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Council Discusses Diking Situation Wednesday Night

The only matter to bring any amount of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Burlington city council Wednesday evening was the current and timely subject of the dike problem. An ordinance was submitted to the council to give city officials the power to sign a petition to have city property taken into diking district No. 12.

Councilman Joe McCune objected strenuously to the ordinance for a number of reasons, the main one being: what would it cost? Apparently no one, not even the diking commissioners seem to know what, if anything, will be sent on the diking system in the next year or two and since the commission has the power to tax with almost unlimited powers it was pointed out by Councilman McCune that the tax on city as well as personal property in the city of Burlington might be considerable.

During the discussion it was suggested by some members of the council that the City of Burlington form their own diking district and in that way have some control over what local citizens might be taxed and what work might be done on the dike.

Statements were made that the diking district had as yet failed to pay certain bills accrued during the last flood and had been trying to get the city of Burlington to pay same. Since the city has no money allocated to that work the council had repeatedly refused to conform to the wishes of the diking commissioners.

It was also pointed out that there is still some controversy as to just where the diking district lines are and what personal property are in the district. The result of the discussion was that Mayor Swanland referred the ordinance and petition to the council dike committee of Smith and Buterfield for further study and information.

The 100 per cent attendance of council and mayor, city supervisor, city treasurer, city clerk and city attorney dispatched the full quota of business with speed and efficiency whereby they paid the bills, opened bids for gasoline for city use during the next year.

Results of the bids were as follows: Martin Oil, 24.4; Richfield, 24.4; Shell, 24.4; with the successful bidder being Associated to get the bid in this manner.

The Burlington Journal was the only bidder for city legal printing for the coming year and was awarded the contract.

Ordinance No. 500 was read and passed by the council and signed by the mayor whereby all city employees will get a much needed 5 percent rate hike in salaries. These amounts will be found printed in the ordinance on page two of this week's journal.

It was decided by the council to permit the city treasurer to collect sewer bills every two months instead of monthly as has been the custom in the past. This move was decided upon because of the raise of postcards from 1

to 2 cents. Of course, if you want to pay your bill each month you may do so without waiting for your card every two months.

Mayor Swanland appointed Councilmen Samson and Butterfield on the finance committee and commended Councilmen Gauthier and Smith for the efficient manner in which they have preformed in that capacity but said he though they deserved a rest.

Mrs. Ira Loree was appointed to the library board by the mayor to fill a vacancy caused by resignation.