

City Council Meeting Minutes Index 1908

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January 13, 1908

- resolution adopted – (presented by Oregon Gas Manufacturing Company) extend time specified in Section Two of ordinance granting franchise to James Steel August 13, 1907; amended resolution to require James Steel to provide \$500 bond to indemnify City that work directed in ordinance would be begun on or before July 1, 1908; re-considered resolution adoption; adopted resolution after striking requirement for bond and changing to June 1, 1908, date by when work must begin 450
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- read and filed Police Judge's November 11, 1907, report regarding rent to be collected from F. L. Miller (action not taken previously because of holidays); instructed Police Judge to collect from F. L. Miller rent from June 1, 1905, until January 1, 1908, at \$6 per month; referred to Committee on Streets and Public Property matter of a new contract with F. L. Miller 451
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- resolution adopted – instruct and direct Police Judge to notify A. Welch, Manager of Willamette Valley Company of Portland, Oregon, that if light system in Corvallis belonging to Company was not put in better condition and in accordance with contract within 60 days, Council would take steps to revoke Company's franchise; instructed Police Judge to send copy of resolution to A. Welch 457
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- instructed Chief of Police to notify property owners of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 14 in County Addition that unless sidewalk on west side of street was constructed within 20 days from date of notice, said sidewalk would be constructed by City and charged to abutting properties; instructed Chief of Police to give same notice to property owners on south side of Lot 12 in Block 12 in Wilkins Addition; ordered that sidewalk along Conner property in Wilkins Addition be constructed within 20 days of notice or City would have sidewalk constructed at expense of abutting property 466

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- ordinance adopted – adopt report of viewers appointed by Ordinance No. 242 to view sewer ordered constructed by such ordinance, ascertaining and determining probable cost of construction of sewer, assessing upon each lot liable therefor its proportionate share of such cost, and directing Police Judge to enter statement thereof upon docket of City Liens and publish notice of assessment 467
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of viewers appointed by Ordinance No. 243 to view sewer ordered constructed by such ordinance, ascertaining and determining probable cost of construction of sewer, assessing upon each lot liable therefor its proportionate share of such cost, and directing Police Judge to enter statement thereof upon docket of City Liens and publish notice of assessment 468
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of viewers appointed by Ordinance No. 244 to view sewer ordered constructed by such ordinance, ascertaining and determining probable cost of construction of sewer, assessing upon each lot liable therefor its proportionate share of such cost, and directing Police Judge to enter statement thereof upon docket of City Liens and publish notice of assessment 468
- ordinance adopted – adopt report of viewers appointed by Ordinance No. 245 to view sewer ordered constructed by such ordinance, ascertaining and determining probable cost of construction of sewer, assessing upon each lot liable therefor its proportionate share of such cost, and directing Police Judge to enter statement thereof upon docket of City Liens and publish notice of assessment 469
- ordinance adopted – provide for and authorize Street Committee to pay to George Steere \$253.60 in full settlement for street plates furnished City by order of Common Council October 14, 1907, for benefit and use of city and ratifying action of Committee in purchase of said plates and authorizing Police Judge to draw warrant on General Fund for \$253.60 in full settlement 470
- Police Judge submitted V. A. Vidito's offer to pay balance due (\$666.46) on contract with City for sale of Lots 3, 4, and 9 in Block 8 in N. B. & P. Avery's Addition; ordered that upon payment by V. A. Vidito, deed be delivered 471

March 9, 1908

- approved John Bier's request for rebate of one lot of sewer assessment against property of John Will 473
- referred to Street Committee and Street Commissioners J. S. Taylor's request for contract for sprinkling streets; Committee and Commissioners to investigate advisability of entering into contract with J. S. Taylor 473
- ordered Committee on Street and Public Property, under supervision of Councilman Heckart, to proceed to remodel City's property on Madison Street known as the Gazette building for purpose of renting same and to rent said property at monthly rate of at least \$30 for warehouse and main building 473
- approved request of A. W. Fischer and F. S. Fischer to erect and maintain office building (12 x 14 feet) at foot of Jackson Street, upon condition that A. W. Fischer and F. S. Fischer remove building upon being notified to do so 473

