

## City Council Meeting Minutes Index 1907

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### January 14, 1907

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- resolution adopted – instruct Police Judge to give Pacific Fire Alarm Company a testimonial to the effect that the system installed in Corvallis by Company manager Mr. Devarney proved entirely satisfactory, that people immediately realized the convenience, and that fire alarms were universally turned in through the telephone and the bell rung from central telephone office; Fire Department efficiency increased, and loss from fires decreased because of quicker response by Department 365
- resolution adopted – the City bond the city for \$10,000 for purpose of building and operating an electric light plant for the city 365

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- resolution adopted – instruct Attorney to prepare, in conjunction with counsel for Water Commission, bill for presentation to State Legislative Assembly or legal voters of City under Constitutional amendment proposed by petition and adopted by State voters June 4, 1906, as they deem proper, providing and granting to Water Commission authority to purchase water works and plant of Corvallis Water Company and needed water rights and a pumping station, make needed extension to Water Works, and issue bonds therefor in the amount of \$5,000 payable over six years with interest not to exceed five percent and grant and provide for power in the Water Commission to purchase lands for a watershed about the intake of the City water system or pipeline and to issue bonds therefor not exceeding \$20,000 payable over 40 years with interest not to exceed five percent 366
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- received and accepted proposition from Auxiliary Fire Company agreeing to furnish 16-foot-by-26-foot lot for hose house and deed it to City and put up building free of cost according to plans and dedicate it to City, provided City furnish all material for building not to exceed \$200; instructed Fire, Light, and Water Committee to furnish necessary material for constructing building and Attorney to prepare proper ordinance for the matter 369
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- Ordinance No. 234 adopted – adopt report of viewers appointed by Ordinance No. 211 372
- resolution adopted – approve and adopt viewers' report regarding proportionate costs to properties benefitted by sewer approved by Ordinance No. 212 to be constructed through Block 7 in Dixon's Second Addition and Blocks 6 and 5 in Dixon's Addition 374
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- Mayor and Police Judge reported that Letters of Administration were issued to W. A. Buchanan in estate of William Thomas, deceased, Letters of Guardianship were issued to W. A. Buchanan as guardian of Mr. Thomas' minor heirs, and warrants were drawn on general fund to pay Hannah Thomas and W. A. Buchanan, per Ordinance No. 231 379
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- referred to Committee on Fire, Light, and Water, with power to act, J. L. Lewis' request that certain improvements be made to catch basins 380
- referred to Mayor, Police Judge, and Attorney matter of investigating and collecting assessment due from Corvallis and Eastern Railroad Co. 381
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- instructed Chief of Police and Sewer Committee, with power to act, to inspect sewer connections in the city 382
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- referred to committee consisting of Mayor, Attorney, and Police Judge matter of title to City park in Job's Addition 382

#### **April 8, 1907**

- referred to Sewer Committee communication from Southern Pacific Company asking for extension of time in which to make contemplated improvements before connecting with sewer; recommended that Committee grant a reasonable extension of time 383
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- resolution adopted – submit to City voters amendment to act of State Legislative Assembly authorizing City to construct and maintain water works 390
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- resolution adopted – submit to City voters supplement and amendment to act of State Legislative Assembly authorizing City to construct and maintain water works for supply of City and its inhabitants, survey lands within watershed of portion of Rock Creek above point of diversion of water of stream into pipeline of water system, have timber cruise conducted on said lands, and acquire land within the watershed 399
- based upon Sewer Committee's recommendation, approved petition of William Broders for sewer for alley east side of Second Street beginning at Jefferson Street sewer and extending through three blocks 402
- Ordinance No. 240 adopted – related to skating rinks 402
- resolution adopted – designate Council Chambers in City Hall as place for holding general election in City; appoint A. C. White, Joseph Yates, and R. H. Colbert judges of election; appoint C. A. Gueley(?) and S. L. Heuhisour(?) clerks of election; order Police Judge to give ten days' notice of election by publication in the Corvallis Times 403
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- accepted resignation of Councilman Chambers, effective May 14, 1907 404
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- accepted resignation of Councilman Frank Francisco, effective immediately 404
- referred to Committee on Licenses and Fines Attorney E. E. Wilson's request to have skating rink license reduced 404

