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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock Noon. Present: Chairman Mariani and Messrs. Presel and Laudati. Finance Director Reynolds, Acting Budget Director Moran, City Controller Keegan, City Treasurer Dunn, City Collector Cashman and Assistant City Solicitor McManus are also present. (James J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk)

At the request of Chairman Mariani, Finance Director Reynolds explains the following Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1679 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1947. (In City Council October 16, 1947. Referred to Committee on Finance.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1209 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE. (In City Council October 16, 1947. Referred to Committee on Finance.)

Superintendent of Incinerator Strong states a Turbine Operator must have some electrical training background, and the work is more selected than that of a Crane Operator and that a Turbine Operator should receive compensation commensurate with his ability. Conforming with the recommendation of Mr. Strong, the hourly rate of Turbine Operator I is increased from 98¢ an hour to \$1.10 an hour. A classification is set up for Boiler Room Foreman (Incinerator) and Screenman at the Sewage Pumping Station, Boiler Room Foreman to be paid \$1.10 an hour and Screenman 83¢ an hour.

On motion of Mr. Presel, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted to return the two Ordinances to the City Council with recommendation of passage a second time.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1678, SECTIONS 17, 40 AND 41 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1947. (In City Council October 16, 1947. Referred to Committee on Finance)

Sec. 17. The Purchasing Agent in submitting budget requirements for the present fiscal year had intended to recommend raising a Clerk from Clerk-Stenographer I to Clerk-Stenographer II but through an over-sight, said recommendation was not placed

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in the Budget. This will correct the over-sight by changing three Clerk-Stenographer I to read two Clerk-Stenographer I and adding one Clerk-Stenographer II.

Sec. 40. This section has reference to Ernest Street Pumping Station in the Public Works Department, eliminating four Laborer II and six Laborer I and adding to the section, ten Screenman. There is no increase in personnel as the Classifications Laborer II and Laborer I are now classified as Screenman. Also three Stationary Equipment Operator is changed to four Stationary Equipment Operator.

Sec. 41. This increases the number of employees in the Incinerator Division from 131 to 133. Four Stationary Equipment Operator and One Clerk-Typist I are eliminated; one Clerk III and One Watchman changed to read two Clerk III and three Watchman; and there is added four Boiler Room Foreman. (Incinerator)

On motion of Mr. Presel, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted to return this Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of passage a second time.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1677 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FORTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$46,000.00) DOLLARS TO SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS, ITEM 6. (In City Council October 16, 1947. Referred to Committee on Finance.)

This Ordinance appropriates the sum of \$46,000.00 to Sewage Disposal Works and according to Mr. Meade, City Engineer, the cost of chlorination equipment and Sewage Disposal Improvements at Fields Point Plant can be done for that amount.

On motion of Mr. Presel, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted to return this Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of passage a second time.

REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946 BY BUREAU OF AUDITS, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

The Committee is of the opinion that this report should be carefully studied and on motion of Mr. Presel, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted to accept the report and submit it to further study.

The following communication addressed to City Solicitor McCabe is submitted to the Committee by Finance Director Reynolds:

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William E. McCabe, Esquire  
City Solicitor  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Estate of Thomas A. Clifford

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request I have ascertained that the total disbursements made by my client John Leo Clifford approximate \$1500 of which \$995 represents the undertaker, \$335 for a small monument and various sums for small disbursements including a charge made by the cemetery for a foundation for the monument.

Could it be arranged to have the City Council appropriate this amount to my client?

The Mrs. White whose name appears in the enabling statute made no disbursements and incurred no expenses.

Truly yours,

/s/ F. J. McOsker,

Mr. Reynolds states that last May he submitted to this Committee his recommendation of disapproval of the Ordinance appropriating \$2500.00 to be paid to the next-of-kin of Thomas Clifford, a former employee of the Highway Division of the Public Works Department. Mr. Clifford was a bachelor without dependents. If because of sympathy or kindness, it is felt the brother or sister or both should be recompensed for burial expenses incurred, recourse might be had through the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

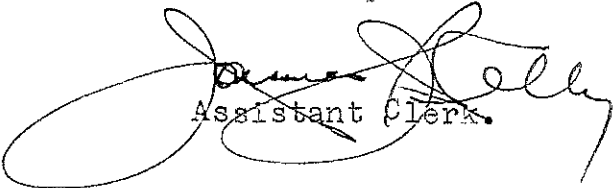
A discussion ensues and Assistant Solicitor McManus advises that presumably there is no liability on the part of the City.

On motion of Mr. Presel, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted that the matter be laid on the table.

Adjournment is taken at 12:35 o'clock p.m.

Copied J. K. M.

Compared S. L. M.

  
Assistant Clerk.