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## **716 Iowa Ave**

**Current Business:** Dunlap City Hall (Built in 1953)

**Previous Businesses:**

1867 – Dunlap was platted









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The council met in special session to consider the financing of a new city hall and fire station. Present were Bramson, Honaker, Lehan, Moore, O'Connor and Howe.

Mr. Casey, of the Carleton D. Beh Co., explained the procedure of financing a new city hall.

Moved by O'Connor and seconded by Lehan that the bond issue be set at \$35,000 for the erection of city hall and fire station. Motion carried.

Moved by Lehan and seconded by Honaker that the tentative floor plan be accepted and Ted Rogers be instructed to proceed with detailed plans and specifications. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Connor and seconded by Lehan that the Carleton D. Beh Co., be contracted to proceed with the bond service and financing arrangements of erecting a city hall and fire station. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

EDGAR A. RANNELLS,  
Clerk

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## Voters Decide Wednesday on New Fire Hall

### \$35,000 Bond Issue Hangs in Balance Jan. 28

Dunlap Polls  
Open at 8:00 a.m.

Dunlap v. Brightness and C  
Wednesday in Dunlap is to have a new city hall and fire station, meeting room and public rest rooms. A municipal election has been called for that day to okay a \$35,000 bond issue.

Action on the new project was started last fall by the City Council. The preliminary legal work has been done and publications made calling the election for Wednesday, Jan. 28. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Voting will be done at the old city hall.

If the bond issue carries, a new 50 by 80 cement block building will be built this summer on the site of the present city hall and the adjoining lot to the east, recently purchased by the city.

Though a maximum bond issue of \$35,000 is being asked, it is estimated that the building should not cost more than \$30,000. Mayor O. E. Bramson said this week, that the bond issue would be made only large enough to cover the actual cost of the structure.

The building will provide ample space for both fire trucks and the emergency unit, plus a hose drying rack. The structure will also house public rest rooms, a meeting room sufficient to accommodate 200 people, a space for two jail cells and a room with kitchen facilities. Space for a council chamber is also included.

It is estimated that only an additional property tax levy of 1.5 to 2 mills will be needed to pay off the bond issue.

If the voters okay the new building at the election Tuesday, immediate steps will be taken to call for bids and work will start as soon as weather permits, Mayor Bramson said.

# Mr. and Mrs. Voter . . .



Your Volunteer

## Fire Department Needs Your Support! Vote "Yes"

### Wednesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

At a Maximum Cost of 1½ to 3 Mills The City of Dunlap  
Can Have A Combination

New **City Hall** - Fire Station - Public Rest Rooms  
Public Meeting Room and Jail

#### Do You Want---?

- A New **City Hall** and Fire Station?
- The Fire Department, Respirator and Emergency Unit housed in a clean and sanitary place?
- A respectable place to hold public meetings and Voting Accommodations?
- A Modern Building with Public Toilets?
- A Building where the Fire Department can hold Fire Schools and Emergency Training?
- A Modern Building where all fire equipment and Emergency Unit can be properly cared for and hoses dried on modern drying racks, thus cutting down maintenance costs on good efficient equipment?
- Do You Want All These Features in one Modern, Well-Equipped Building . . .

Vote "YES" Wednesday Jan. 28

#### Cost is Small

All this can be ours for just a very small additional tax millage. It will cost only approximately \$1.50 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This will be spread over a 15 year period on a Bond issue.

When you consider the small amount each taxpayer will be called upon to pay—it will never be missed. Vote "YES" Wednesday, Jan. 28.

#### We Ask Your Support

Your Volunteer Fire Department is confident of your favorable consideration in this matter. We, as Volunteer Firemen feel sure that you, the Voting Public, will not let us down. We have served you to the best of our ability in the past—we feel we are deserving of your best consideration now, Please . . .

Vote "YES" Wed., Jan. 28

## Dunlap Volunteer Fire Department

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No. 48

## Dunlap Will Build Fire Station and City Hall

### Opposition is Snowed Under at Polls Wednesday

**Bond Issue Carries  
407 Yes, 88 No**

Dunlap voters gave a resounding "Okay" to the construction of a new combination fire and city hall. They went to the polls Wednesday and voted 407 to 88 to issue bonds up to \$35,000 for the construction of the new building.

The bond issue carried by a much wider margin than most pre-election predictions indicated. The vote was one of the largest recorded here on a special election when 495 voters turned out to mark their ballots.