- resolution adopted – oppose amending franchise regulating electric light poles being placed on Main or Second Street 474
- read communication from August W. Fischer that he submitted claim to Water Commission for \$205.55 for value and loss of horse because of negligence of City in allowing water ditch to be constructed by Water Commission across Washington Street at Seventh Street, the unsafe condition of which street caused the accident that resulted in the death of the horse; communication stated Commission ignored claim and requested Council take action; ordered Police Judge to request Water Commission take definite action in matter 474
- resolution adopted – request proprietors to close skating rink at 10:00 pm except Saturday evenings and when rink was used by club composed exclusively of persons over age; and whenever rink is kept open later than 10:00 pm, organ shall be muffled; resolution would not apply to such times as school fair and stock show held in Corvallis, nor evenings when masquerade balls or basketball games were played – on such occasions, proprietors to close rink by 11:30 pm; Police Judge to send copy of resolution to proprietors of skating rink 474
- ordinance adopted – repeal ordinance to provide for carrying into effect in Corvallis initiative and referendum powers reserved to legal voters of municipalities by Oregon Constitution, Article IV, Section 1a and enact and amend municipal charters reserved to legal voters of municipalities by Oregon Constitution, Article XI, Section 2 and provide a penalty for violation of the act 475
- ordinance adopted – provide for carrying into effect in Corvallis initiative and referendum powers reserved to legal voters of municipalities by Oregon Constitution, Section IV, Section 1a and enact and amend municipal charters reserved to legal voters of municipalities by Oregon Constitution, Article XI, Section 2 and provide penalty for violation of the act 475

March 16, 1908

- received presentation and granted request that City allow a canvas-enclosed strip 24 feet wide for three blocks on Second or Main Street to be used for exhibits and amusement purposes September 3 through 5, 1908, in the interest of All Benton School Fair; such use of street to be under supervision of Committee on Streets and Public Property 477
- Attorney E. R. Bryson requested that a committee of 15 or more citizens, including Council members, confer with him and Attorney Wilson regarding new Charter amendments 477
- approved Mayor appointing a committee of five from Council besides himself and conferring with Commercial Club and Retailers' and Grocers' Association with objective of securing appointment of a similar committee from each of those groups (*guessing this committee pertained to Attorney E. R. Bryson's request*) 477
- instructed Street Committee to confer with Southern Pacific Railroad officials regarding immediate improvement of grounds at their depot; amended to include committee of three appointed from Commercial Club to act with Street Committee 478

April 13, 1908

- referred to Sewer Committee Mrs. Mary Thompson's petition for construction of sewer through Block 3 in County Addition 480
- referred to Street Committee C. A. Henkle's petition for opening of an alley through Block 2 in Dixon's Addition 480
- read and filed communication from City Water Commission regarding claim of Corvallis Flouring Mills, showing Commission, on April 6, 1908, disallowed Mills' claim of damages to horse and wagon 481
- referred to Street Committee petition of N. Wilkinson, et al., for sidewalk along east side of Lots 5 and 6 in Rayburn's Addition 481
- read and referred to Ways and Means Committee report of Police Judge J. F. Yates 481

- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee Mr. Arnold's request that lights be furnished the Auxiliary Fire Department 481
- referred to Committee on Streets and Public Property, with power to act, matter of remodeling and renting the "Gazette Building," which was reported on by Committee Chairman 481
- ordered Attorney to prepare new ordinance defining fire limits of City and defining especially rights of property owners to erect building within said limits 481
- read quarterly report of City Water Works 481
- resolution adopted – designate Council Chamber in City Hall as place for holding general election in City third Monday in May 1908; appoint M. George, Joseph Yates, and R. H. Colbert as election judges and C. A. Gould and S. L. Henderson as election clerks; order Police Judge to give ten days' notice of general election by publication in Corvallis Times 482

April 21, 1908

- read twice and referred to Ordinance Committee ordinance to authorize Corvallis and Alsea River Railway Company to lay and maintain a railroad track and run cars over same on certain streets of Corvallis 484
- adopted Street Committee's report recommending approval of petition for sidewalk on east side of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 3 in Rayburn's Addition; granted petition; instructed Chief of Police to notify property owners of said Lots to construct sidewalk 484
- read and referred to Sewer Committee remonstrance against construction of sewer through Block 3 in County Addition 484
- adopted Street Committee's report recommending against C. E. Henkle's request that alley be opened through Block 2 in Dixon's Addition 484
- resolution adopted – elect Z. H. Davis to serve as Treasurer to fill unexpired term of Grant Elgin (resigned) and reimburse Treasurer for cost of bond 485

