

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, 1959 in the City Hall.

Members Present:

Mayor Russell H. Brinker
Councilmen
Cecil D. Howe
Fred Campbell, Jr.
Archie M. Kingsbury

Also present:

Arthur B. Parsons, Jr.	City Attorney
Albert R. Pierce	City Clerk
Mr. Robert L. Norton	Johannessen & Girard

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brinker at 7:40 p.m.

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 18, 1959, and the special meeting of the Council held on May 19, 1959, were approved as read upon motion of Mr. Kingsbury, seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed.

Communications:

A subscription to a zoning publication was read to the Council and it was turned down by the Council after City Attorney Parsons advised the Council that many such publications were available at the Library.

Position Vacancy at the Housing Circle:

Councilman Campbell reported that there was a position vacancy at the Housing Circle and that a man would be hired to fill this position. However, the services of this man would be loaned to the Public Works Department. The Common Council was in agreement with this arrangement.

Opening of Grade Crossing at Western Avenue:

City Attorney Parsons read a letter to the Common Council from the Southern Pacific Railroad attorney in which the City's request to reopen the grade crossing at Western Avenue near Avondale was denied. It was stated in the letter that the Company had reviewed this matter completely and they felt that an additional crossing is not needed at Western Avenue and that, if opened, the crossing would present additional hazards to the public.

Auditing of Financial Records: Motion was made by Mayor Brinker that Lawrence Scudder & Company, Certified Public Accountants, be employed to audit the books as of May 31 to cover the relief of L. K. Dooley as City Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilman Howe.

Canvassing the General Election of May 25:

The results of the General Election of City Councilmen for the Common Council of the City of Avondale were read and a motion was made by Councilman Kingsbury that the results be accepted as read. Mayor Brinker second the motion.

Date that New Common Council to Take Office:

It was suggested by the City Attorney that the new Common Council should take office after the proposed Charter is adopted on June 8, 1959.

Building Inspector's Report:

Mr. Mabis, City Building Inspector, requested that certain building and zoning restrictions be waived. First, concerned a waiver of certain restrictions in the new Meadow Estates. It waived 24" on non-bearing stud walls, with bearing walls remaining at 16" centers. The second, concerned a zoning matter at 117 South 6th Street. Mr. Mabis assured the Council that the waivers were in the best interest of the City. Mayor Brinker made a motion to grant the waivers. The motion was second by Councilman Campbell.

Letter of Thanks to Mayor Brinker: A letter written by T. H. Shuler, Jr., was delivered to the City Clerk and it was read in this regular meeting of the Common Council. It was a letter of appreciation of the services rendered by Mayor Brinker to the City of Avondale during his tenure on the Council. Included with the letter was a petition containing the signatures of 31 citizens of Avondale who joined in extending their appreciation.

Paving Improvement District:

Mr. Robert L. Norton, Engineer with the firm of Johannessen & Girand, gave his first report relative to the paving improvement district scheduled for north Avondale. After considerable discussion by the Council, Mr. Norton was advised to proceed with the plans, estimate, specifications and the preparation of a Resolution for this Improvement District.

Appointment of City Clerk:

As a matter of record, this regular meeting of the Council was opened with the appointment of Albert R. Pierce, as City Clerk for the City of Avondale. Mr. Pierce was given his oath of office by Mayor Brinker.

Adjournment:

As the current business was completed, adjournment was carried from motion of Mayor Brinker and seconded by Councilman Kingsbury.



City Clerk



Mayor