

SPAZIER ASSAILS P.G. CITY MANAGER

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gotten off to a petulant and ominous start when Mayor J. P. Pryor asked for the calling of the roll when only one councilman was present, he being Louis Clay. When the balance of the board filed into the chamber a moment later, Pryor requested the clerk with some asperity to note in his minutes the names of the other councilman who were tardy.

Pryor called the roll at about 7:45. The regular meeting hour is 7:30.

Wanzer Speaks

When Wanzer took the floor he stated that he regretted the absence of bids, but that when he left on his vacation there was nothing he could have done. He stated that data for the plans and specifications had already been taken from the original engineering notes which had been taken some time before, and which were supposedly correct. The city manager, who holds the additional position of city engineer, added that his office was stripped of materials to aid him in his work, and that only one field book remained to show for 50 years of engineering work in Pacific Grove. He stated to Spazier that the charges of incompetence could not be borne out under an investigation of the case.

When Spazier resumed his arraignment he declared that Argyll Campbell, city attorney, had advised the engineer to secure a trained municipal engineer to aid him in the work. And, no matter who was engaged, the attorney requested the engineer to consult with him before a final choice of assistant was hit upon. Spazier asserted. He declared that Wanzer had done none of this.

Paving a "Joke"

Wanzer replied that C. E. Carl, the man engaged for the work, had a record as a proved engineer and was, furthermore, a resident and taxpayer of Pacific Grove. Spazier replied that Carl had admitted he knew nothing of specification preparation.

"The matter of paving has become a joke here," Spazier continued with vigor. "We started in June. Here we are, still starting! Why people have even offered to bet with

At this stage of the game Councilman P. R. Brown took a hand in the proceedings, stating to Spazier that it was "just too bad" if he had specified a certain type of paving and had not met with success. "I have a right to specify anything I want," Spazier returned. "You're talking politics."

"Well, that's my privilege," the councilman came back.

"That's the poorest doggone talk I ever heard from a man sitting here as a city trustee," was Spazier's answer.

Explanation Given

When Pryor asked the reason why Clark and Henry did not bid on the street work, C. H. Sawyer, attorney for the company, explained the position taken by the company. He said that a number of fundamental, if slight, defects in the plans and specifications made bidding unsafe. In detail he told the council the reasons why.

Sawyer said that the specifications can easily be corrected, and offered his services to make such corrections.

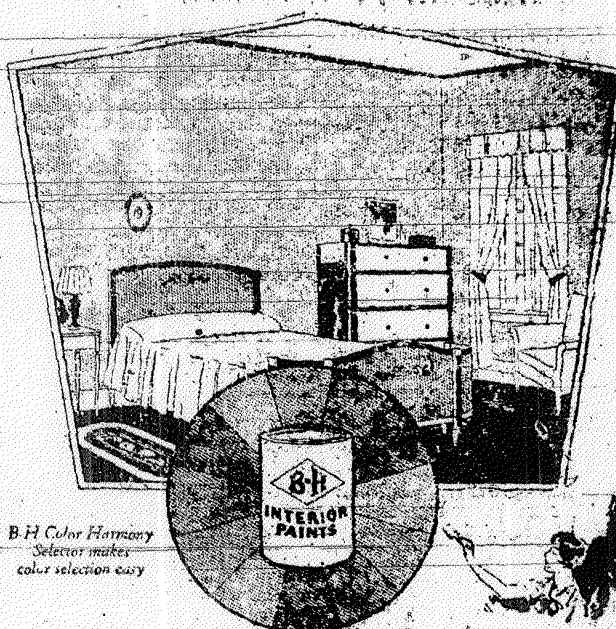
With a reference on the part of Wanzer to a justy political fight going on here, and "every attempt is being made to break down the administration," and with a statement from Argyll Campbell, city attorney, that there were no errors in the legal aspect of the plans and specifications, the meeting advanced to the stage where a resolution was offered rescinding all previous action of the council on the Spazier street improvement and instituting new proceedings. New plans and specifications will be presented to the city council at a specially called meeting for tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Sawyer, the Clark & Henry attorney, stated during his talk that "with one or two exceptions, the errors in the plans and specifications were not engineering errors." The attorney stated that in work of this sort he has found many errors in plans and specifications in other cities. If the street work in the Spazier subdivision were actually being done by the city rather than by a private corporation, he asserted, the plans and specifications already drawn up would be entirely satisfactory for the work. Since a private company is involved and intends to work through private property, every precaution has to be taken before making bids. Sawyer said.

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