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CMC decides not to renew trade licences

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SHIMOGA: The Shimoga City Municipal Council (CMC) meeting here on Monday decided not to renew trade licences of shops and other commercial establishments built on municipal sites if their lease period had expired. The president of the council N.J. Rajasekhar presided over the meeting.

The meeting took a decision to this effect in response to a complaint made by a councillor Prasanna Kumar that the trade licence of a restaurant located in a municipal park had been renewed despite the fact that its lease period had expired.

Several councillors, including S.N. Channabasappa and K. Mariappa, who spoke on the issue, wanted the meeting to take a decision not to renew trade licences of shops and other commercial establishments on municipal sites if their lease period had expired.

Municipal Commissioner Jayanna said that trade licences could not be renewed if the lease period of shops and commercial establishments on the municipal sites had expired. He, however, said that the existing occupants were free to get their premises back at auctions.

The meeting witnessed a heated discussion between members of the BJP and the Congress over the distribution of sites by the Ashraya Samithi.

Reacting to comments on cleanliness to ensure better health and hygiene in the city, Mr. Rajasekhar said that nearly 600 stray pigs had been killed as a precaution against swine flu and

other viral diseases.

He said that steps were being taken to control the menace of monkeys.

Mr. Rajasekhar said that a representation was made to Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa during his recent visit to Shimoga seeking a special grant of Rs. 20 crore for taking up development work.