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Sewer 'Dates' Still Pending For Lathrup

LATHRUP — Imminent hookup of the city's sanitary sewer system and setting of a tentative trial date for a court suit that has hampered construction of a storm sewer keynoted Monday's council meeting.

City Attorney Everett Hayes reported that Louise Lathrup Kelley's court suit against the city has been tentatively scheduled for trial Dec. 21 before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Clark Adams.

Hayes said he would check to see if the date met with the approval of Mrs. Kelley's attorneys, Pratt and Smith.

MRS. KELLEY alleges in her suit that she would be paying taxes to retire a bond issue for storm sewers that would not service land owned by her. The land is not yet fully developed.

Council has delayed taking bids on storm sewer construction on the basis that contractors will not submit bids while the suit is hanging fire.

Councilmen concur that bids, when obtained, would be awarded to a contractor who would be concentrating on other area projects, such as the 12-Town Drain project.

On the connection of the recently completed secondary sewer system to the Evergreen Interceptor, City Administrator Jerard Stone said the hookup will probably be made this week.

INTERCEPTION rate was set at nine-tenths cubic feet per second of flow for 1,000 persons at a recent meeting with representatives of the county DPW and the state health department based on present population, this is 3.2 CFS.

The rate is a temporary one, pending completion of the storm sewer system.

Stone also noted that a survey of downspout disconnections throughout the city has been completed. He said that about 300 illegal warnings had been issued to persons who had not completely complied with the disconnection ordinance.

The city will follow up the warnings and issue violation notices where disconnection has not been made. Stone said.

Wood Creek Reviews Draft Of Ordinance

WOOD CREEK FARMS—A proposed Dutch Elm disease ordinance, which would require approval for a lot change were the major items on the council Tuesday meeting at the St. Vincent-Sarah Prober home the council heard a draft of the ordinance as prepared by Councilman Marian Janz. A final ordinance will be acted upon in December.

Controls over other tree blights and tree removal is destined to become an amendment to Ordinance No. 5, following further study by the council.

Enlisting the help of local scouts, Councilman Arthur Busch will distribute the new ordinance. Defense information is available to Wood Creek's approximately 150 homes.

Busch reported that through the cooperation of the Farmington CD office, he will be able to make up complete packets of vital information which will be delivered to each door. He also assured the council that the Farmington CD was well organized and included Wood Creek's welfare in its plans.

The Wood Creek Civic Association will be encouraged to send a delegate to the township's monthly CD meetings as the village's representative.

STREET COMMISSIONER Jack Richards reported that a final grading has been scheduled. Some gravel will be added where needed and several culverts will be installed before freezing weather.

The council approved a request by developer George Smith to have outlet E, bounded by Valley, Salem and Village lane, divided and planted into three separate lots. This large triangular piece of land has been withdrawn from the zoning suit Smith has filed against the village.

The approved contingent upon Smith providing the council with a more detailed plat map, using the present zoning boundary roads and giving specific lot sizes.



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But to put it another way, it's a bit unusual for a teen-ager's baby-sit for her father's five-year-old grandsons.

SUCH A GIRL is Cherry (Cherry) Graham, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. Warren Graham of Red Leaf Lane. Although she has no statistics to prove it, Mrs. Graham believes her husband, who became a "great-grandfather" at 55, may have set some kind of record.

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Police said the woman reported that the man accosted her at Opdyke and South Boulevard at 4:15 p.m. and then attempted to force her into a station wagon. She was wearing a trench coat and nothing else, she said.

The car with her license number 69 was for and 8 against tax-supported library service in Lathrup.

On a charter revision to allow a one-third mill tax per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, 69 residents were in favor, 83 against.

COGGER NOTED that about one-third of those opposed to a charter revision envisioned an attitude of "no more taxes for anything," but said he believed a fair amount of residents recognize a need for library service.

Other council members said they thought some residents failed to understand that the tax was not big enough to support an adequate service of its own.

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