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Residents Petition For Affiliation With Yakima Valley Regional Library

A petition requesting the council to give "serious consideration" to a recent proposal that the city library be affiliated with the Yakima Valley Regional Library was read at a meeting of the council on Monday evening.

There were some 100 signatures, representing about 80 families in the city, on the petition.

The request prompted the council to schedule a public meeting on March 16 at 7:30 in the city hall.

At that time representatives from the regional library, from the Selah library board and from the council will be present to answer questions concerning the consolidation.

This will be a question and answer session in an attempt to resolve some misunderstandings and to answer some of the questions floating around, said Ed Sparks, town supervisor.

An ordinance setting library fees for those persons and families living outside the limits of the town was adopted by

the council.

The fees were set at 75 cents per individual and \$2.50 for a family library card.

Sparks pointed out that the library is totally supported from revenues from millage paid by residents within the city limits, but that 50% of the library users are living outside the city and that these non-city residents should help toward supporting the library.

The council decided to accept an offer from the Selah Lions Club to construct an addition to the civic center building to house the heating system if the city would pay for the installation.

The cost of the addition is estimated at \$2,000. The offer was made to the council at a previous meeting, but at that time the council wasn't sure if the city could afford to accept the Lions Club's proposal.

The council tabled the matter for further study and subsequently decided that the installation cost would fit into the amount budgeted for the civic center building.

Sparks informed the council that he has been advised of sums of money being donated toward the completion of the building.

Enforcement of a dog control ordinance, which has hung over the heads of the council for years, is one step nearer to becoming a reality.

Sparks told the council that he had contacted a gentleman who has offered to take on the animal control problem in Selah on a contractual basis.

The dog-catcher would pick up unlicensed animals or animals creating problems and take them to the city's kennels near the sewage treatment plant where they would be held for a certain length of time before being taken to the humane society.

The man informed Sparks that a monthly fee of \$220 he would supply his own manpower and equipment, would patrol the city three times each week for three hours, on a different schedule each week.

The council authorized Sparks to pursue the matter and to look into legal aspects of such a city-dog catcher contract.

The resignation of Charles McCoy, building inspector for the town of Selah, was accepted by the council.

The town had contracted for McCoy's services as building inspector last December after Ron Haworth, former inspector and full time fire chief, moved from Selah. McCoy lives in Wapato and presently is involved in a swimming pool construction project in that town. His inspection duties there keep him occupied to the point where he doesn't have time to take the Selah job.

Sparks expressed regrets at losing the services of McCoy. He is a very competent inspector, Sparks commented.

The council was reminded that next Tuesday, Feb. 17, is the date set for a meeting with property owners on South First Street to discuss the proposed South First Street improvement project. Letters inviting the property owners to the meeting were sent out two weeks ago by Mayor Frank A. Rowland.

Members named to the new volunteer firemen's pension board are Mayor Rowland, Fire Chief John Soden, Fireman Gary Speer, City Clerk Mrs. Joyce Curtis and Councilman Harold Tayer.

The council adopted an ordinance setting the salary for the volunteer fire chief, John Soden, at \$100.