

## City Council Meeting Minutes Index 1903

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### April 13, 1903

- special water committee recommended postponing action on franchise with Sidney Smith and ordinance giving Corvallis Water Company a franchise and that clerk advertise for bids to furnish City and its inhabitants with water, according to specifications attached to committee's report; following amendments to report and specifications, ordered Police Judge to advertise for bids, including publishing in daily Oregonian for ten days 57
- employed Taylor Porter to construct new ferry boat, on behalf of City 58
- granted petition of J. W. Ingle to allow property owners to construct sewer through Block 18 in Original Town of Marysville and Block 2 in ? Second Addition on condition that property owners sign petition and construct sewer according to plans and specifications on file or any amendments that might be made to same by Attorney so as to guard the interest of the City and under supervision of City's superintendent of sewers 58

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- granted petition of Corvallis Fire Department to have curtains laundered and minor repairs made in fireman's hall 58
- instructed Police Judge to give notice of annual election; selected Council Chambers as voting place; appointed Caleb Harris, Joseph Yates, and W. Currin judges and W. B. Lacy and D. M. Smith clerks 58
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- approved Mayor appointing committee to investigate needs of City for lights 59

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- received Sewer Committee's report supporting petition for sewer through Blocks 29, 28, 27, 26, and 25 in Averys Second Addition and Block 3 in Helms Addition; read remonstrances of Mrs. M. M. Arnold, M. Jacobs, and Florence Jones against said sewer; Council took no action regarding report or remonstrances 60
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- resolution adopted – order and direct Chief of Police to serve notice upon owners of specific parcels to construct or repair sidewalks 66
- referred to Water Committee report of special water committee 67
- authorized Chief of Police to pay \$.20 per hour for labor performed on streets 67
- referred to Health Committee nuisance complained of in alley in Block 1 in Dixon's Second Addition 67
- read and filed Mayor's message 67
- authorized Chief of Police to appoint as many special policeman during present week as deemed necessary 67
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- denied application of W.O.W. to use Madison Street and adjacent streets and to collect certain licenses 67
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- referred to Fire and Water Committee petition to extend fire limits 67
- petition of M. H. Currin and others for sewer through Blocks 2 and 3 in O. T. of Corvallis granted through Block 3; ordered sewer built through said block 67
- granted petition of M. C. Miller, C. D. Abbot, and Thomas Whitethorn for sewer through Block 12 in Old Town and Block 4 in Dixon's Addition; ordered sewer constructed 67
- referred to Street Committee petition of O. ? Trees and others to extend Harrison Street 67
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- ordinance adopted – amend Section 7 of Ordinance No. 24 68
- ordinance adopted – compel property owners to repair sidewalks 68
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- appointed special water committee 69
- elected W. E. Yates Attorney 69

- elected D. A. Osborne night watchman 69
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- referred to Sewer Committee, with power to act, matter of securing tiling 70

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### June 29, 1903

- resolution adopted – construct lateral sewer through Blocks 18 and 19 in N. B. & P Avery's Addition; authorize Sewer Committee to negotiate for right-of-way and agree with property owners of lands in Block 18 as to compensation to be paid for right-of-way for sewer 73
- received Sewer Committee's report supporting sewer through Block 4 in O. T., Blocks 18 and 19 in N. B. & P Avery's Addition, Block 3 in O. T., and Block 1 in County Addition; read remonstrance against sewer through Block 3 in O. T.; adopted report except Block 3 in O. T.; and ordered that sewer not be built through Block 3 in O. T. 73
- postponed action on report of special water committee 73
- postponed action on report of Street Committee regarding opening Harrison Street 73
- resolution adopted – order and direct Chief of Police to serve notice upon owners of specific lots and parcels to construct or repair sidewalks 73
- ordinance adopted – provide for construction of sewer through Block 1 in County Addition 79
- ordinance adopted – provide for construction of sewer through Block 33 in Avery's Third Addition 79
- ordinance adopted – provide for construction of sewer through Blocks 28 and 29 in Avery's Second Addition 80
- ordinance adopted – provide for construction of sewer through Block 4 in Dixon's Addition and Block 12 in O. T. 80
- accepted proposition of Benton County Lumber Co. to furnish part of lumber for crosswalks 81
- authorized Police Judge to request bids and award contract for supplying City with lumber for one year 81
- referred to Sewer Committee matter of repairing catch basins of sewers in City Limits 81
- authorized F. P. Slasgrin to repair outlet of Madison Street sewer, work to be done as cheaply as a good job could be done 81