Members of the fire department were busy most of the afternoon contacting voters and seeing they had transportation to the polling place. Only 125 votes had been cast up to one o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The heavy balloting ran during the late afternoon and into the evening.

The city council plans to take immediate steps to call for bids and to sell the bonds so that construction may be started as soon as weather permits. It will take from three to four weeks to complete necessary legal publications and to allow time to elapse as required by law. It will probably be four to six weeks before contracts can be let for the project.

Serving on the election board Wednesday were: Winifred Dixon, Mrs. Harvey Gilbert, Mrs. Myrlen Jones, Mrs. Everett Baker and C. M. Bowersox.



## City Sells Fire Hall Building

### Neal and Corey Get Structures

The Dunlap City council sold the city hall and Kids Candy shop buildings at a special meeting Monday night. The buildings had been advertised for sale on sealed bids to be opened Monday night.

Elmer Neal was successful bidder at \$201.50 on the present city hall. It will have to be torn down so that construction work can start on the new city hall and fire station.

The City traded the Kids Candy shop building to Ivan Corey for 10 feet of land adjoining the present city property. This will give the city a 60 foot front, so that sidewalks may be built around the side of the new fire hall, to the jail which will be located in the rear. Mr. Corey plans to move the Kids Candy Shop building to the lot east of where it now stands.

The McKenney-Seabury Co. were successful bidders for the lot and present jail and fire building located west of the Hughes Hotel. The bid on this property was \$250.00.

## Council Calls for Bids on Dunlap Fire Hall

### Letting Will Be May 1, Must Finish Sept. 20

#### All Plans and Drawings Complete

A call has been issued this week for bids on the new City Hall and Fire Station by the Dunlap City Council. Bids must be filed with the clerk and will be opened at a special meeting of the Council to be held Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the City Library.

Dunlap voters okayed the proposal and the issuance of bonds up to \$35,000 by a wide margin at a special election held early this year.

All preliminary plans, specifications and legal requirements have now been complied with by the Council and legal publication is being made this week for official bids on the project.

The proposal for bids specifies that the building shall be completed by next September 20th. The building is to be 50 by 80 feet of masonry construction, to be erected on the site of the present city hall and the adjoining lot to the east purchased last year.

Demolition work has already started on the old hall and fire building. The fire trucks are now being housed in the city storage building in the southeast part of town. The emergency unit is located at the M. and S. Garage.

Plans and specifications call for 123 yards of concrete, 9,300 cement blocks, 12 tons of steel, 5000 clay face brick, besides windows, doors and kitchen equipment.

Plans and specifications for the building were drawn by Ted Rogers and were approved by E. J. Sessinghaus, architect of Omaha.

# \$32,526 Low Construction Bid on City Hall

## Contract Goes to Mapleton Firm Tuesday Night

### Work Must Start Within Ten Days

Construction work on the new city hall and fire station will start within the next two weeks, according to action taken by the Dunlap City Council.

The Haubrich Construction company of Mapleton was the low bidder on the project and will be awarded the construction job when a contract is signed next Tuesday evening, according to present plans of the Council. Construction work must start within ten days following its signing according to provisions included in the contract.

Bids were opened Friday evening, May 1, but formal awarding of the contract was not made until the regular meeting of the Council Monday evening. Six bids on the project were on file. They varied from the low of \$32,526 by the Haubrich firm to a high of \$44,921 by Wue Whetmore of Onawa.

Mayor O. E. Bramson, said that though the Haubrich bid was for only \$32,526, the full bond issue of \$35,000 authorized at the election in January would be made. In addition to the amount due the Haubrich company on its contract, there will be architect, inspection and legal fees to pay, he said.

There has been no provision made under the Haubrich contract for fluorescent lighting, furniture for the council room and community room will also be extra, he said.

According to state law, it is mandatory that the council accept the lowest bid, or reject all bids, the council was advised. According to the contract the successful bidder is required to post a 100 per cent bond for the satisfactory completion of the project. It must be finished in at least 120 days from the signing of the contract, or early in September.

# City Hall and Fire Station Takes Rapid Form

## Foundations and Footings in, Side Walls on Way Up

### Getting Ready To Pour Floors

Work has been progressing rapidly on Dunlap's new **City hall** and fire station the past three weeks with workmen busy each day.