#### **May 13, 1907**

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- resolution adopted – grant to committee arranging for Independence Day celebration and Committee on Streets and Public Property exclusive control of streets of City on July 4th; no outside "huxters" or vendors and only regular businessmen of Corvallis allowed to operate stands or sell goods on City streets on said day, except with permission of said committees first obtained 407
- read application of and elected F. R. Overlander for Night Watch position 407
- Sewer Committee recommended allowing petition of Sarah Elgin and that sewer be extended through two additional blocks north of block mentioned in petition 407
- filed report of Treasurer Grant Elgin submitting sewer assessments unpaid; referred to Attorney and Sewer Committee matter of collecting said assessments 407

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- ordered Mayor and Police Judge to cancel and execute receipt for Water Bond No. 17 (\$500) delivered to S. L. Kline as trustee of B. F. Hyland; S. L. Kline be discharged from trust under instrument executed by B. F. Hyland August 23, 1906, delivering bond to S. L. Kline as trustee; and S. L. Kline be released and discharged from trust to City by delivering bond and cancellation of same 417
- granted Supt. Denman's request that all concessions regarding street privileges during Benton County Fair be controlled by Superintendent. G. W. Denman and Chief of Police 418
- Ordinance No. 241 to grant James Steel and his heirs and assigns right to construct, own, acquire, maintain, conduct, and operate plant(s) for manufacture of gas within City Limits and lay pipes and mains through and over streets, alleys, and public places in city for conducting and distributing gas read first and second times and referred to Ordinance Committee 418
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- ordered that salary of Chief of Police be increased to \$65 per month 418
- read and referred to Ways, Means, and Finance Committee monthly reports of Police Judge J. F. Yates, and Chief of Police J. N. Wells 418
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**July 22, 1907**

- adopted committee report recommending amendments to ordinance granting James Steel and his heirs and assigns a gas franchise; vote to adopt report reconsidered and lost; referred ordinance to Ordinance Committee for further amendment 420
- ordinance to authorize Corvallis and Alsea River Railway Company to lay and maintain railroad track and run cars over same on certain streets of city read first and second times and referred to Ordinance Committee 420
- ordinance adopted – amend Section 45 of Ordinance No. 9 regarding drunkenness read first and second times 421
- ordinance adopted – provide for construction of lateral sewer through Blocks 11, 12, and 13 in Dixon's Second Addition read first and second times 421
- ordinance adopted – provide for construction of lateral sewer through Blocks 1, 2, and 3 in Original Town of Marysville 422
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- instructed Chief of Police to enforce City ordinance against gambling 423
- ordered Ordinance Committee to prepare ordinance prohibiting firing of firecrackers within City Limits 423

**August 12, 1907**

- granted George W. Denman's petition requesting City to contribute \$100 toward All Benton County School Fair 424

- resolution adopted – direct Street Committee to complain to Board of Railroad Commissioners of Oregon regarding conditions of Southern Pacific Depot water closets (not connected with water or sewer system) and drinking water from well on depot grounds (deemed unwholesome and unfit to drink) and petition Board to cause railroad company to connect water closets at depot with City sewer and water systems and provide wholesome water for drinking purposes at depot 424
- read and accepted resignation of Treasurer Grant Elgin; elected Z. H. Davis Treasurer; directed Police Judge to prepare bond and oath of office for Treasurer-elect and turn over books when Z. H. Davis qualified as Treasurer 426
- read and filed with Ways and Means and Finance Committee reports of Police Judge J. F. Yates and Chief of Police J. N. Wells 426
- ordinance to regulate use of confetti, torpedos, firearms, firecrackers, bombs, dynamite canes, and all detonating works of any kind read first and second times and referred to Ordinance Committee for amendment 426
- ordinance to regulate riding and operating unicycles, bicycles, tricycles, and velocipedes on sidewalks read first and second times and referred to Ordinance Committee for amendment 427
- granted petition by residents and property owners in Job's and Wilkins' Additions to open portion of 16th Street between Tyler and South Streets through tract designated as Cherokee Strip 427
- allowed request of Professor T. A., Covell and others to build sewers to connect with Moore sewer, according to plans and specifications of City Surveyor with construction under supervision of Sewer Committee 427
- ordinance adopted – grant to James Steel and his heirs or assigns right to construct, own, acquire, maintain, conduct, and operate plant(s) for manufacturing gas within City Limits and lay pipes and mains through and over streets, alleys, and public places of city for conducting and distributing gas 428

