

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 1972.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. in Mr. Lucian Flora's office by Chairman Maurice Marr. Present were Board members Dr. James Hill, Mr. Charles Whitley, Mr. Lucian Flora, in addition to visitors Marshall William Denham, Mr. J.W. Blue, Mr. Herbert Leopold, and Dr. Robert Baum.

1. The Clerk read the minutes of the previous regular Board meeting which were approved by the Board. The Clerk gave the bank balance of the general fund as \$3,751.22. In regard to a bill of \$102.67 from the R&S Texaco Station for the Fire Department, Dr. Hill agreed to look into the matter. Mr. Flora made the motion that if the bill is correct, it should be paid before the next regular meeting. Dr. Hill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. The amount of insurance which the city has was surveyed and the question arose about whether an entity has to pay workmen's compensation if it has more than one employee. If the answer is yes, the city will have to pay it.

3. Mr. Whitley gave the Water Commission's report and stated that the water company's sediment tank had been unstopped following a day and a half's work by Jerry N. Marr who charged \$132.00 for it. It was also noted that the light was out on the top of the water tower and that nothing new had been arrived at concerning the storage shortage for the water company's records. Mr. Whitley added that vandalism had caused the sediment tank to become stopped up as a concrete block had been heaved into the tank causing some of the mechanism to malfunction. Some cover over the tank is needed or a fence around it high enough to prevent any reoccurrence of the situation. Dr. Hill raised the question concerning whether or not the city's insurance would help to compensate for the cost of the vandalism. Mr. Whitley also added in regard to the recently submitted report on the status of the water company that the important thing to note was that the company's income had been \$4,000.00 this last year while the year before it had gone \$2,000.00 in the red.

4. Chairman Marr said that Mr. Homer Doyle had talked to Mr. Bill Pierce about his high water bills and Mr. Doyle had agreed to put in a new meter when fairer weather arrives.

5. Dr. Hill said that there was no police court report. On the matter of the Marshall's office he said that there was a need for something to be done; also that the revenue sharing funds might be used to help buy the Marshall's uniforms and perhaps a car. Dr. Hill is to get together with a proposed Committee to look into how the revenue sharing funds should be spent and to make recommendations in that area. He also added that perhaps it would be possible to get the county government to help in expanding the fire department. Dr. Hill noted that at this time the Board of Trustees really has no control over the fire department and that it (the Board) needed to tighten its supervision of the fire department, especially concerning such aspects as the expansion of the department's coverage area. Dr. Hill also added that new stop signs and posts need to be erected in the City. He noted that Magistrate Richard Kirby said that the county can give the City six such posts. In regard to a place indoors for the Marshall, it was suggested that the old post office building, owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Meredith) might be organized into a place for him and a quick phone call to Mrs. Meredith revealed that this was indeed a possibility. Dr. Hill is to talk to Mrs. Meredith in a few days about it.

6. Mr. Flora, in his street department report, said that Magistrate Kirby had agreed that the City's streets needed cleaning, but that the County crews were busy at that time. However, Magistrate Kirby added that he will have the County workers help out when it is possible. Mr. Flora reported that the County Official said hot-mix blacktopping would cost \$6,000.00 per mile, while the graded-mix would cost \$4500.00 per mile. Mr. Flora said that when the time came for the city to start reworking its streets, it would be best if the hot-mix was used as it would last perhaps twice as long as the other type. It was brought out that in June the State Highway Department would send to the City around \$3420.00 for street work and that

most of the City's streets needed reworking. Mr. Flora also said that the streets needed the newer type street lights, and it was decided that he would phone the Warren R.E.C.C. to ask about mercury-vapor replacement lights and their cost. He is also to ask the W.R.E.C.C. to replace the bulb in the light in front of Mr. Joe Madison's house.

7. The Board decided that it was not the place of the town to put an additional street light near Mrs. Odessa Whitney's store--she needs a security light there as lights are at both ends of the block where the store is located.

8. Dr. Hill made a motion to name a committee to make recommendations for the use of the recently received \$3,883.00 of revenue-sharing money. He suggested that the committee be made up of Dr. Robert Baum, Mr. Max Harlin, Mr. L. Carl Rasdall, and Mr. Bill Craddock. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flora and accepted by the entire Board. Chairman added to the motion that the Chairman of the Board would be the ex-officio chairman of the Recommendations Committee.

9. Chairman Marr reported that Mrs. Jordan says the Cemetery is running well. On the matter of repairing the wall around the grounds, Mr. Marr said that Mrs. Jordan was going to find out how much it will cost to repair it.

10. The ill state of repair of the rock wall in front of the water works was discussed.

11. On the subject of filling the Board vacancy, the name of Mr. Jim Bell was mentioned. It was also brought out that Dr. Baum would consider filling it, but Chairman Marr noted that he would have to check with County Attorney Henry Potter on the residency requirements for a member of the Board before Dr. Baum could be appointed.

12. Mr. Whitley made the motion that Dr. Hill be elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the first quarter of 1973. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flora and accepted unanimously.

13. The fact that Mr. Whitley needs to be reappointed in January of 1973 if he is to retain his position on the Board was again brought to the rest of the Board's attention. The question of whether an appointed member can be reappointed needs to be checked on with Mr. Henry Potter.

14. Mr. Whitley made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Hill. Accepted unanimously.

15. Chairman Marr set the date for the next regular Board meeting as the 22nd of January 1973.

James S. Hill, Jr.

Chairman, Board of Trustees
Robert B. Flora

City Clerk