
Dike Commissioners Protest Location Of Disposal Plant

Fearful that the dike would be weakened by construction of the new sewage disposal plant now being erected, dike commissioners Pete Lee, Magnus Johnson and Dan Sundquist met with the city council last night to enter complaint.

Counsellor James G. Smith explained to the council that the commissioners felt that the dike at that point was a danger spot and asked if bond had been secured in case of damage due to flood. Johnson suggested that the dike might have been weakened by silt and sand drawn through the pumping system set up to keep out seepage. Lee drew attention to past floods, and suggested that the plant should have been outside the dike.

The council assured the commissioners that they were also deeply concerned with safety against floods and expressed their confidence in the engineers in charge. City manager Bruce Nelson was of the opinion that the structure would strengthen the dike rather than weaken it although he admitted that temporarily there might be danger. He stated that records of high water had been studied and the engineers picked the present season as safest.

Upon the suggestion of councilman Schacht, Pickens moved that the engineers meet with the commissioners to clear up the matter.