### July 13, 1913

- accepted and filed report of special water committee 82
- received and referred to Street Committee its report supporting petition to open part of Harrison Street 82
- read and filed report of Chief of Police 83

- opened bids for construction of lateral sewers through Block 18 in O. T., Block 2 in County Addition, Block 12 in O. T., Block 4 in Dixon's Addition, Block 1 in Dixon's Addition, Block 33 in Avery's Addition, Block 5 in O. T., Blocks 28 and 29 in Avery's Addition; awarded contracts to lowest bidders 83
- read and approved liquor license bond of Wiley & Zies – E. R. Bryson and C. Read sureties; authorized Police Judge to issue license 83
- petition of J? H. Simpson, Caleb Davis, and others to cause property owners adjoining lateral sewers to connect with same was lost 83
- referred to Street Committee objection of M. O. Wyatt regarding repairing sidewalk 83
- granted petition of Cara A. Hartley and others for sidewalk along south side of Block 19 in O. T. 83
- referred to Finance Committee petition of C. E. Small to have license on billiard tables, etc. changed 83
- instructed Street Committee to get all possible information regarding grade for sidewalks 84
- instructed Chief of Police to enforce ordinance known as "Billiard Table Ordinance" 84
- authorized Chief Engineer of Fire Department to correspond and ascertain on what terms the hand(?) fire engine could be exchanged for a chemical engine 84
- approved City paying \$33.333 per month for all water service received by City, including all water used for flushing sewers 84
- instructed Chief of Police to have inlets to sewer repaired 84

### **July 24, 1903**

- received and adopted Sewer Committee's report that it secured right-of-way through Block 18 in N. B. and Clara Beach's Addition for \$20 and gave her an order on Police Judge for \$20 to be applied to her first assessment 85
- resolution adopted – ratify and confirm as Council action all actions of Sewer Committee in securing right-of-way through Block 18 in N. B. Avery and Clara Beach's Addition for lateral sewer 85
- rescinded contract award to John Zregle(?) for lateral sewer through Block 5 in Original Town of Marysville 85
- ordinance adopted – order construction of sewer through Blocks 18 and 19 in N. B. & P. Avery's Addition 85
- referred to Sewer Committee matter of sewer through Blocks 4 and 5 in Original Town 86
- approved Mayor appointing committee to confer with water company regarding proposition for water; Mayor appointed committee chairman and deferred other committee appointments; instructed Police Judge to give water company legal notice of Council's action at last regular meeting regarding water 86
- approved water company be allowed Portland rates for flushing sewers during summer months 86

### **August 10, 1903**

- adjourned for lack of a quorum 87

### **August 10, 1903** (*maybe should be August 12th, per adjournment of previous meeting*)

- accepted but did not approve special water committee's report 88
- adopted Fire and Water Committee's report opposing extending fire limits 88
- Finance Committee recommended establishing license on billiard tables at \$10 per year if charge was assessed for use of table and \$5 per year when no charge was assessed; Council took no action 88
- adopted Sewer Committee's report supporting sewer through Blocks 4 and 5 in O. T. 88

