

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER, COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL,
320 JAMES STREET, 7:05 P.M., Monday, February 13, 1967

Roll call, Mayor Zenk presiding. Councilmen Moyer, Hildebrand, and Grundy present. Councilman Atkinson absent. Also present: Fire Chief Clifford Ratzlaff, Police Field Sergeant Earl O'Brien, Mr. Carroll of the Public Works Department, Mr. Wisner of the Shafter Press, City Attorney A. G. Mortimore and Assistant Chief of Police Bob Nixon.

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Zenk.
2. Scripture Reading: Psalms 62:1 by the City Clerk.

II

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

There were no corrections or omissions.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Councilman Hildebrand, second Councilman Grundy, minutes of the previous regular meeting, Monday, January 23, 1967 be approved. Motion carried and so ordered.

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CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
MAYOR ZENK

A. CORRESPONDENCE

126 1. Mayor Zenk read a letter from the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau in reply to the City Clerk's letter of inquiry as to results of recent grading evaluation of fire protection in the City of Shafter.

26 2. Mayor Zenk read a letter from John Deeter, Builder, stating he will apply for a ten month extension of time for filing the final map of Tract 3022. This was referred to Councilman Grundy to work out for construction of curb, and gutter if Lerdo Highway is used for the next 20 Gas Tax Project. City Attorney Mortimore to check with Father Breslin 25 on construction of curb and gutter for the Catholic Church property in the same area.

19 3. Mayor Zenk called attention to copy of a letter mailed to each Councilman explaining the 186.1 Gas Tax Apportionments and Matching Funds, also map showing select street system within the City where the money must be spent.

251 4. Mayor Zenk read a letter from the Shafter Women's Club registering opposition to a freeway going through the City of Shafter. City Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Club explaining how the routes are proposed.

86 5. Mayor Zenk reviewed a section of legislative bulletin dated February 6, 1967 relating to Senate Bill 133 and Assembly Bill 245, the Brown Act. After discussion, Mayor Zenk, Attorney A.G. Mortimore and Councilman Grundy to register opposition to any additional legislation on the Brown Act.

B ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There were no announcements to present.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Bids for construction of Fire Department training tower. City Clerk reported that no bids were received.

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CITY ATTORNEY A. G. MORTIMORE

1. City Attorney Mortimore reported the City has received permission from the Kern County Board of Supervisors to use a portion of Stringham's Memorial Park to construct the Fire Department Training Tower.

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2. City Attorney Mortimore presented and read Resolution No. ³⁰⁷~~306~~, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER ADOPTING CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER OPERATIONAL PLAN. Motion Councilman Hildebrand, second Councilman Grundy, Resolution No. 306 be adopted. Motion carried without opposition.

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3. Councilman Hildebrand reported Billy Jack Thompson has agreed to assume the Chief of Service of Transportation for the Shafter Civil Defense Organization held by the late Jack Thompson. Motion Councilman Hildebrand, second Councilman Moyer, Billy Jack Thompson be appointed as Chief of Service of Transportation for the Shafter Civil Defense Organization. Motion carried and so ordered.

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CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk presented an application for a permit to hold a Student Body Dance, submitted by John L. Peterson, from the Richland School. Motion Councilman Moyer, second Councilman Hildebrand, a permit be granted to the Richland School to hold a Student Body Dance on March 10, 1967, at the Memorial Hall. Motion carried without opposition.

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2. City Clerk presented an application for a permit to hold teenage dances, submitted by the American Legion Post No. 213. Motion Councilman Hildebrand, second Councilman Moyer, permits be issued to the American Legion Post 213 to hold teenage dances on March 4, April 22, and May 6, 1967. Motion carried and so ordered.

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VIII
COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Moyer and Fire Chief Clifford Ratzlaff

1. Councilman Moyer reviewed the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau recommendations to assist in the future fire defense planning. Also a letter from Mr. Bush on the subject of the training tower. Councilman Moyer recommended that the training tower not be built at the present time because it is not designated as an item of greater importance by the rating bureau, and suggested that the communications system be given greater priority. A discussion followed, explaining a plan for a radio system to serve all City Departments. Councilman Grundy stated he will try to have a report from the Fresno Civil Defense office on the subject by next regular meeting.

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2. Fire Chief Ratzlaff reported the present Fire Prevention Code is a 1960 edition, which is adopted by reference. There is a 1965 edition. City Attorney Mortimore suggested when the new ones are issued, Chief Ratzlaff compare with the older one and if the amendments effect the City of Shafter to a degree of importance we should adopt a new edition.

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B. PLANNING COMMISSION, PARKS AND RECREATION
Councilman Atkinson

1. Councilman Atkinson was absent and nothing was reported for his Dep't.

C. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Hildebrand and Chief of Police H. G. Witcher.

72 1. Councilman Hildebrand presented and reviewed the Police Department's Annual Report. Mayor Zenk congratulated the department on the report. Mayor Zenk asked the Council to study the report and if they had any questions, they could be reviewed at the next meeting.

D. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Councilman Grundy and Mr. Lewis Carroll.

20 1. Mr. Carroll gave an oral progress report on the installation of the East Lerdo Lighting System. Also discussed Landscaping of the Median on Lerdo Highway when the lighting project is finished.

2. Mr. Carroll asked the Council if he should have the engineer's make tests, inspections, and give recommendation for reconstruction or maintenance of Lerdo Highway from Central Valley Highway West. Mr. Carroll was instructed not to have any engineering done before next regular meeting and the City Clerk would have the next budget year Gas Tax Funds compiled by then. Councilman Grundy proposed that street construction be planned for at least one year in advance and three or four years would be better.

IX
NEW BUSINESS

34 1. Mayor Zenk presented Councilman Atkinson's application to be excused from attending the February 13, 27, March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8, 22 and June 12, 1967 regular Council Meetings. Also read a letter from the City Attorney on the subject. Councilman Hildebrand and Councilman Grundy spoke in favor of granting the permission requested. Motion Councilman Grundy, second Councilman Moyer, Councilman Atkinson's request be granted as presented. Motion carried and so ordered.

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PRESENTATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

1.1. There were none presented.

XI
FINANCIAL REPORT
MAYOR ZENK

4 1. Motion Councilman Hildebrand, second Councilman Moyer, payroll and general warrant registers be approved for payment as presented. Motion carried without opposition.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business for Council consideration, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Zenk.

Allen L. Zenk
Allen L. Zenk, Mayor

W. H. Johnston
W. H. Johnston, City Clerk