May 11, 1908

- Sewer Committee reported condition of sewer through Block County Addition, which was subject of Miss Thompson's request 486
- ordered Police Judge to give notice to M. S. Woodcock to vacate Gazette Building by July 1, 1908 486
- ordered Police Judge to notify all property owners to pay sewer assessments due 486
- referred to License Committee matter of license of Opera House, belonging to Frank Groves 486
- ordered that Executive Committee should control streets of Corvallis, subject to Chief of Police, during horse show 486
- ordered construction of sidewalk along Adams Street in front of S. H. Horton property 486
- granted petition of J. S. McCrillis for sidewalk along east side of 14th Street Block 12 in N. B. & P. Avery's Addition and extending along north side of Washington Street Blocks 6, 7, and 8 in said Addition 486
- read and filed with Ways and Means Committee report of Chief of Police 486
- filed with Ways and Means Committee report of J. F. Yates 486
- ordinance to prohibit owners or occupants of any building in Corvallis to allow moss to accumulate on the roof thereof read first time and referred to Ordinance Committee 487
- ordinance adopted – related to building within fire limits 487

June 1, 1908

- adjourned meeting for lack of quorum 489

June 8, 1908

- motion that bill be sent to County Court for \$5 for use of Council Chamber on election day lost 491
- ordered that sidewalk be built along Maple Street past Blocks 1, 9, and 10 in N. B. & P. Avery's Addition 491
- ordered that alley through Block 2 in County Addition be opened 491
- installed newly elected Councilmen and Officers (Councilmen Ward 1 J. B. Irvine, Ward 2 D. A. Osburn, Ward 3 Gene M. Simpson; Police Judge G. W. Denman; Chief of Police J. D. Wells; Treasurer, Z. H. Davis 491

June 8, 1908 (*second entry for same date*)

- received request from Willamette Valley Co. for a grant of a two-pole line system through Second Street; Council requested written proposal and postponed action one month 492

July 13, 1908

- committee from Ladies Coffee Club reported that Club was willing to donate drinking fountain to City and asked City to donate a site for same; accepted proposition; referred to Street and Public Property Committee, with power to act, matter of site for fountain 493
- committee of citizens reported that alley through Block 2 in County Addition had not been opened, despite Council order; ordered Chief of Police, under direction of Attorney, to open alley 493
- referred to Light and Water Committee citizens' request that fire hydrant be installed at 11th and Van Buren Streets; Corvallis Water Commission member S. L. Kline reported that Commission was willing to act with Council in matter 493
- referred to Ordinance Committee S. L. Kline's request for ordinance prohibiting burning of pipes, etc. in streets 493
- granted Miss Thompson's petition for a sewer, despite Councilman's report in opposition 494
- accepted report that building formerly occupied by Corvallis Gazette was leased to Grant Elgin and R. Kiger for five years at \$31 per month, with City to make building improvements, amounting to \$250, and all improvements above that amount to be paid by Elgin and Kiger 494
- accepted report that warehouse occupied by F. L. Miller was rented to present occupant for \$5 per month 494
- referred to Committee on Streets and Public Property, with power to act, report from Councilman that City Hall roof must be painted every two years to comply with original terms of contract of company that roofed building 494
- ordered that teams and rigs of any kind were not to stand on Madison Street or Second Street within fire limits when same were for hire 494
- postponed action on matter of ????? certain people interest in Thompson sewer 494
- ordered Sewer Committee to connect all sewers in city with flush tanks and test all flush tanks in city 495
- ordered Police Judge to notify J. R. Smith to comply with terms of contract with City for four sewers completed within previous ten days; otherwise, City would connect sewers with flush tanks at Mr. Smith's expense 495
- ordered Chief of Police to not allow any wood or lumber on north side of Washington Street or on Second Street between telephone poles or the vicinity of the sawmill 495
- received Treasurer Z. H. Davis' report for quarter ended July 1, 1908 497
- received City Water Works' quarterly report for period ended June 30, 1908 497
- received report from Chief of Police for month ended July 13, 1908 497
- ordered Treasurer to collect all delinquent sewer assessments; if unable to do so, turn same over to Attorney for collection 497