The basement has been dug, footings excavated and poured and the cement side - walls are already on their way up. Preparations were being made Wednesday to pour concrete floors as soon as reinforcing steel arrives on the job.

An idea of the size of the building can already be gained. A five foot area way will be left between the new hall and the Howard Implement Co., building on the west. Five feet between the building and the lot line will also remain on the east, the building will also set back from the sidewalk, five feet.

The Haubrich Construction Company of Mapleton is building the structure. A crew of several workmen have been on the job. Though it is too early to tell when the finish date will be, if the present rate keeps up it will be ready for occupancy well before the September deadline.

# The Dunlap Reporter

## Will Hold Election in New **City Hall** Tuesday

### Only 1 Slate of Candidates File For Council Jobs

#### Receiving Board Is Appointed

The regular city election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, with one slate of candidates, according to ballots printed last week. This year the election will be held in Dunlap's New **City hall**. Though the building is still under construction, it is complete enough to be used for the Municipal election, Mayor O. E. Bramson, said this week.

Whether the polling place will be in the community room to the rear of the building or in the space to be occupied by the fire trucks, is still undecided. It depends on whether doors for the walk-in entrance arrive in time for installation before Tuesday. The doorway is now boarded up.

The official ballot published elsewhere in this issue of the Reporter carries the following names: for Mayor, O. E. Bramson; for Councilmen, five to be elected: Vern W. Howe, Paul G. Lehan, J. D. Moore, L. E. O'Connor and Hubert O'Day; and for Park Commissioner, Archie McKenney.

All members on the ticket are now serving in a similar capacity with the exception of Hubert O'Day who will take the place of Dean Honaker, now serving on the City Council.

Those appointed to serve on the receiving and counting boards at the election by the City Council are: Judges: C. M. Bowersox, Winnie Dixon and Mrs. Leo Tierney; Clerks: Mrs. Myrlen Jones and Mrs. Harvey Gilbert. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. This is the second election to be held under the new law providing that municipal elections be held in the fall of the odd numbered years.

# The Dunlap Reporter

## Formal Dedication Sunday for New **City Hall**

### *New 35 Thousand Dollar City Building Provides Needed Facilities*



Shown here is Dunlap's new \$35,000 **City Hall** and Fire Station. It faces the north on Main Street, 1/2 block west of the public library. Formal dedication of the building will be held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29, starting at 2:00 o'clock. The building will meet a long felt need in Dunlap. It will provide ample and convenient storage space for Dunlap's two fire trucks and emergency

unit. It will provide public rest rooms for both men and women. It will provide a suitable room for City Council meetings and court sessions. It also provides a modern heated two cell jail. Though in no sense a city auditorium, the building provides a room ample in size for smaller community meetings. — Photo courtesy of Don McCann.

# Dedication

— OF THE —

## New **City Hall**

DUNLAP, IOWA

### Sunday, Nov. 29 - 2 p.m.

Will Be Held at The New **City Hall** and Fire Station

#### *Order of Service*

In Front of New Hall

Flag Raising ----- Dunlap High School Band  
Pledge of Allegiance ----- Keith Weiss of L.D.S. Church  
Selections ----- Dunlap High School Band  
Equipment Display ----- Dunlap Volunteer Fire Dept.

In The Community Room

Invocation ----- Rev. Harlon C. Swift  
Welcome and Master of Ceremonies ----- Mayor O. E. Bramson  
Musical Selections ----- Dunlap High School  
Address ----- Rev. E. Leo Ford  
Musical Selections ----- St. Joseph High School  
Address ----- Rev. John C. Bruce  
Speaker of the Day ----- Ray Clark  
Newscaster Station WOW-TV — Omaha  
Benediction ----- Rev. Walter L. Sieck

OPEN HOUSE — Auspices Dunlap Firemen

### Your Presence Cordially Invited

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## Several Hundred Dedicate New City Hall

### *Huge Crowd Hears Dedication Program*



Shown here is a part of the community room at Dunlap's New \$35,000 City Hall and Fire Station. The camera was looking southeast across the room, and the picture was snapped as Ray Clark, newscaster for Station WOW-TV, speaker of the day was addressing the crowd. Seen at the

left of the picture is the serving window opening into the kitchen on the east wall of the community room. Wade Manchester is in the kitchen in charge of a public address system which made the ceremony available to a large over-flow crowd.—Photo courtesy Don McCann.

