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Aldermen Approve Park Repairs



Aldermen Palmer, Davis, and Russell ponder thought of spending \$58,586 for minor improvements at Reynolds Park Center.

by James Smith
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After a rather lengthy discussion about the city spending so much money, the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen Monday night approved a resolution for the appropriation of \$58,586 from the contingency fund of the general fund for making improvements at Reynolds Park Center.

However, several of the aldermen were opposed to spending that much money for minor improvements, if the city were thinking about re-locating the center in the near future.

The amount was suggested

by the Reynolds Park Advisory Council last week and was agreed upon by the Finance Committee.

Bahnson Hall, alderman of the West Ward first stated that he knew very little about the situation at the center, but on the few times he had visited the center, there were hardly any people using it.

Another alderman, John Palmer of the Northwest Ward, wanted to know just why the city would want to approve the resolution for making the improvements.

Richard Davis of the North Ward, told the aldermen that if the city did not make the improvements on the center now, the summer season would be over and the park would not be used as much.

He also pointed out that there were peak periods at the center, but he assured the aldermen that the attendance at the center had grown considerably large over the past five years.

Hall said that when he visited the center last Sunday, there were 26 people in the swimming pool and only 30 persons had been admitted to the center that day.

Davis then stated that the

reason a lot of persons were not using the pool was their fear of another chlorine gas leakage.

Davis said many of the parents in the area feared another such leakage as the one which occurred on July 12. At that time, two boys were hospitalized after being exposed to chlorine from a leaking pump at the park's swimming pool.

Since that time, Nick Jamison, recreation director, said that they have stopped using gas and are now using powdered chlorine.

"It's more expensive, harder to work with, takes up more space -- but, it's less harmful," Jamison said.

Davis also told the group that a new center was not in the city's budget and that it would be at least six or seven years before a new one could be built.

"A lot of the improvements on the center should have been done a long time ago," he said.

Another point of interest in the amount of money was why the city would spend \$16,000 for a sidewalk to be added.

Mrs. Shirley Evans, a

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Library Board Elects Black

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The Forsyth County Library System Board of Trustees enlarged its present board from six to seven and named a black to fill the new position.

After three ballots, the Forsyth County Board of Trustees Monday night elected Mrs. Irene P. Hairston, a former teacher at Oldtown Elementary School for that position.

There was some conversation before of naming two blacks to the board. The term of Mrs. Maurice Johnson, the only black on the board expired in July of this year.

At the time her term expired, it was thought that Dr. Walter Thompson would resign from the board and that would permit the board to have two blacks on it.

However, although Dr. Thompson is not a regular attendee of the Library Board's meeting, his appointment to the board is a special one. His term expires July 1, 1977. At that time, his seat on the board will no longer exist.

John Kiger, a member of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners said that before a person can be elected to the Trustee Board, they must have a majority of the votes. However, it took three



Mrs. Irene P. Hairston

different ballots before Mrs. Hairston was elected.

"I would like to see the Library brought up to standards and would like all the people to have adequate library facilities," she said.

She also stated that she would eventually like to see more blacks on the board, but for the present, she would have to work harder, being the only black on the board.

Mrs. Hairston's three year term expires August 1, 1979.

A native of Forsyth County, Mrs. Hairston received her B.S. degree from Winston-Salem State University and her M.S. degree from A&T

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Team Policing Gets Good-Bad Reviews

About 15 businessmen and citizens got together and endorsed the team policing unit, which is currently operating out of Sunrise Towers Apartments.

Another unit is operating from the old P.H. Hanes Knitting plant on Ivy Avenue.

before the Board of Aldermen during their regular meeting Monday night.

However, not all the

merchants, businessmen and citizens share their feeling.

One businessman said he wasn't sure whether team policing was doing good or not. "I'm not all that familiar with team policing and what they're supposed to be doing," the businessman stated.

His disgust with the police department stems from the fact that 14 months ago, his

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...Fat Cat

Ms. Judy Lopez of 624 16th Street NE, holds "Michael" who is five years old. Michael, who is Angora mixed, weighs approximately 25 pounds and is 29 inches from the tip of his tail to the tip of his nose.