- instructed Treasurer to credit John Will for payment of sewer assessment on one lot 497
- adopted Engineer's report regarding preliminary survey of streets lying east of Ninth Street and portion of city lying west of Ninth Street and North of Monroe Street 498
- referred to Street Committee grades for sidewalks 498
- referred to Ways and Means Committee reports of Treasurer Z. H. Davis and Chief of Police J. D. Wells 498
- referred to Light and Water Committee report of Water Commission 498
- instructed Police Judge to have insured for \$700 building formerly occupied by Gazette 498
- instructed Police Judge to have recorded deed of Charles Blakeslee to City 498
- rejected proposition of Willamette Valley Co. for permission to install a two-pole system on Second Street 498
- approved bond for Treasurer Z. H. Davis 498
- read, granted, and referred to Ordinance Committee petition of many citizens for permission to run bicycles on certain streets in city 498
- granted petitions of H. Parks, C. W. Skelton(?) and Mr. Holburberg(?) (*subject[s] of petitions not stated*) 498
- ordered placement of a flush tank on Old Creamery sewer 498
- ordinance to prohibit owners or occupants of any building within Corvallis to allow moss to accumulate on the roof thereof read second time and referred to Ordinance Committee 498
- ordinance adopted – prohibit horses, mules, sheep, swine, goats, or cattle from running at large or being herded or staked on streets within City Limits 498
- ordinance to authorize Corvallis and Alsea River Railway Company to lay and maintain a railroad track and run cars over same on certain streets of Corvallis; read first and second times; amended by changing ten to six miles per hour; referred to Ordinance Committee 499
- instructed Police Judge to notify newspapers of Corvallis to submit bids for printing 499
- ordered Police Judge to notify Paulina Kline to connect toilet of house 308 and 310 ??? Adams and Jefferson with sewer running through the block 499
- elected A. P. Johnson Council President, E.R. Bryson Attorney, W. Tous(?) Night Policeman, J. D. Wells Street Commissioner 500
- established fixed salary of \$25 per month for Attorney 500

July 20, 1908

- granted petition from citizens requesting a sidewalk on 11th and 12th Streets; ordered sidewalk along said streets and along all property of petitioners 501
- read lease between City and R. Kiger and Grant Elgin for building formerly occupied by Corvallis Gazette (five-year lease at \$31 per month); approved action of committee in charge of lease matter 501
- ordered Attorney to prepare new City Charter for re-submission to citizens of Corvallis 501
- ordinance adopted – regulate riding of bicycles, tricycles, and velocipedes within City Limits read first time 501
- Ordinance No. 1 adopted – amend Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 202 (establishing a concrete sidewalk district, prescribing size and manner of construction, regulating right to repair wooden sidewalks within district, and providing for permits to build and repair sidewalks) 502
- Engineer Skelton reported regarding straightening streets; appointed special committee, including Attorney and Police Judge, to confer with Engineer Skelton regarding survey of streets 502

August 10, 1908

- Mr. Hall, Secretary of Willamette Valley Co., presented proposition for maintaining a pole line on Main Street 503

- Z. H. Davis, representing Independent Telephone Company, indicated potential damage to telephone system if Willamette Valley Company installed poles in alleyway between Second and Third Streets 503
- instructed Chief of Police to have all toilets of City adjacent to a sewer either connected with same or torn down 503
- Councilman Fuller reported all flush tanks connected with sewers except the one on Mrs. Chipman's property; all were tested 503
- instructed J. R. Smith, assisted by Chief of Police, to connect sewer on Mrs. Chipman's property with lateral sewer; referred to Sewer Committee, with power to act, extra expense involved in connection 503
- instructed Chief of Police and Police Judge to notify property owners to have their houses numbered if not already numbered and to construct sidewalks along specific properties 503
- referred to Sewer Committee petition for a sewer in R. Hollenberg's property 503
- appointed committee, chaired by Mayor, to meet with Water Commission to reach amicable understanding regarding water rates between City and Commission 504
- opened bids from Corvallis Times, Gazette, and Benton County Republican (five cents per line) 504
- authorized Street Committee to see that James Thornton complied with terms of his warranty in construction of sidewalk in alley between Second and Third Streets on north side of Jackson 504

