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City Council Busy Session On Tuesday

Approve Pension for Mrs. H. Schenning – Discuss Salaries But Take No Action

The city council at its regular meeting Tuesday suspended the rules and unanimously adopted an ordinance whereby the family of the late Hubert W. Schenning will be paid a pension of \$56.25 per month. Mr. Schenning, for seven years a member of the Burlington police force, was killed in the performance of his duty and the council acknowledged the debt of the city to the family by providing income for the widow, Mrs. Marie Schenning and the two children, Warren and Romayne Schenning.

The council also passed a suitable resolution of condolence which was forwarded to members of the family. A letter of commendation was ordered sent to police officer Rein for his efficient action in the mix-up.

The council spent considerable time discussing the salary of police officers as well as other city employees. The discussion started after a motion by Alderman Barry to discontinue the ten per cent cut on salaries of police officials. It will be remembered that nearly two years ago all city employees took a ten per cent salary cut. Some of the aldermen didn't think it fair to restore the pay of the policemen and not the other employees. The discussion brought the fact that the council had no word from the fire and police commission, so Alderman Barry withdrew his motion and the entire question of salaries was put over until the April meeting.

The council passed a resolution whereby city of Burlington taxpayers who will file an affidavit that they are unable to secure, borrow or otherwise acquire sufficient money to pay their 1934 taxes may have the time for payment without penalty extended to July 1, 1935.

John Vogelsang and a committee from the chamber of commerce asked the city attorney why he had not presented an ordinance making all soliciting and peddling within the city a misdemeanor. Mr. Boyle stated he had only received this instrument lately and desired to investigate more thoroughly before he could honestly present and recommend similar legislation for the local city council.

A petition protesting against the practice of owners of dogs allowing these animals to run at large over the city was received. It was voted that proper notice be inserted in the official paper warning dog owners to obey the state law and confine their animals.

John P. Chapman, chairman of the Racine County Safety committee, presented a resolution relating to driving upon public highways in the interests of public safety, explaining that this procedure was being done with all governmental units and schools. Mayor Forge assured Mr. Chapman that the city would give their hearty co-operation.

Mayor Forge appointed Katherine Wagner as an election official in place of the late Chas. Bulgrin in the first ward and Fred Itzin in place of the late Henry J. Vos in the third ward.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance granting the Wisconsin Southern Gas Co. the right and privilege to place their mains in the parking throughout the city in the future.

Alderman Barry requested opinions of the council relative to street widening on Wilmot Avenue and

Chestnut Street due to passage of federal highway through the city. Council unanimously agreed that these improvements were necessary and forthcoming and inquired of County Supervisor Chapman relative to the necessary funds, who replied that this construction was dependant upon the passage of the relief measure before congress at Washington. He stated that the state highway funds obtained from gasoline taxes were being diverted for various purposes other than highway construction and could not be used.

Bills were allowed and other routine business transacted after which the council adjourned yo Wednesday, April 3.

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