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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 1969
7 p. m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, was held on the 6th day of October, 1969. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank C. Clore with the following Councilmen present:

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| Bill E. Hupp | Dale M. Harlan |
| David S. Strauss | Mayor Frank C. Clore |
| Donald W. Graf | |

Also present:

- Wesley Baker, Fire Chief
- Hugh McDonald, Attorney for Citizens for a Safer Milwaukie Committee
- Stephen Walker, Attorney for Chief Baker
- Grant Fulmore, Milwaukie Fire Department

This meeting was a continuation of the July 7, 15, 22 and 31, and September 29 meetings in the investigation of the charges against the Milwaukie Fire Department.

Mr. Walker called Don Ira as a witness. The Mayor stated he had written a letter to Mr. Ira asking him to appear, but had received a reply that Mr. Ira would not be able to attend the meeting.

Mr. Walker called Councilman Hupp as a witness. Mr. Hupp refused to testify.

Robert Bartley, Milwaukie Fire Department, was sworn as a witness, and was questioned by Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald.

Ronald Bowen, Milwaukie Fire Department, was sworn as a witness, and was questioned by Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald.

John Stennet, Milwaukie Fire Department, was recalled as a witness, and was questioned by Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald.

Paul Michael, Milwaukie Fire Department, was sworn as a witness, and was questioned by Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald.

Verne McConaughy, Milwaukie Fire Department, was sworn as a witness, and was questioned by Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald.

Tom Pry, Editor, Milwaukie Review, was sworn as a witness, and was questioned by Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald.

(Meeting recessed at 8:10 p. m., reconvened at 8:20 p. m. with all present)

Councilman Harlan made the following statement:

"I have Mr. Don Ira's permission to make a statement. Mr. Ira is a client of mine, and consulted me on certain letters he wished to write to the editor, to be

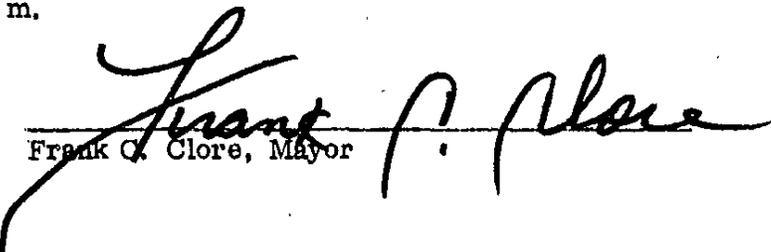
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sure that he wasn't libelous in his letters. He talked to me about these letters on several occasions, about writing letters, about material he had received from his brother in Bellingham. These letters, I believe probably he refers to, are referred to here, may have been, in fact I believe one of them--those two letters of his--I believe one of them definitely was typed on my typewriter, and as far as the other one, he is not sure, I am not sure. There was a third letter of his that he never even let me proofread, and which I definitely know wasn't typed on my typewriter, and I don't know whose typewriter it was typed on. I think it is a matter of personal privilege here, I am allowed to set this in the proper perspective. He is a client, he is a friend, as other citizens in this community are. He is also a constituent. Several other people have indicated they wanted me to check a letter or something since I have been here. I have written other letters, I have written letters and correspondence also for, or legal memoranda for certain department heads who could not get a response in time to do any good from the then city attorney, Mr. Mills. This occurred both before and after I was on the Council. I would like to set in perspective, however, what apparently the Fire Chief is trying to do, or through his attorney is trying to do, and to do that I have a letter to the editor which I typed and which the Milwaukie Review may be going to run tomorrow, or may not, I am not sure. I doubt it. This letter is not meant to set anything straight except the fact of how this investigation came about, and why the investigation."

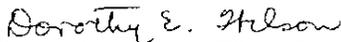
Chief Wesley Baker, Milwaukie Fire Department, was sworn as a witness and was questioned by Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald.

It was moved by Strauss, seconded by Graf, that the investigation be recessed until the Council is in receipt of complete transcripts to date, and with an appropriate time after that, Council take action. Motion carried and so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.


Frank Q. Clore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dorothy E. Wilson, Secretary

We, the undersigned, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, do hereby acknowledge that each and all of us have received due, timely and verbal notice from the said Mayor of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, to be held at the hour of 7 p. m. , Pacific Daylight Time, on the 6th day of October, 1969 for the purpose of hearing evidence presented by Citizens for a Safer Milwaukie Committee concerning the Milwaukie Fire Department, and for the purpose of taking up any other or further business that might properly come before the Council.

We do hereby accept service of the aforesaid verbal notice, and we hereby waive any and all irregularities therein, and consent and agree that the said City Council shall meet in the City Hall, for the purposes above stated.

Dated this 6th day of October, 1969.