August 19, 1908

- read and granted petition from citizens asking Council to revoke permission previously granted All Benton Fair Committee to hold Fair on Second Street, citing danger to life and property because of fire; revoked permission 505
- granted permission to Harry Beard to construct sewer, under supervision of Sewer Committee, in his property in Block 16 505
- referred to Health Committee communication from Mrs. E. Stokes, complaining about unhealthfulness of manure pile on lot on corner of Fourth and Madison Streets 505
- resolution adopted – instruct Chief of Police to enforce ordinance requiring all persons being on the streets after 12:00 at night to secure a permit 505
- ordinance adopted – provide for construction of lateral sewer through Block 3 in County Addition; costs to be assessed to properties directly benefitted thereby; appoint viewers to estimate proportionate share of costs to be assessed to property owners; provide for time and manner for constructing sewer and awarding contract therefor 505
- resolution – condemn burning of grass of streets east and south of Courthouse (*no indication whether resolution was adopted*) 506
- instructed Police Judge to prepare and have printed current sidewalk permits 506
- instructed Ordinance Committee to prepare new current sidewalk ordinance 506
- instructed Street Committee to follow current sidewalk ordinance in constructing all walks in cement sidewalk district 506
- instructed Fire and Water Committee to see that suitable fire escapes were installed in old Gazette building 506
- referred to Street Committee, with instructions to proceed with assistance of Attorney, matter of constructing S. L. Kline's cement sidewalk on Jefferson Street south of his residence 506
- referred to Ordinance Committee proposition of Willamette Valley Co. to pole Second Street 506
- instructed Mayor to appoint extra night police 506
- read and accepted report of Chief of Police J. D. Wells for August 507

August 26, 1908

- accepted All Benton Fair Committee's invitation to participate in Businessmen's Parade at Fair 507
- ordinance adopted – condemn sidewalks within City Limits 507
- re-considered previous action rejecting Willamette Valley Co.'s proposition to install new pole system on Second Street; adopted Attorney's answer to proposition 507
- Whiteside moving picture show building and old Gazette building properly equipped with fire escapes by means of doors 508
- Councilman Heckart reported carefully investigating the pile of manure on the lot on corner of Fourth and Madison Streets and ordered it removed 508
- referred to Sewer Committee request of George Brown for sewer connection 509
- instructed Police Judge to draw warrant for amount remaining due on insurance of Gazette building 509
- appointed Mayor to secure suitable flag for City Hall 509

September 14, 1908

- referred to Street Committee request of Miss Pauline Kline and Miss Margaret Snell, representing Village Improvement Society, that Council take action necessary to vacate Seventh Street between Madison and Monroe 509
- Adolph Leeder reported failure to provide suitable crossing over C. & E. R. R. on 15th Street 509
- granted more time to committee appointed to interview Water Commission regarding water rent of City 509
- Chief of Police reported regarding toilet connections of City with sewers 509
- read communication from Willamette Valley Co. regarding running wires on Second Street; Company representative indicated willingness to accept City's answer to Company's previous proposal and that Company would install 20 arc lights at \$5 per arc within present pole system; accepted Company's proposition 509
- instructed Police Judge to secure suitable book for recording measurements of all "Y" in sewer systems 510
- committee of citizens noted non-opening of alley between Jackson and Van Buren and Third and Fourth Streets; Attorney offered legal opinion; referred matter to Street Committee, with power to act 510
- read and referred to Ways and Means Committee reports of Police Judge and Chief of Police 511
- appointed community committee (*no indication of purpose of committee*) 511
- referred to Water and Light Committee presentation of George W. Denman (representing special committee of All Benton School Fair) regarding Council purchasing incandescent system on Second Street at price of \$100 511

September 22, 1908

- read and referred to Street Committee petition for cement sidewalk on east side of Fourth Street between Monroe and Jackson 512
- postponed action regarding cement sidewalk ordinance 512
- read communication from Ordinance Committee and adopted matter contained therein (*no indication of subject of communication*) 512
- referred to committee matter of selecting Street Commissioner and Engineer 512
- Mr. Atkins, representing Willamette Valley Co., said it was impossible for Company to get 50-foot seasoned poles in the States; gave Company permission to install 45-foot poles 512
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, M. S. Woodcock's request for permission to repair with new lumber sidewalk on Second Street abutting Occidental Hotel 512

- instructed Police Judge to notify owners of property on southeast corner of Madison between Second and Third Streets to connect property with sewer 512

