

City Council



Calendars

Your City Government And What It Is Doing

Citizens Advisory Committee Holds Organization Meeting; Council Ponders Pension Problem For Employee Draftees.

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The real "meat" of Monday night's council session was served up after the regular meeting was over. This long awaited dish was presented to the community by the council in the form of the organization meeting of the Citizens Advisory committee, conceived and brought into being for the purpose of advising the council on matters of policy and assisting it in the solution of knotty community problems.

Mayor Ronan, acting as temporary chairman of the group, started the ball rolling by calling the roll of prominent citizens invited to serve on this committee. Among those included were: Mrs. A. S. Trude Jr., Mrs. Marc Law, B. E. Schumacher, James M. Murphey, Mrs. C. W. Balke, Mrs. W. W. Wurm, George B. Dana, Samuel S. Smith, Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Ben M. Bruce, William M. Dooley, H. M. Lautmann, S. M. Hastings, D. G. Davitt, E. C. Wampler, L. B. McCaffrey, H. B. Aiston, Samuel S. Holmes, Herman Denzel, Dorsey D. Husenetter, Eugene Pfister, W. F. Nelson, C. W. Jones, Mrs. W. J. Fyffe, Joseph Cabonargi, Hugh L. Schneider, Col. John B. Jackson, Silvio Pasquesi and Alfred Hauser.

In his introductory remark Mayor Ronan pointed out the need of such an organization to keep the council advised on community opinion and to assist the city's governing body on the many problems and projects now facing it. Among these he enumerated the following: 1. Free garbage collection; 2. The apartment problem in A and B zoning districts; 3. Providing a larger activities center for draftees; 4. The tavern problem in the areas adjacent to Highland Park and the selling of liquor to minors; 5. Pensions for civil service employees called in the draft; 6. The harbor project; 7. Street lighting in residential districts; 8. An adequate health control organization for Highland Park.

Following the outline of the committee's work by the mayor various members were called upon for suggestions concerning its actual organization and mode of operation. Mr. Lautmann suggested that perhaps the group working as a committee of the whole would produce the best results. Cloud Wampler appeared to be more in favor of dividing up the group into smaller committees to work out solutions to separate problems. He also suggested that the organization could be made to work two ways. One, as an advisory body to the council, and two, as a means of conveying

the workings of the council to the community at large.

Mr. McCaffrey suggested the addition of two more projects to the list of the committees work. These were a Junior college for Highland Park and an adequate Lake Front park.

Mrs. Fyffe hailed the organization as a real step toward making the city's government truly representative of the entire community.

Harry Aiston viewed the group as a sort of "stream-lined" Town hall meeting whereby the average citizen could obtain a more intimate contact with his local government.

Former Mayor Hastings commended the council for its action in sponsoring the Citizens Advisory committee but with an eye toward the practical warned the group not to expect too much in the way of results on short notice. He pointed out that the program as outlined represented several years work.

At the motion of Commissioner Bowes, an organization committee was appointed to work out the details of the group's organization. On this committee, which is to make a report sometime within the next 30 days, the following members were appointed; Ben Bruce, Harry Aiston, Mrs. Marc Law, H. M. Lautmann, Cloud Wampler, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, and D. G. Davitt. Corporation Counsel McKenna is to serve as secretary of the committee.

The regular council meeting was largely taken up with discussion of Officer Wilson Richardson's petition to the group to protect him in his civil service seniority and pension rights during his term of service with the Navy.

As far as the petitioners seniority rights were concerned, the mayor stated that he had contacted representatives in the State legislature to enact a law similar to those in effect during the Spanish American and World wars whereby Civil Service employees time ran concurrently with the time they served in the army or navy.

As to Officer Richardson's desire to continue to pay his pension funds dues out of his salary as a Warrant Officer in the navy, the mayor said that under existing laws the council was powerless to allow him to do this. He pointed out that pension fund dues are payable only out of salaries earned under civil service.

Commissioner Bowes stated that in his opinion Officer Richardson's only recourse to protect himself was to take out War Risk insurance.

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Highland Park Events for Coming Week

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19—

- 12:15 p.m.—Lions Club, Sunset Valley Club.
- 3:30 p.m.—Presbyterian Church Children's Party.
- 7:00 p.m.—Chess Club, Community Center.
- 7:30 p.m.—Ravinia P.T.A. Christmas Carols.
- 7:30 p.m.—A. O. Fay Installation of Officers, Masonic Temple.
- 8:00 p.m.—Elm Place School Christmas Play.
- 8:00 p.m.—American Legion, Legion Hall.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20—

- No Red Cross Meeting.
- Schools Close for Christmas Holidays.
- 7:30 p.m.—Campbell Chapter No. 712 O.E.S.
- 8:00 p.m.—Rifle and Pistol Club.
- 8:00 p.m.—Christmas Party, Fidelity Life Ass'n - Elks Hall.
- 9:00 p.m.—Marion Keeney Freshman-Sophomore Dance - H.P. Woman's Club.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21—

- 8:00 p.m.—Saturday Evening Club Dance—Y.W.C.A.
- 9:00 to 12—Swing Club - Highland Park Woman's Club.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22—

- 4:00 p.m.—Trinity Church School Service of Lights.
- 4:30 p.m.—White Gifts Service - Bethany Church.
- 6:00 p.m.—Community Christmas Tree - Park, West of Library.
- 7:30 p.m.—Christmas Party for Children, Masonic Lodges - Temple.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23—

- 12:15 p.m.—Rotary Club Christmas Party - Sunset Valley Club.
- 6:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Club Dinner - Sunset Valley Club.
- 7:30 p.m.—Sunset Terrace Christmas Tree and Carol Sing.
- 9 to 12—C.A.R. Christmas Dance.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—

- 8:00 p.m.—Briergate Community Club Christmas Eve Carol Singing.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26—

- 12:15 p.m.—Lions Club, Sunset Valley Club.

Deerfield Events for Coming Week

- 7:45 p.m.—Bethlehem Church Choir.
- 9:00 p.m.—Presbyterian Bowling League.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23—

- 4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Troop 1.
- 7:00 p.m.—Business Men Bowling.
- 7:30 p.m.—Scouts.
- 7:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Troop 2.
- 7:00 p.m.—American Legion.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—

- 2:00—Deerfield Woman's Club.
- 7:00 p.m.—Women's Bowling League.
- 7:30 p.m.—Presbyterian Church Session. Midnite Candle Service. Young People's Congregation.
- 8:00 p.m.—Holy Cross Services.
- 8:30 p.m.—Holy Cross Choir.
- 9:00 p.m.—C. of C. Bowling League.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25—

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26—

- 12:15 p.m.—Rotary Club.
- 7:00 p.m.—C. of C. Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m.—Bethlehem Women's Auxiliary.

IN DEFENCE OF LIBERTY

I was born an American; I live an American; I shall die an American; and I intend to perform the duties incumbent upon me in that character to the end of my career. I mean to do this with absolute disregard of personal consequences. What are the personal consequences? What is the individual man, with all the good or evil that may betide him, in comparison with the good or evil which may befall a great country, and in the midst of great transactions which concern that country's fate? Let the consequences be what they will, I am careless. No man can suffer too much, and no man can fall too soon, if he suffer, or if he fall in defense of the liberties and constitution of his country.—Daniel Webster.