

City Council

YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT: WHAT IT IS DOING

By Elmore M. Murphy

Monday evening's City Council meeting was strictly of the routine business variety. With no headline attraction on the calendar, as was the case last week when the bids for the Green Bay Road feeder water main project were opened, attendance was at a minimum.

Quigly & Kuch, who were low bidders on the Green Bay Road improvement last week with a figure of \$12,908.50, were officially awarded the contract at Monday evening's session upon the motion of Commissioner Gourley. The Electro Rustproofing Corporation of Dayton, O., who was the only firm to submit a bid on the Sunset water tower project was also awarded a contract to go ahead with this work. The Electro Rustproofing Corporation's bid, submitted last week, amounted to \$575.00.

The North Shore Buick Co. petitioned the council for permission to erect a wooden shelter on its Used Car lot for the use of its salesmen. Although there are one or two shelters of this type already in use in the city, their construction is technically a violation of the city's building ordinance. The North Shore Buick Co. in following the regular channel of planning for its edifice by applying for a permit has apparently run into a snag. On the other hand, those who put up their buildings without benefit of permit seemingly have their cake and are eating it too. Temporarily stumped by this incongruity, the council company's petition under advisement. On the face of the facts brought to light to date the council has only two alternatives. Either change the ordinance and allow the petitioner to put up his shelter, or force the others to take theirs down.

The city's Building Department have been one or two fires caused by gas water heaters. Although so finds itself in the throes of another dilemma. Recently, there the committee working on the new building code has been placed on record as recommending the installation of some sort of relief valves for these heaters, nothing has been done about changing the existing ordinance because the committee wants to submit the code to the council for approval in its entirety. The committee in question has been working on the code now for two years and heaven only knows how much longer it will take for the job to be completed. It seems to this writer that until the committee finishes its work, emergency changes should be provided for as the need arises. Another discrepancy in the current building code centers on heating equipment. Under the present code as it is now constituted only oil burner installations require permits from the city's Building Department. In recent years, gas and stoker fired furnaces have made rapid strides in the heating equipment field. However, to date, no permits are required to install these units. In the interests of safety and fair play, and incidentally to procure additional revenue, all types of heating equipment should require permits.

The Moraine Hotel has petitioned the council to allow it to put up directional signs at the intersections of Deerfield Road and Skokie and

Berkeley road and Skokie. The hotel contends that much of its business depends on transient traffic and that these signs are necessary to help divert Skokie traffic eastward to the hotel property. The city ordinance covering this subject limits the size permissible to a much smaller area than the hotel contemplates using. Again, the Berkeley Road area is in 'A' residential property in which the erection of signs of this type is prohibited. At the motion of Commissioner Bowes the petition was turned over to his department for further investigation and examination.

The condition — or lack of it — of Green Bay Road came in for its share of jokes at Monday evening's meeting. Commissioner Bowes reported that the springs on his car and his own bones are about at the limit of their endurance when traversing this thoroughfare. Commissioner Swanson states that his department is doing all in its power to take some of the stigma from the name of the street that now is commonly known as 'Swanson's Boulevard.' The department's grader is in the throes of a \$600.00 repair job. To help solve the problem, Commissioner Swanson is negotiating with a grader manufacturing concern to send one of their machines up for a practical demonstration of its merits on Green Bay Road. At the moment, it appears that the Street Department is not going to be convinced of the merits of the machine in question until most of the city's immediate grading requirements are taken care of. A new grader would cost the city anywhere from \$3800.00 up. With little money in the treasury for this purpose, and with the old grader being repaired at \$600.00 Oawhack, it is easy to see why Commissioner Swanson's grey hairs are beginning to outnumber the block.

Upon petition by the local American Legion Post the council officially designated May 26 as the official Poppy sale day. If the weather proves inclement on May 26, the sale will be postponed until the 27th.

Mayor Ronan called the council's attention to a parking problem at the northeast corner of Sheridan road and Park avenue. He stated that cars were being parked so close to the corner at this spot that it definitely provided a traffic hazard. To alleviate this situation, he suggested that parking space privileges for two cars be eliminated from this area.