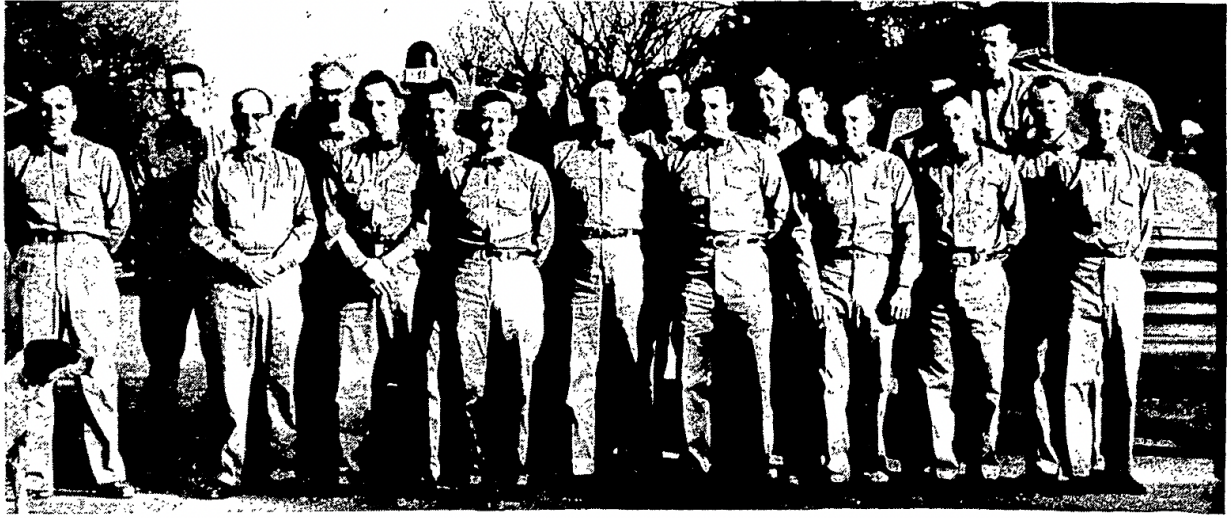


## Old Glory Goes Up at City Hall



As part of the dedication ceremony the American Flag was raised for the first time Sunday afternoon over Dunlap's New City Hall and Fire Station. Shown here is the Dunlap High School Band as it played the National Anthem for the event. Band director Tom Curtis stands facing the band, giving them the down beat. —Photo courtesy Don McCann.

## ***Dunlap's Fire Department Squad Dresses Up for Dedication***



The Dunlap Volunteer Fire Department turned out in full force Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29, for the Dedication of Dunlap's new \$35,000 Fire Station and City Hall. The new building was constructed under the direction of the Dunlap City Council composed of Dean Honaker, Vern Howe, Paul Lehan, L. E. O'Connor, J. D. Moore and Mayor O. E. Bramson. The Department showed its keen appreciation of the new improvement by helping in its dedication. They paused long enough to line up for a photograph.

Left to right they are: Ray Weber, Don Thompson, Dean Honaker, George Fox, Don Weber, Ray Fouts, Dean Jones, Don Davis, Bob Crilly, Clyde Crandall, Martin Smith, Asher Nelson, Ted Rogers, Eldon Clement, Clair Simon, Glen Harper, Wilbur Zitzlsperger, Leonard Buter, and Elwood Spotts. Daryl Cooper, the 20th member of the department was out of town that afternoon. The dog shown at the left is not a member of the department. — Photo courtesy Don McCann.

## **HUGE CROWD SEES SANTA HERE MONDAY**

Despite bitter cold weather Monday afternoon, one of the largest crowds in Dunlap for such an event in recent years was here to see Santa Clause and his five horse shetland pony team. Santa coming from the Riley Ranch at Pierce, Neb., arrived on schedule and drove his team up and down main street several times so that all the youngsters could get a good look at him.

Over 1300 sacks of candy treats were given out at the **City Hall**, where Santa stopped to greet the youngsters who wanted to come in and shake hands.

Extensive crowds have also been on hand in Dunlap each afternoon for the cash prizes which have been awarded by the Dunlap Boosters

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

By-Laws Governing Use Of Dunlap City Hall

The Dunlap City Hall shall be under the direct supervision and management of the duly elected Town Council of Dunlap, Iowa. All funds necessary for maintenance, fixtures, furnishings, and supplies shall be obtained according to the laws of the State of Iowa. All fees collected for use of the facilities of the City Hall shall be disbursed according to the laws of the State of Iowa.

