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Board May Ask Study of Water Facilities Here

Consulting Engineers May Be Employed To Examine System

The board of municipal works Thursday looked about to the possible future expansion of the city's water supply and distribution system.

On the recommendation of City Engineer W. C. Cribbs, the board voted to contract a firm of consulting engineers to determine the cost of a survey of the community's water needs.

The city engineer appeared at the board meeting to explain that during the past few years several projects for expansion and improvement had been discussed, and suggested that a survey by specialists in the field might be valuable in arriving at a long-range plan or program for future construction.

Expansion of Facilities
Among the problems which have been under discussion have been the expansion of pumping facilities at existing works.

The board has noted that in an extremely dry season, present facilities must not be able to keep pace with water demand in the city.

Also to be explored in the survey would be possible locations for new wells and the installation of additional water storage facilities.

The expansion of the distribution system, facilities for the treatment of the water supply and the purchase of auxiliary power generators to maintain operation in the event of a failure of the regular generating facilities, among others which would be included in the survey.

After a discussion of the plans with Cribbs, the board instructed its secretary to determine what the cost of such a survey would be.

Bids for the purchase of an electric billing and bookkeeping machine for use in the water department were opened.

Bids received were from the Underwood Corporation for \$5,225.25; the Burgess Adding Machine Company, \$7,700; the Morse Electric Machine Company, \$2,250.80; and the National Cash Register Company, \$2,250.80.

The bids were referred to the purchasing committee, which will present recommendations on the purchase of a machine at a later meeting.

Bills for the water department amounting to \$3,313.75 were approved for payment.

Timing on Bill To Raise Pay of Servicemen Hit

WASHINGTON (AP)—House leaders Thursday said they will pass a bill to raise the pay of servicemen in a 10 percent pay raise next week and raise it again today.

Indefinite House members reportedly still oppose to docking the pay raise until the next session of the 1952 session, the bill is expected to pass.

The estimated cost of the bill is \$800 million annually. As approved by the committee, it would give retroactive pay to all active forces, whether retired or in uniform, a 10 percent cost of living raise over present pay allowances.

The House agreed Wednesday to consider the bill next Tuesday afternoon procedure requiring a two-thirds vote for passage and ratification amendments. The idea was to prevent the measure from becoming a vehicle for amendments that might provide other benefits for servicemen and cut substantially to its cost.

Current opposition to the measure reportedly is not based on its merits, but on the decision to make it the last order of business. There is little doubt that the bill will be passed eventually.



Winona citizens, who haven't seen a flusher on their streets since about 1940, will witness their first street maintenance equipment in 1952. This 1,750-gallon, gasoline-powered flusher, manufactured by the Gannett Manufacturing Company, Starbuck, Wis., arrived here this week at a total cost of \$7,392.77.

Equipped with three nozzles (front and sides), this flusher will clean up the city's most congested areas in one pass, and all the paved (brick and concrete) will be getting that kind of treatment. At the maximum, the flusher will deliver 650 gallons of water a minute at 70 pounds pressure, and, ordinarily, the 1,750 gallons in the tank will be enough for about two blocks.

Speed of the pump determines the amount of water put on the street. The flusher, a one-man operation with air-controlled levers in the cab, will be refilled from hydrants. Under ordinary operation six tanks can be filled and emptied in an hour. The flusher also has sprinker nozzles. Winona's last larger sprinker, purchased in 1920 for \$2,000, was scrapped in 1946. But it had a local fixed sprinker since about 1940. Shortly after World War II, a small toy-type flusher was purchased, but it was found to be impractical for economical operation by the street department and has been sold again.

Hospital Information Group Plans Activities

A broadened and stepped-up program of activities was formulated for the Winona Hospital General Public Information and Service Committee held its second meeting at the Nurses Home Thursday evening.

Headed by Leo C. LaFrance, the correspondence secretary, and presided over by a general committee chairman and speaker to give primary emphasis, immediately to active work in the speakers bureau and the tour committee.

It was reported that H. O. Johnson, bureau head, and Mrs. James McCaskey, tour chairman, are now preparing guides for the 110 all members of the Winona Chapter, American Association of University Women.

The next meeting of the Hospital Information and Service Committee will be held within 10 days at the Nurses Home, Chairman LaFrance announced. He said the members of the speakers bureau will talk, and LaFrance urged that all members of the hospital auxiliary, as well as of other organizations, be invited to attend.

The Hospital Information and Service Committee is composed of representatives of various civic groups, of the hospital and medical staff, of the hospital board of directors, of the hospital auxiliary, as well as of other organizations.

At a meeting Thursday evening headed by LaFrance, Dr. W. O. Fink, chairman, Dr. H. W. Fink, secretary, Dr. A. H. Mize, Winona Hospital Association, Dr. J. J. Miller, Jr., speakers bureau, K. A. Marsh, Radio Station KWNO and KWNO, Miss Dorothy Rubin, Mrs. Leonard Wroblewski and Julius Meier, hospital department heads.

Other recent members of the committee: Edward M. Allen, Richard Powell and Dr. P. M. Mitchell, speakers bureau; Mrs. T. H. Underdahl, Mrs. Robert Naylor, Mrs. H. G. Giddings and Mrs. N. F. Fischer, tour committee; C. A. Chase, G. N. Gilbertson, Winona Chapter of Labor Council; Harold Schulz, West End Commercial Club; Mrs. C. D. Fournier, auxiliary; Mrs. Paul Pickett, Dr. L. E. Papp, St. Charles; Mrs. Gretchen Lamm, lecturer; the Rev. Joseph Hale, diocese of Winona; the Rev. George Goodrich, Winona Ministerial Association; John Pulkavacze, advisory committee for Winona School of Practical Nursing; Mrs. E. M. Borden, Mrs. E. J. Hillier, other department heads and all members of the board of trustees.

Members of the auxiliary are E. H. Finkbecker, Harold K. Steinhilber, Mrs. E. J. Hillier, E. H. Finkbecker and K. J. Steinhilber.

It was a year ago that Bentley, an anti-burglary campaigner for more than a decade, launched the campaign drive that paid off when Gordon Persons took a hand.



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