Pilot Murphy.—Banner photo.

It is Officially Now the Hastings Public Library

Council Adopts Ordinance Creating Institution; Board; Airport Insurance in Jeopardy

The Hastings Public Library was formally established Monday night.

Members of the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance which created the new institution, named it the Hastings Public Library, and provided for an interim library board which will function until next July 1 when the regular library board will take over.

Mayor Franklin C. Beckwith is expected to soon name the five members of the interim library board, with the approval of the Council.

The first regular board of five directors will be named for five, four, three, two and one-year terms. After the first year, one member will be named each year for a five-year term each year.

The ordinance recognizes the gift of $15,000 made to Hastings by the late Mrs. C. P. Lathrop for the establishment of a separate public library, and that the Thornapple Foundation had pledged $10,000 for the purpose of assisting in the project.

It also recognizes the gift of the former post office from the Federal government for use as a library.

The ordinance provides that not more than one member of the library board may be a member of the City Council, and that the mayor may, by and with the consent of the Council, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

The library directors shall, immediately after appointment, name one of their number as president, and elect any other officers they desire.

The complete text of the library ordinance will be found in this issue of The Banner.

The Hastings Airport got its

Gifts to Local Foundation are Tax Deductible

The Thornapple Foundation has received an exemption from Federal Income tax as a charitable trust.

As such individuals may make constributions to the Thornapple Foundation and show an amount as a deduction on their income tax report up to 20% of their adjusted gross income, according to Foundation officers.

The Thornapple Foundation was established in 1961 in an effort to provide Hastings and the Barry County area with an agency which could accept charitable gifts which were outside the scope of the Hastings Community fund and other charitable organizations.

Money received by the foundation will be used for long-range community projects and for capital improvements.

It is not anticipated that any operating funds will be provided.

Any questions relative to the operation of the Thornapple Foundation or any legal or tax questions about contemplated contribution should be addressed to Paul E. Siegel, director. Other