- ordinance adopted – order construction of sewer through Blocks 4 and 5 in Old Town of Corvallis 88
- read communication from Corvallis Water Co. refusing to accept \$33.333 per month from City for water service 88
- read and filed report of Chief of Police 90
- opened bids for construction of sewer through Blocks 18 and 19 in N. B. & P Avery's Addition; awarded contract to Jackson Bade & Co. (lowest bidder) 90
- resolution adopted – order and direct Chief of Police to construct previously ordered sidewalks that property owners failed to construct 90
- resolution adopted – order and direct Chief of Police to serve notice upon owners of lots to construct or repair sidewalk 90
- appointed committee to confer with electric light company and notify company that it must furnish cheaper light to the City 95
- referred to Street Committee matter of repairs to city jail 95
- instructed Attorney to prepare ordinance to prevent(?) sprinkling during fires 95
- referred to Sewer Committee matter of making sewer connections 95
- appointed W. Crees superintendent of sewers 95

**August 24, 1903**

- opened bids for construction of sewer through Blocks 4 and 5 in O. T.; awarded contract to J. R. Smith & Co. (lowest bidder) 96
- postponed action regarding ordinance licensing billiard and pool tables 96
- Aldermen determined by lot who would serve two- and three-year terms for Wards 1 and 2 96
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, matter of cleaning college ditch 96

**September 14, 1903**

- read and filed reports of Police Judge, Treasurer, and Chief of Police 98
- ordinance to license billiard tables read first and second times 98
- ordinance to license business of keeping pool tables read first and second times 98
- read communication from Chief of Police W. G. Lane and D. A. Osburn asking the Council to raise their salaries 98
- ordinance to establish compensation of certain City officers read first and second times 98
- ordinance to provide for closing faucets during fires read first and second times 99
- ordinance to establish the rate of water in City Limits read first and second times and referred to Fire and Water Committee 99
- authorized Police Judge to cancel mortgage on Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Block 20 in County Addition 99
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, matter of placing telephone poles in street 99
- referred to Health Committee matter of securing disinfectants 99
- referred to Street Committee petition of E. H. Taylor and others for sidewalk along east side of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 3 in Hoffmans Addition 99
- referred to Street Committee resolution for construction of sewer on north side of Block 24, west side of Lot 7 in Block 2 in O. T. 99
- resolution adopted – order and direct Chief of Police to construct and repair sidewalks as previously ordered that property owners failed to construct 99
- resolution adopted – authorize Chief of Corvallis Fire Department, under rules and regulations of Department, to employ up to ten men to assist with fire apparatus at all fires within City, men to be allowed and paid by City 50 cents per hour for each hour actually employed, chief to be paid \$1 per hour; fire apparatus hauled more than one block from City Hall as a result of a bona fide alarm of fire would constitute a fire; Chief to certify bills for services 100

### September 21, 1903

- referred to Sewer Committee matter of constructing sewer through block and to new school building 102
- directed Police Judge to purchase 10,000 feet of lumber for use in constructing crosswalks 102
- referred to Sewer Committee flushing the new sewer, known as the creamery sewer 102
- adopted Street Committee's report supporting new sidewalk along east side of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 3 in Hoffman's Addition; ordered construction of sidewalk 102
- accepted Street Committee's report supporting new sidewalks along north side of Block 24 and west side of Lot 7 in Block 3 in O. T. 102
- resolution adopted – order and direct Chief of Police to serve notice upon property owners to construct sidewalks 102
- referred to Street Committee petition of School Board District No. 9 asking City to vacate street between blocks occupied by school buildings to receive the rights given to Telephone and Telegraph Companies as far as lay in their power 102
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- ordinance adopted – adopt report of assessors on sewer through Block 33 in Avery's Third Addition 103
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of assessors on sewer through Blocks 28 and 29 in Avery's Second Addition 103
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of assessors on sewer through Blocks 4 and 5 in O. T. 103
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of assessors on sewer through Block 1 in County Addition 104
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of assessors on sewer through Block 18 in Avery's and Clara A. Beach's Addition and tract of land that would be Block 19 if platted 104