The policing of the facilities of the City Hall shall be the responsibility of the Mayor of the Town of Dunlap and his duly appointed peace officers.

A. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. The City Council, Mayor and Clerk shall have the sole right to the facilities of the council chambers, except that, if the City Council deems it advisable they may allow other civic or non-profit groups to use the facilities temporarily. The door of said room shall be locked at all times when not in use by the above individuals or groups.

B. REST ROOMS

1. The rest rooms shall be available to any individual or group entitled to any of the facilities of the building under these bylaws.

2. The rest rooms shall be available to the public from 8 a.m. each morning until 7 p.m. each evening, except that on evenings when the majority of the business places of Dunlap are open to the public, the rest room shall be available until 10 p.m.

C. FIRE STATION AND FIREMEN'S SCHOOL ROOM

1. The facilities of the fire station and the firemen's school room shall be under the supervision of the Dunlap City Fire Chief whose authority is provided for in the City Code.

D. PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

1. Qualifications; The facilities of the public meeting room shall be available to the following individuals or groups, who, in the opinion of the Mayor of the Town of Dunlap Iowa, are or are composed of, responsible persons of desirable reputation and who will agree to conform to these bylaws in every respect.

a. Without charge to any civic organization, organized to promote the general welfare and good of the community.

b. Without charge to any organ-

ized youth group sponsored by any local church, civic organization, or school, when chaperoned by at least one member of the sponsoring organization for each twenty members of the youth group.

c. Without charge to any religious group, who owns and regularly operates a place of worship in the town of Dunlap, Iowa, for the purpose of social or recreational entertainment, or fund raising campaigns.

d. Without charge to any political party who filed at least 5% of the votes cast in the last primary election held in the Town of Dunlap, Iowa.

e. Without charge to any farm group from the Dunlap trade area for the purpose of participation in any Federal or State Government sponsored, educational, conservational, or marketing program.

f. Without charge to any non-profit organization, for the purpose of a fund raising campaign to benefit a local community enterprise. Said organization, campaign, and enterprise, to be approved by the Town Council prior to application.

g. To any local non-profit group organized for social, recreational, or educational purposes. Such groups shall pay an hourly fee of \$2.50 per hour with \$5.00 minimum.

h. To any established business or professional man owning or managing a concern which possesses taxable property in the town of Dunlap, for the purpose of customer or employee education or entertainment, or businessmen's discussions. In no case shall admission be charged or any profit making transactions be attempted or completed during such meetings. Such groups shall pay an hourly fee as provided for in paragraph (g) above.

2. Application;

a. The public meeting room shall be reserved by filing a signed application, on forms supplied by the city, with the Mayor of the Town of Dunlap, for any week day when no conflicting applications have been filed prior. Said room shall also be available on Sundays, as above, if in the opinion of the Mayor, the function or purpose of the meeting is in accord with the principles or ideals of the organized churches in the Town of Dunlap.

b. Any fees required for the use of the facilities shall be collected at the time of application.

4. Responsibility

a. In the event that damages occur to the building or equipment while the facilities are in use by a group or individual, he or they shall be held liable for such damages and shall be billed accordingly.

3. Restrictions;

a. The public meeting room shall not be open to any individual or group before 8:00 a.m. or after 12 o'clock midnight.

b. No group or individual shall sell, serve, drink, or have on his person or bring into the public meeting room or corridor leading to said room, or on city property outside of the building, any alcoholic beverages.

c. At no time will an orchestra be allowed for the purpose of dancing.

d. No group or individual shall have possession of the facilities of the city hall on more than three consecutive days or evenings without special arrangements.

e. No application shall be accepted more than 30 days or less than 3 days before the date applied for.

f. Any foreign objects or materials brought on to the premises of the city hall by any group or individual using the facilities of the public meeting room shall be removed by 8 a.m. of the following day.

E. KITCHEN

1. All paragraphs listed under section E. Public Meeting Room, shall apply to the Kitchen.

2. A fee shall be charged each individual or group who wishes to use the facilities of the kitchen. Said fee to be \$5.00 per day to defray the added expense of water, electrical, and janitor services.

F. AMENDMENTS

1. Forgoing by-laws may be amended at any time.

(Signed) Dunlap City Council Passed, approved and adopted in special session, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1953.

W. L. Zitzlperger, City Clerk.