After the meeting in the mayors' chambers, the dog pound problem came up for discussion among a group consisting of the mayor, Commissioners Swanson and Bowes, your reporter, and a fifth gentleman who admirably represented the dog lov-

Calendar

Highland Park Events for Coming Week

THURSDAY, MAY 8—

- 12:15 p.m. Lions Club luncheon at Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m. D.A.R. regular meeting.
- 2:30 p.m. Red Cross meeting at Y.W.C.A.
- 8:00 p.m. American Legion meeting in Legion hall.
- 8:00 p.m. Young Men's club meeting at Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m. North Shore Yacht club at club house.

FRIDAY, MAY 9—

- 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Red Cross meeting at Trinity church.
- 8:00 p.m. Rifle and Pistol club meeting, Deerfield range.
- 8:00 p.m. Lincoln School Operetta, Lincoln school.

SATURDAY, MAY 10—

- 9:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Club barn dance at YWCA.

SUNDAY, MAY 11—

- Mother's Day to be celebrated in all churches.

MONDAY, MAY 12—

- 9:30 a.m. Highland Park Woman's club board meeting at Highland Park Woman's club.
- 12:15 p.m. Rotary club luncheon, Sunset Valley club.
- 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis club dinner at Sunset Valley club.
- 7:00 p.m. Park Board meeting scheduled, postponed to May 19.
- 7:45 p.m. School Board meeting of District 108.
- 8:00 p.m. City Council meeting at Highland Park City hall.
- 8:00 p.m. Community Chest annual meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 13—

- 10:00 a.m. YWCA board meeting at the YWCA.
- 6:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce dinner at Open House.
- 7:30 p.m. Mothers club meets at Y.W.C.A.
- 8:00 p.m. Choral club meeting at Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting of School Board No. 107.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14—

- 9:45 a.m. Girl Scout Council meeting, home of Mrs. Nereim.
- 10:30-2 p.m. Hospital auxiliary at Trinity church.
- 3:00 p.m. Green Bay Road School P.T.A. annual meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. Library board meeting at Highland Park Library.
- 8:00 p.m. Royal Neighbors meeting in Masonic Temple.

THURSDAY, MAY 15—

- 12:15 p.m. Lions club luncheon at Sunset Valley club.
- 7:30 p.m. Red Cross meeting at YWCA.

Community Center Calendar

- Thursday, May 8—
 - 7:00 p.m.—Chess Club.
 - 8:00 p.m.—Young Men's club.
- Friday, May 9—
 - 7:30 p.m.—Girl Scout troop 2 party.
- Saturday, May 10—
 - 9:00 a.m.—Junior Airplane club
- Monday, May 2—
 - 1:00 p.m.—Red Cross Home Nursing course.
 - 7:00 p.m.—Table Tennis club.
- Tuesday, May 13—
 - 4:00 p.m.—Junior Airplane club.
 - 7:00 p.m.—Hiland Planesmen.
 - 8:00 p.m.—Community Choral club.
 - 8:00 p.m.—North Shore Philatelic society.
- Wednesday, May 14—
 - 8:00 p.m.—Highland Park Camera club.
- Thursday, May 15—
 - 9:00 p.m.—Chess club.

Complete Furnishing Library at Community Center

Thanks to the interest and generosity of a number of people, the former game room at the Community Center is now a well-furnished library. This has all been accomplished within the past few weeks, since the opening of the new game room.

An excellent hand-carved library table was given by the board of directors of the Thrift Shop. A couch was contributed by Mrs. E. L. Millard, the rug by Mrs. Charles Rubens, and end table by Mrs. Samuel Goodman. Mrs. George Peck gave the bookcase, Mrs. Maurice L. Rothschild, a chair, Miss Adele Everett, a lamp, and Renslow P. Sherer, a chair. Pictures were given by the C.A.R. and by Mrs. Edward S. Weil. Books and magazines have been contributed by many citizens.

Magazines are constantly being given by a number of people. Game tables for this room and the game room have just been donated by the Lions club. All in all, the furnishings of this room has been a real community enterprise.

The purpose of the room is to afford a place for resting and reading, and a meeting place for people who want to talk quietly or play quiet games such as chess or checkers. It is designed for people of all ages.

ers of the community. The present method of housing the dogs at the city garage appears to be unsatisfactory in all counts. The discussion brought out two alternatives as a solution to the problem.

One consist of turning the housing and care of the city's stray dogs over to the Orphans of the Storm. The other calls for the employ of an official dog catcher to care for the dogs an dtosuep gbcd