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Peddling Ordinance To Be Prepared Soon

Stricter licensing, city commissioners agreed Monday, Acting Mayor Dean Beier said. Beier said Birmingham should have the solution to the peddler problem in Birmingham. He felt Birmingham should have possible non-profit organizations, such as the Girl Scouts, Community House and other similar groups, could be excepted. Harry O. Smart, local insurance man, asked if Beier considered those more desirable than those who were selling a commodity. Beier replied he did not think so. Commissioners after a study of a sample ordinance prepared by the National Association of Magazine Publishers, agreed that many of its points were applicable to Birmingham.

THE ORDINANCE would require that applications be filed with the city clerk. Each would provide a complete background of the individual, his company, the product, the time to be spent in the city and whether or not any such application had ever been refused or revoked. It also would provide for the conviction and punishment of any salesman or canvasser who violated the ordinance. During the discussion, Beier said he would like to suggest a delay of a couple of days between the application and the issuing of the license to provide time for the person to be fingerprinted and for police to check him and his company. It was also suggested that any ordinance adopted by the city include a clause which would prohibit "hawking from the street or by using any noise-making machines."

Claim Charter Change Could Stop Bottleneck

Two payments of \$37 each for a 40-foot lot were approved by commissioners Monday on the deficiency roll created to defray the cost of the Cole street improvement. An additional \$2,900 is needed to pay for the paving between Adams and Torry. John Gilfray, who represents the Birmingham Estates residents, was unable to appear and requested a week's delay in the hearing on that deficiency roll. In this case an additional \$19,500 is needed to defray costs. Commissioners pointed out that in the latter case curbing, graveling and grading exceeded the original estimate. Commissioner Lance Minor said he would like to see a charter change which would eliminate such occurrences in future projects.

HE POINTED out that often a period of several years elapses between the time the estimate is made by the engineering department and the work is started. This delay is because 75 per cent of the assessment must be received before the actual work is begun. Prices of materials and labor frequently increase to the extent that the original figure is thrown completely out of line. "I'd like to see a change so the city can levy the assessment, let the contractor have the people make full payment in one year and get the work done," Minor said.

Egbert Discusses Birmingham's Water Situation

City's water problems were discussed by City Manager Donald C. Egbert at Monday's city commission meeting. Victor H. Fairless, 1681 East Maple, asked whether the city could install water softening facilities at the wells and make a small extra charge on the water bills. Egbert replied that this matter has been studied for the past four or five years. He stated, "We now get all our water from artesian wells and are confronted with the need for an added water supply. Future water sources are Detroit and Lake Huron." Egbert added, "We'll have a different treatment of water when the water is brought in. At present, we're studying the Detroit water situation. When this connection is made, we could mix the softening for Detroit and our present water supply. "If that doesn't work adequately, then possibly we can do some softening at the wells. We've given a lot of consideration to this matter but it doesn't appear practical to do anything now with these surveys still incomplete."

THE CITY MANAGER pointed out that Detroit would be able to furnish water until 1965 or 1966. Fairless also asked whether the city couldn't require all new homes to install disposal units. Egbert replied that Jasper, Ind. has required disposal units for some time. Dearborn also started its ruling for new homes about two weeks ago, he pointed out. The city manager said, "I think disposal units would solve one of our most troublesome problems." However, he pointed out that the city attempting to use the garbage disposal idea by going in on the Southeastern Garbage and Rubbish authority.

Police Need Applicants For Patrolman Positions

Applications for new patrolmen are now being taken by Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley. Young men between the ages of 21 and 30, of good moral character are eligible. Each must be a high school graduate, weigh at least 165 pounds and stand five feet nine inches. Moxley said written examinations, oral interviews and character investigations are a part of the routine for each department candidate.

Southfield High School PTA To Hear FBI Agent

A special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will speak at the opening meeting of Southfield high school PTA Sept. 25. Mrs. Anna Clock, music teacher, will present her classes in a program. Mrs. Clock, with B. C. Brubaker, will be in charge of refreshments being served by their home-room students.

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