

May 18, 1998

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in called session, Monday, May 18, 1998 at 5:30 P.M., in the Assembly Room at Englewood City Hall.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Raper, Brock, and Middleton present. Commissioner Davis arrived later during the meeting.

Mayor Simpson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the salvaging of the Eureka Garment property. The Mayor then stated that Mr, Hugh Reynolds and Mr, and Mrs. Tom (Nancy) Strasser were present.

Mr. Reynolds presented evidence of his ownership concerning certain contents of the Eureka building.

Mayor Simpson asked Mr. Reynolds if he was prepared to remove the contents from the building that belonged to him, Mr, Reynolds stated that he had been prepared to do this for some time and that he believed that Mayor Simpson would attest to that. The Mayor asked Mr. Reynolds what he meant by this statement. Mr. Reynolds then stated that he had approached the Mayor previously concerning removal of his property. Mayor stated that he had spoken to Mr. Reynolds concerning a roll of cloth, but that he did not recall a conversation concerning the removal of Reynolds' property. Mr. Reynolds stated that they had spoken concerning this matter. Mayor Simpson stated that he wanted it on the record that he did not recall a conversation with Mr. Reynolds concerning the removal of all Mr. Reynold' property. Reynolds stated that he wanted it on the record that Simpson had spoken with himself and with Mr. Lendell Armstrong concerning this matter. The Mayor then stated that he did not know that Mr. Reynolds had sale items in the building and that he was not aware of what Mr. Reynolds had in the building and that he was not aware of what Mr. Reynolds had in the building specific and that he had not been in the building.

Mayor Simpson then asked Mrs. Nancy Strasser what items she had in the building. Mrs. Strasser stated that she had stored several antique items in the little building and in the house. She stated that these items belonged to her husband's family and Mrs. Hugh Reynolds' family. Things that were for their children, She stated that these items had been locked up and that when she approached the city to remove them she was told that she could not remove them at that time. The City had also locked the building. She stated that she later found that the building had been broken into and that the items were missing. She felt that the City was responsible for this. Mr. Hugh Reynolds asked if anyone working for the city knew where the items were.

The Mayor and Public Works Director Joe Cline then informed Mrs. Strasser that the only item the city was aware of being removed from the house or building was a bath tub. The Mayor stated that the tub was stored at the Sewer Plant. He then stated that the City was not aware of what had been stored by Mrs. Strasser and that she did not have a list of the inventory. The Mayor again stated that the only item that the city had been

aware of was the bath tub and that Mrs. Strasser could pick that up if she wished to do so.

The Mayor then asked Mr. Reynolds how much time he needed to remove the items he had shown proof of. Mr. Reynolds asked that he be given until the end of June. He stated that he would remove his items by the end of that time and that he would not be removing Eureka property.

City Attorney Jeri Bryant then asked if Mrs. Nancy Strasser needed any time to remove her items. Mrs. Strasser stated that she had already removed her property. Concerning the Mac Reynolds property located on Hwy. 411, Mrs. Strasser stated that she wasn't sure how much time was needed for removal of property and that she would need to check with the grandchildren.

Commissioner Middleton stated that it would be a little cumbersome a 30 day removal period because there would need to be a city representative present whenever anything was removed from the building. Mayor Simpson stated that anyone used by Mr. Reynolds would have to sign a waiver of responsibility from the city in case they are injured. Mr. Reynolds stated that this was agreeable to him. Mayor Simpson asked if this was agreeable with Mrs. Stasser also? Mrs. Strasser stated that it was.

Mayor Simpson stated that property could only be removed from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, no weekends. He stated that nothing could be removed after dark as there was no electricity in the building and that the city had been notified every time someone is going in to remove any items in order to make sure a waiver has been signed by anyone entering the building. The Mayor stated that anyone working with the removal would have to be 18 years old or older.

Mayor Simpson asked Mr. Reynolds when he wished to start removal. Mr. Reynolds stated that he would begin the following Monday, which would be May Th.

Raymond Roach then stated that a woman had reported someone going in and out of the building.

Mr. Reynolds stated that he would cooperate fully with the city.

Motion was then made by Commissioners Middleton, seconded by Commissioner Raper to allow Hugh Reynolds to remove the items he had presented proof of ownership of in accordance with the conditions set forth by the Mayor to Mr. Reynolds. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Middleton to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

E. Edward Simpson
MAYOR

Deborah Morgan
RECORDER

