Commission Says Dog Ordinance To Get New Teeth

Birmingham is getting ready to put some teeth in the city's dog ordinance.

City Attorney Forbes Hascall and Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, on the suggestion of Commissioner V. B. Watkins, will examine the present ordinance and prepare recommendations for stricter enforcement, presenting them at the next commission meeting.

Watkins brought out that during the past months, he has been receiving from six to eight times as many dog complaints as usual.

"The number of daily complaints is rising as home owners see fit after a newly seeded lawn is torn apart by frolicking dogs, he declared.

RALPH RILEY, dog warden, who also is on the city's street sign maintenance crew, is unable to divide his job and at the same time keep up with the number of complaints, Police Chief Ralph Moxley has repeatedly explained.

Watkins said he felt the present $2 fine should be increased and so perhaps curb the number of dogs that are permitted to run free.

"I Like dogs," Watkins said, "but I think they should be under more control. Maybe if owners had to pay ten dollars they'd be more careful about letting the dog roam."

He Suggested revising the ordinance so it could be more easily enforced and increasing the fines.

Commissioners Richard Patterson and Lance Minor said they felt the present ordinance means little and should be revised and improved.

Site

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township dump and finds itself in as serious a position as are the other members who have been stymied by the fast-spreading visicular exanthema disease among garbage-fed pigs.

THE INCINERATOR can not be in operation before July, 1954, and possibly even later than that. The authority has requested that the lease on the property be given for an 18-month period.

City officials believe that the use of the Walker site by the authority would not only mean a saving to the city in filling the now unusable land, but also would solve the temporary disposal problems of the city.

Under the authority's plan, all trucks transporting refuse to the dump would be modern, covered trucks. Daily the garbage would be covered by dirt and a guarantee would be given both the city, as owner of the land, and Troy, the area in which the dump is located, that there would be no rats, burning or scavengers allowed.

TROY AUTHORITIES have already petitioned the city to clean up its rubbish dumping operations at the site. This would cost the city between $2,000 and $5,000. City officials contend that this method of land-fill will be as satisfactory to the township.

Authority members intend to dump both garbage and rubbish to give the fill a heavier base and make reclamation of the land more probable.

Birmingham and Troy would have the right to name routes that authority trucks would follow both to and from the dump site.

Terms of the lease have not been completed but City Manager Donald C. Egbert told commissioners that he thought the 20 cents per capita assessment levied on member cities by the authority would not be asked of Birmingham in lieu of the land use. This assessment would cost the city $3,948.

City commissioners agreed that the land should be filled for possible sale to industrial users, dedicating a 200 foot green belt along the west side of the property as a buffer zone between the residential and industrial zones.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

WILLIAM T. GOSSETT, of Bloomfield Hills, Ford Motor Co. vice-president, greets Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, noted Negro educator, at opening of United Negro College Fund campaign in Michigan. Gossett is chairman of the steering committee for the drive, which seeks $90,000 toward the support of 31 Negro colleges whose graduates become influential in improving citizenship standards where they come to reside. Dr. Moron is president of Hampton Institute, one of the fund-supported educational institutions.

Troy Park Needs Materials, Labor

The recently organized Troy township park committee is seeking funds to develop and equip the township's first park at Boulan and Alpine.

The 20-acre park site was offered last fall to the township by Herbert H. Boulan, 3865 Crooks, and deed to the property was received by the township April 10.

A six-member park commission was appointed by the township board April 14 and were sworn in Monday night at the township board meeting.

THE SIX WHO will serve for two years are Rufus Malone, Wallace E. Rice, Ronald Raupsville, Donald Flynn, Walter Taylor and Mrs. Edward Hampson.

Meetings already have been held to determine the necessary improvements and equipment for the park.

The Big Beaver Businessmen's Club has sponsored the early developments of the park idea.

While donations of money, material and labor have been cheerfully received freely, the park commission asks anyone who is able to give of their time or money to contact Mrs. Wallace E. Rice, 940 Wattles road.

To Appoint Workers

Southfield Township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams Tuesday night was authorized to appoint election board members for the special election in Lathrup, May 12. Residents of Lathrup will vote on incorporation of the area.

Plans Started For Sewer Line On Derby Road

Plans for the construction of a sewer on Derby between Eton and Coolidge to serve the 45-acre parcel of land north of Derby in Troy township are in the negotiation stage, City Manager Donald C. Egbert told city commissioners Monday night.

The city limits of Birmingham end along the center line of Derby and property developers in the area, who have agreed to finance the sewer construction, must come to terms with the city on methods of maintaining the sewer.

City officials have suggested that only sanitary sewage be brought through the Birmingham system for ultimate treatment in the City of Detroit's disposal plant. They contend, only the storm water should be diverted to flow east along Derby, and into a low area east of Coolidge.

COMMISSIONERS instructed Egbert to negotiate further with the property owners and attempt to gain separate storm and sanitary sewers in the project.

The sewers also serve the new school site west of Eton and north of Derby.

No Red Ink On City Books

City finances continued to stay within budget appropriations during the third quarter of the fiscal year ending March 1, and the city can point to a surplus of $22,575.58 in the total operating budget for the entire year to date.

Over half of this sum is represented in the snow removal fund where the nearly snowless winter saved the city $12,046.34.

The city was light on guessing what waste disposal would cost and this account is already $1,577.13 over the budget allotment.

Of the $500,852.90 allotted budget for the first three quarters of the 1952-53 fiscal year, the city has spent $477,077.62.

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State RMA Warns Of Daring Gang Stripping Stores

Charles Mortensen, executive secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, this week alerted local merchants to the activities of a burglary gang operating in the state.

Mortensen said he had received a bulletin from the Michigan Retail Merchants office in Lansing, reporting a series of robberies from stores which had cost merchants several thousand dollars.

In notifying the Birmingham police department of the gang, Mortensen told Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley that the daring of their working method apparently was their measure of success.

ACCORDING TO the RMA report, the gang simply backs a truck up to the rear of a store within a matter of minutes after the store has closed. After opening the rear door they work with a crew of men, removing large quantities of merchandise. In some cases they have practically stripped the store of all stock.

"They go about it in a very matter-of-fact way," Mortensen told Moxley "that even when seen have caused no concern. They are so deliberate that anyone seeing them naturally assumes it is a late delivery to the store or shipment from it."

The report stated the gang operates mainly among clothing stores carrying good quality merchandise.

Avondale 4-H Members Awarded High Honors For Winter Projects

Four Birmingham Bloomfield members of the Avondale 4-H Horse club were placed on the Oakland county honor roll for achievements in winter projects. The four are Robert and Virginia Dudley, Paul Garlick and Jim Perry. They, with Frances Spencer and Judy Wilde also earned ribbon awards for the excellence of their work.

Projects included in the program were plastics, conservation, soil and wild life, foods, handicrafts, photography, sewing and electrical work.

The Avondale club won a total of 16 A ratings, 8 B ratings and 2 C ratings.

Miss Fred Austin, adult advisor of the group, said future plans included summer projects which would be announced later and a county-wide horse show on June 21.

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