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Lathrup

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by residents' voluntary contributions for tree protection.

The water department is figured at \$46,600, based on water consumption and meter service charges, with a total department revenue in 1962-63 set at \$64,275.

TOTAL REVENUE figures given here represent, in addition to monies coming in, surpluses from previous years and general fund transfers to the DPW and water departments for bookkeeping purposes.

An interesting sidelight on revenues is the fact that state liquor taxes add nothing to Lathrup funds—the city does not allow liquor sales nor permit bars within its limits. Deed restrictions throughout the city reinforce the ban on liquor sales.

Sewer tap-in fees are a nominal \$25 for new homes because the city debt tax rate takes care of capital costs in this area.

BUT WHAT comes in, must go out—or at least most of it.

The city must spend to keep its roads up, to steer water from mains to homes and businesses, to provide police and fire protection, to pick up rubbish, control building and, of course, to administer the many operations of local government.

City Administrator Jerald Stone—who

doubles as building commissioner, purchasing agent, finance director, to name a few of his duties—is paid \$9,204 yearly.

Frank Derby earns his \$6,890 not only for serving as city clerk but also for acting as assessor, hearing inspector and assistant administrator.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE staff also includes a treasurer, administrative clerk and secretary. Salaries for these persons—plus \$23,000 for a police chief, police sergeant and two patrolmen—add to general fund expenditures.

Also in this category are included the cost of capital expenditures, public safety building department, attorney and legal fees and recreation program, all adding up to a budgeted \$152,870.

A healthy contingency reserve of \$30,370 is included in this figure—it is hoped most of this will be available for prospective municipal building program.

SALARIES IN the DPW total about \$21,000. Over and above this, road maintenance, both major and local, and other services match the budgeted funds of \$42,600.

Salaries in the water department total \$13,000 but many other expenses are included in its budget.

The relatively small expense to taxpayers for bond retirement costs has resulted in a sanitary sewer system, recently completed, as well as payments on bonds to finance the construction of the storm sewer system. Work on this latest project has already begun.

New Rules Take Effect On School Bus Stops

Every motorist needs to be aware of a change in school bus operating procedures which will become effective this week with the reopening of school.

Instead of pulling onto the shoulder of the road to load or unload students, as they have done in the past, buses now will stop for their loading and unloading on the traveled part of the roadway.

This change is the result of an interpretation of the school bus law by the state attorney general's department.

SCHOOL and safety officials warn that the change may be confusing to motorists, accustomed to having a bus pull to the side of the road after using its red flasher lights as a warning.

They also warn that it is particularly important never to pass a stopped bus on the right, because of the danger of striking children alighting from or boarding the bus.

Warning signals will continue to be used as before. Red flashers will warn of intent to stop, and will remain flashing during loading or

unloading, until the bus resumes travel.

OTHER VEHICLES are required to stop behind the bus and not pass it while the flashers are operating. Stopping also is required when meeting a stopped bus from the opposite direction, except on a fully divided highway.

Within incorporated villages and cities, stopping when meeting a bus from the opposite direction is required only if there are signs advising that the two-way stop law applies in the community.

A second change in school bus operating procedure, made by the legislature during the present session, will be effective 90 days after whatever may be the date of legislative adjournment.

This change eventually will allow a bus to remain standing at a loading stop, with its flashers off, to allow traffic to clear before the bus resumes its trip.

This year some 6,500 school buses will be carrying well over half a million children each day.

Bus Law

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the buses designating them as school bus; but Moxley said these markings raised some question as to whether the buses were marked sufficiently to apprise motorists of their identity.

"It seems the safety in the school bus program is dependent almost entirely upon the adequate and uniform marking of the buses," Moxley said in that report.

Because this was not the case in Birmingham, he felt there would be "confusion, congestion and possibly some serious accidents."

AT THIS week's meeting, Commissioner William H. Burgum asked Moxley whether there had been any changes in the local situation since 1958 that might warrant a review of the school bus policy.

"The situation has not changed much," the chief replied.

The commercial buses will not be painted to be similar to school buses; they will still carry the canvas sign. There is no school district bus service within the city limits now, he said.

"Has there been any indication of any flaw in the present system?" Burgum asked.

Moxley said he could not recall of any accident involving a school child and a school bus.

Moxley said a check showed other buses pick some children in Birmingham for Cranbrook and Brother Rice schools.

Still other buses operating in the city are not marked to let the public know they are school buses, he said.

COMMISSIONERS agreed that the police could not enforce uniform marking unless all buses carrying school children were made to comply with the state law insofar as signals and color are concerned.

In his report to the commission this week, Gare pointed out that The Eccentric had stated in its Aug. 23 editorial that the commission had not discussed in open forum its reasons for not enacting the state law.

He submitted Moxley's written report Aug. 28, 1958, a school district memorandum and minutes of the commission meeting of Sept. 2, 1958, to prove that the subject had been discussed and that the decision had been made not to enact the measure.

In Contest

Ralph Lonius and David Hain of Birmingham have entered the annual fishing contest sponsored by Field and Stream magazine. They have entered a brook trout caught at the Broadback River in Quebec.

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Patrolman's Home Burns in S'field

Defective wiring is believed to have caused the fire last Thursday morning that leveled the home of Southfield Patrolman Russell W. Thompson.

No one was in the home, located at 19398 W. 10 Mile Road, when the fire broke out. Mrs. Thompson morning that leveled the home and the couple's five children were visiting in Ohio.

The alarm was turned in at 2:27 a.m. by a neighbor who saw flames

coming from the front of the dwelling. When the fire department arrived the fire had spread throughout the seven-room frame house.

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