Cash	Postage	.41
	Deposit refunds	15.00
	Freight paid	1.34
820 Interest & Redemption Fund	Deposit to cover interest and bond redemption, May	616.66

DEMAND CLAIMS, Cont'd:

General

5541	Community Hardware	Town Hall Upkeep	18.61 ✓
5542	Goolds Groc. & Service	Ice for Street Dept.	4.02 ✓
5543	O. S. Stapley Co.	Parts for Grader	6.71 ✓
5544	Employment Security Commission	Social Security	.50 ✓
5545	U. S. Pencil Co.	Pencils	14.70 ✓
5546	The Arizona Municipal League	Dues for year	75.15 ✓
5547	Bower Stationery & Equip. Co.	Transfer Cases, Court	16.50 ✓
5548	Standard Oil Company	Admin. Car Expense	22.46 ✓
5549	Bower-Palmer Printing Co.	Docket Sheets, Court	23.94 ✓
5550	Nandin Bros. Store	Prisoners Meals	8.61 ✓
5551	The Tanner Constn. Co.	Rewind broom for Sweeper	63.75 ✓
5552	Barabe Bros. Coffee Co.	Prisoners Meals	9.37 ✓
5553	Haldiman Brothers	Durety Bond, Andrade	12.50 ✓
5554	Standard Oil Co.	Police Car Expense	9.02 ✓
		Street Gas & Oil	49.72 ✓
5555	Coldwater Welding & Repair	Repair Street Loader	10.50 ✓
5556	Coldwater Mercantile Co.	Street Supplies	1.96 ✓
5557	Union Oil Co.	Police Car Exp. Feb. & Mar.	273.73 ✓
5558	Richfield Oil Corpn.	Street, Gas & Oil	49.99 ✓
5559	General Petroleum Corpn.	Police Car	21.90 ✓
		Street, Gas, Oil, Tire	101.39 ✓
5560	Payroll Account	Deposit for June	2288.18 ✓
5561	Avondale Market	Jail Expense	3.04 ✓
5562	Food Fair	Prisoners Meals	44.49 ✓
5563	Halprin Supply Co.	Fire Truck -Hose and Hydrant couplings	66.80 ✓

SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL:

Mayor Gill stated that inasmuch as this was the last meeting he would attend as an elected official, he wished before vacating his office, to say to the newly elected councilmen that they select one of the re-elected members of the council as Mayor because of the experience already gained on the workings of the council, whereupon he declared the meeting adjourned and called upon the new councilmen to stand and receive the oath of office.

NEW COUNCILMEN ANSWERING THE ROLL CALL WERE:

Russell H. Brinker, Fred Campbell, Jr., Paul De Santi, Carlos H. Henderson, Thos. V. Ludlow, Jr., and Hiram O. Wendling.

New Councilman absent: Archie M. Kingsbury

Oath of Office was administered by the Town Clerk.

The Council decided to defer selection of a Mayor until the next regular meeting to be held on June 9, 1953, and adjourned in regular order.

Chas. Andrade, Clerk