



City of Sisters 75th Anniversary Jubilee Minute 1946-2021

FOR: April 28, 2021 Council Meeting

Revolving City Marshals

Part I: Although the city moved forward with its duties methodically, the position of City Marshal was the most difficult to fill and maintain.

In July 1946 Homer Shaw was appointed City Marshall; however, on September 12th, Council accepted the resignation of Homer Shaw. A council member suggested Mr. Morris for Marshall and another council member suggested Willis Lundy and went to his home to see if he would be interested. “With Mr. Lundy not being at home, there was nothing done.” At the September 16th council meeting, Willis Lundy was appointed City Marshal. At the September 25 council meeting Kenneth Line was appointed City Marshal—no mention of Willis Lundy.

At the October 16 council meeting, Council discussed safety measures for school crossings. City Marshal Line suggested that a kangaroo court be created in the grade school where the children who broke the safety regulations could be tried by their fellow students and punishment be established for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who would form a roster of students for patrols. “Motion carried to give them authority to arrest traffic violators and issues traffic citations, provided state law would permit the authority to be delegated to the children directly.”

At the Nov. 14 meeting, the City Marshal reported no arrests. However, he stated that “he had accosted a representative from a Dictionary Co. who had in his possession a statement from his Co. which stated that he had a right to solicit orders for books anywhere and that his case would be upheld in court.” Attorney Foley stated that the Green River Ordinance had been upheld by numerous court decisions and “that the man should have been prohibited from canvassing the town in view of the City Ordinance which forbids the same.”

On December 12, 1949, City Marshal reported there had been no arrests and therefore no trials. Council expressed concern there “existed numerous traffic violations and fights in town but no arrests.” They instructed the Marshal to enforce the law, particularly traffic violations.

NOTE: They also requested that the Marshal haul cinders to repair the streets (as part of his salary came from the street fund).