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Council Adds Fifth Officer To City Force

**Approves Recommendation of Police and Fire
Commission – Other Business**

The ten per cent reduction in the pay of all City of Burlington officials and employees which has been in effect since September, 1932, was restored effective April 1 by the city council at its regular meeting Wednesday evening. Mayor, aldermen, water works and all street employees, etc., are affected by the measure which will restore a \$1,750 salary reduction that has been in effect for over two years.

The council also approved a police and fire commission recommendation which will add a fifth man to the Burlington Police Department. This will enable an arrangement of police hours which will keep two men on duty all the time (working twelve hours per day) but will give each man one day a week off duty. The commission also approved an eligibility list from which Chief Grossman will within the next day or two make two appointments. It is expected the new plan will be put into effect next Monday. The recommendation of the police and fire commission was as follows:

At a meeting of your fire and police commission held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 1935, we approved an eligibility list of prospective police officers as required by statute and filed same with the city clerk, from which list the chief of police will select a man or men as required.

Chief Grossman presented a problem in his department, due to the ten to twelve hours per day, seven days per week, service now required of the four men, solution of which involved hiring a fifth man.

By dispensing with the motorcycle service as suggested by the chief, the fifth man would eliminate the cost of extra man during vacation and sick periods, reducing the extra man costs materially.

We feel our police department has recently made a supreme sacrifice protecting our community, and regardless of hazard, hold themselves ready at all times to render such service. It seems only reasonable to us that the salaries of the police and firemen be returned to the former basis existing just prior to the 10 per cent cut made in all departments.

We respectfully recommend above suggestions for your consideration.

The council discussed a proposed peddlers ordinance which would charge a \$2 per day fee for all peddlers in the city. The question was referred to the judiciary committee for further study and investigation before any action is taken.

The council received word that the state industrial commission had awarded Mrs. Hubert Schenning \$6,000 on the compensation policy carried by the city. This will be paid to her by the insurance company in monthly installments of \$84.50.