

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON NOVEMBER 25, 1975.

PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WAS THE MAYOR, 4 COUNCILMEN  
15 CITIZENS and 1 REPORTER.

We did not have a quorum of council members present, but the Mayor declared the meeting open anyway.

The Mayor presented his own personal feelings on how the money should be allocated for next years funding. He thought that the streets should receive top priority since he felt that more citizens were concerned with the streets than anything else. He felt that we did not need super highways, but we did need good streets for the citizens to travel on. They have been without streets for the past three years while the sewer and water lines were being put in. He felt that we should go ahead and plan to do the street paving with our own street crew rather than to let bids and do it by contractor. He has checked with Planning Consultants and they assured him that it could be done this way.

I am all for a multi purpose building and new library facilities. I would like to see this for third year funding. We have made a lot of improvements with this federal money, but so far all of it has gone under ground and the people do not realize what has been done. We have completed most of the water lines with the exception of a new line to run from the new water tower to the pump station at 11th and Wood. This would run around \$35,000. And we need some small neighborhood parks.

Councilman Bankson agreed with what the Mayor said about the streets.

Hal Leonard wanted to know if we were talking about second year funding and if so how about including side walks, curb and guttering.

Mayor stated that he thought the streets would be the primary concern. Some areas need sidewalks and guttering, but he felt it could be done at a later date.

Hal Leonard stated that he had heard the the figure of 325 blocks to be paved.

Mayor stated that this was pretty close to the right figure and that the streets would have to be surfaced with the asphalt at a certain thickness.

The Mayor then asked for the recommendations from the "Citizens Participating Committee".

Thomas Bailey, chairman, reported that the committee had held 2 public meetings and that we were in agreement that the streets should receive top priority.

Mildred Bradshaw stated that she wanted streets whether we got anything else or not.

Mayor stated that he thought the main throughfares, the streets traveled on the most, should be repaired first.

The Mayor ask for any other comments or recommendations from the citizens.

Hal Leonard made the comment that thanks to the money allocated the city has been improved far beyond our imagination.

Since there were no more comments the Mayor closed the meeting and reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on Dec. 9 and that everyone present should come and bring a friend.

Mrs. Little was instructed to contact the civic organizations made up of women and inform them of the meetings and ask if they wanted a rep. present at the meetings.