### October 12, 1903

- received, accepted, and filed Street Committee's report that it allowed telephone company to place its poles in street between public school buildings and that City did not have power to close street between said buildings 105
- read and filed report of Chief of Police 106
- Finance Committee reported allowing Corvallis Water Co. \$43 per month for water for months of August and September 106
- instructed Attorney to appear in Circuit Court on behalf of City in case of City vs. May Smith 106
- approved paying Corvallis Electric Light and Power Co. \$75 per month for all light used by City 106
- referred to Street Committee matter of sidewalk near Demman(?) property 106
- instructed Chief of Police to notify ? Grooves to construct sidewalk along his property in Job's Addition 106
- instructed Attorney to prepare ordinance licensing dogs 106
- ordinance adopted –establish and regulate fees and compensation of certain officers and employees of City (*includes following salaries: Chief of Police \$50 per month, night policeman \$60 per month, Treasurer \$15 per month, Mayor and Councilmen \$2 for each regular Council meeting attended; motion to increase Police Judge salary to \$30 per month was, at Police Judge's request, voted down*) 106
- indefinitely postponed action regarding ordinances licensing billiard tables and pool tables 106
- ordinance adopted – provide for closing faucets and hydrants during fires 106
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of viewers appointed to assess cost of construction of sewer through Block 2 in County Addition and Block 18 in O. T. 107
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**October 19, 1903**

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- read and referred to special water committee communication from Corvallis Water Company 108
- instructed Chief of Police to attend to plumbing in City Hall 108

**November 9, 1903**

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- read and approved liquor license bonds of B. Woldt – John Rickard and E. H. Taylor sureties, J. G. Wuestefeld – R. H. Huston and P. M. Ziesolf sureties, and ? Briders – J. M. Porter and Thomas Whitethorn sureties; ordered licenses issued 110
- read and granted petition of J. R. Smith & Co. and others for crosswalk from northwest corner of Block 10 to Block 11 in O.T. 110
- read and granted petition of S. W. Holmes and others for ordinance to prohibit riding bicycles on walks adjoining public school; instructed Attorney to prepare ordinance 110
- instructed school district to have sewer constructed to new school building, and City would pay pro rata across street 111
- reached Council consensus that Governor call special session of legislature, provided members assure him they would transact no business except to enact tax law 111
- approved postponing action regarding contract and ordinance relating to Corvallis Electric Light and Power Company 111
- approved adopting ordinance to enter into contract with Corvallis Electric Light & Power Co. as amended by Council November 16, 1903 111

**November 10, 1903**

- received report from special committee on street lights that it examined proposition of B. F. Jones presented at November 9, 1903, Council meeting and submitted proposed ordinance and contract without recommendation; Council read ordinance and contract but did not act 112
- resolution adopted – amend ordinance adopting form of contract and authorizing Police Judge to execute same for and on behalf of City and Electric Light and Power Company for supplying City for ten years with other provisions incident to same 112
- denied B. F. Jones' request to change his figures in his proposition to light streets 116
- ordinance adopted – authorize contract with Corvallis Electric Light and Power Co. for lighting city 116
- ordinance adopted – prevent people from riding unicycles, bicycles, and vyocycles on sidewalks and grounds around public school block 116
- referred to Sewer Committee ordinance regarding plumbing 116

**November 16, 1903**

- adjourned for lack of a quorum 117

**November 20, 1903**

- received and read veto and message of ordinance adopting form of contract and authorizing Police Judge to execute same on behalf of City with Electric Light & Power Company for supplying City with electric lights for period of ten years; read ordinance third time and passed, notwithstanding Mayor's veto 118
- referred to Street Committee matter of placing lights in streets 118

**November 27, 1903**

- read communication from B. F. Jones and Thomas A. Jones regarding bidding to furnish lights to City 119
- ordinance adopted – adopt form of contract and authorize Police Judge to execute same on behalf of City with Electric Light & Power Company for supplying City with electric lights for ten years and other provisions incident thereto 119
- approved Electric Light and Power Company placing eight arc lights in streets at places to be designated by Street Committee 120

**December 14, 1903**

- instructed Attorney to appeal to Supreme Court case of City vs. May Smith to 121
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- instructed Police Judge to present bill of \$5 to James Brodie for medical services paid for him by the City 122
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- read Benton County clerk's certified statement indicating amount of assessable property within City as \$773,370 122
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- ordinance adopted – provide for taxing, impounding, and killing dogs 123