**August 19, 1907**

- granted and filed communication from Finance Committee of All Benton County School Fair requesting license for merry-go-round and certain privileges 429
- ordinance adopted – prohibit riding or operating bicycles, tricycles, or velocipedes upon certain streets within City Limits read first, second, and third times but failed to pass; vote reconsidered and ordinance adopted; action indefinitely postponed 429
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- ordinance adopted – firecrackers 430
- ordinance adopted – repeal an ordinance to prohibit riding of bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, and velocipedes on sidewalks during certain months 431
- ordinance adopted – repeal ordinance regulating use of unicycles, bicycles, tricycles, and velocipedes within City Limits 431
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- opened bids for construction of sewers ordered constructed July 22, 1907; referred to Sewer Committee, with power to act, matter of letting bids 433
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• empowered Fire, Light, and Water Committee to install electric lights at places they deemed necessary	436
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<b>October 14, 1907</b>	
• Postmaster Johnson informed Council that, if present revenues were maintained until January 1, 1907 (should be 1908?), Corvallis would be entitled to free city delivery and that system of free postal delivery could be installed if proper steps were taken to number houses and label streets and repair sidewalks; he suggested Council take such necessary steps; referred to Street Committee, with power to act	438
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• opened and accepted bids for construction of sewers ordered July 22, 1907; ordered Sewer Committee to enter into proper contracts with J. R. Smith & Co. for consideration thereof upon execution of proper bonds	441
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• received data from Postmaster Johnson regarding installing free city delivery	442

- instructed Attorney to prepare ordinance for re-numbering streets and changing names of certain streets in accordance with Postmaster Johnson's recommendations; empowered Street Committee to make further changes necessary for purpose of installing city delivery system 442
- upon recommendation of Engineer Gordon V. S. Kelton, ordered S. Raji (Hindu) be employed by Council to prepare plat of city for purpose of properly re-numbering streets and houses based upon 12.5 feet for a street number; plat to be under supervision of Engineer, and S. Raji to be compensated 22.5 cents per hour for time spent making plat 442
- Mayor Lilly reported asking E. E. Wilson and E. R. Bryson to prepare new City Charter as soon as possible 442
- ordered Chief of Police to notify M. S. Woodcock and O. J. Blackledge to clean away rubbish adjacent to their property 442
- ordered that Street Committee and Street Surveyor have power to make any changes necessary they deemed best in establishing street grades and curb lines 442
- granted J. N. McFadden's petition to have aprons on his barn until ordered to remove them 443

**December 9, 1907**

- referred to Ways, Means, and Finance Committee bond of Treasurer Z. H. Davis 444
- read and filed reports of Chief of Police and Police Judge 445

**December 16, 1907**

- referred to Street Committee, with instructions to act, request of L. Chambers and other residents in Job's Addition that steps be taken for improvement of water ditch on South Street by deepening same, placing railing along necessary places, and supplying more street lights 446
- read County Clerk's statement of assessable property within City: \$819,000 448
- resolution adopted – levy five mills on each dollar upon all real and personal property assessable within City for 1908 for general and municipal purposes and an additional two mills upon same property for 1908 for street fund; instruct Police Judge to transmit copy of resolution to Benton County Clerk 448
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