September 28, 1908

- read and referred to Fire and Water Committee petition from many citizens requesting light at First and Harrison Streets; committee of citizens urged approval of petition 513
- ordered that, henceforth, all sidewalks on both sides of Second Street be 16 feet wide 513
- referred to special committee matter of placing electric light poles of Willamette Valley Co. on Second Street 513
- elected Fred Porter Engineer and Superintendent of Streets at salary not to exceed \$75 per month 513
- established salary of Engineer and Superintendent of Streets at \$75 per month 513
- J. Fred Yates, representing special committee of All Benton School Fair, presented proposition of Bradley & Zimmerman to sell to City present system of electric lighting leased on Second Street during Fair 513
- motion to open alley between Third and Fourth Streets in block between Jackson and Van Buren Streets, under direction of Ordinance Committee, ruled out of order 514
- referred to Sewer Committee matter of placing septic tank by property owners between Van Buren and Tyler Streets 514
- referred to Fire and Water Committee matter of Corvallis & Eastern R. R. lowering tile emptying into flush tank near(?) depot 514
- scheduled meeting of committee to consider new City Charter 514
- ordinance to amend current sidewalk ordinance read first and second times 514
- referred to Street Committee matter of opening Watters Street 514
- referred to Street Committee matter of dedicating alley in property between Ninth and Tenth Streets abutting Harrison Street 514
- empowered Engineer and Superintendent of Streets with Police authority 514

October 12, 1908

- ordered that Council meetings be called to order at 7:30 pm and adjourn at 10:30 pm 516
- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee, with power to act, request of Hathaway Bros. for permission to build addition to building at Second Street and Adams 516
- read special committee's report regarding discussions with Corvallis Water Commission concerning water rate to be paid by City and recommendation that rate be reduced to \$50 per month 516
- received Street Committee's report that Committee saw property owners interested in opening alley known as Jacob's Alley and offered to furnish legal services, if property owners would pay costs of litigation 516
- received Councilor's report that he was unable to locate contract regarding painting City Hall roof every two years; referred to Street Committee, with power to act, matter of painting City Hall roof 517
- Street Committee chair reported conferring with M. S. Woodcock regarding repairing sidewalk in front of Occidental Hotel; based upon contemplated improvements on said lots, Committee chair recommended approving Mr. Woodcock's request, according to agreement between Mr. Woodcock and Street Committee 517
- referred to Engineer matter of placing coverings over City Hall chimneys 517
- read Corvallis Water Commission's report for quarter ending September 30, 1908 518
- read and referred to Ways and Means Committee reports of Chief of Police and Police Judge 518
- referred to Ways and Means Committee, with power to act, matter of auditing books of Police Judge 518

- referred to Sewer Committee request of W. H. Horning and others for a sewer 518
- received Street Committee's report supporting petition for cement sidewalk on east side of Fourth Street between Monroe and Jackson Streets 519
- Ordinance No. 266 adopted – (*subject of ordinance not indicated in minutes; review of ordinance indicated its subject as condemnation of sidewalks within City Limits*) 519
- ordinance adopted – grant to M. S. Woodcock, Trustee, right to repair wooden sidewalk in front of portion of Lot 8 in Block 4 in Original Town of Marysville 519
- ordinance adopted – grant to O. J. Blackledge permission to build a frame(?), corrugated iron building on his half-lot on west side of Second Street in Block 9 in Original Town of Marysville 519

October 19, 1908

- George W. Denman reported that All Benton School Fair Committee would donate \$560 toward purchase of electric light system used during All Benton School Fair; Fire, Light, and Water Committee reported favorably regarding purchasing system; referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee matter of City paying balance (\$55), per proposition of Zimmerman & Bradley, to determine manner in which system would be finally installed by Zimmerman & Bradley and probably cost of furnishing light for same 521
- A. S. Stevenson asked Council to accept new bids on construction of Sewer through Block 8, as he was ready to provide certified check and offer bid; ordered issuance of permit to Mr. Stevenson for construction of sewer under private contract and direction of Sewer Committee and per plans and specifications prepared by C. U. Skelton 521
- referred to Ways and Means Committee matter of having copies of proposed new City Charter made by mimeograph 521
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, graveling of street leading from Corvallis to Philomath 521
- referred to Engineer matter of concerning whether C. E. R. R. owned Washington Street 521
- adopted Fire, Light, and Water Committee's report regarding placing arc and incandescent lights on City streets, except that arc lights would be placed at specific locations 521
- ordered that all streets 50 feet and wider west of Third Street be 80 feet from curb to curb; all streets narrower than 50 feet be 20 feet between curbs 522
- instructed Police Judge to notify Corvallis Water Commission that Council cut monthly rental to \$50 522
- instructed Police Judge to notify property owners in block on north side of Fillmore Street between 12th and 13th Streets to build sidewalk previously ordered 522

October 26, 1908

- read and accepted bid of C. O. Stater, representing Ruberoid Roofing Co., to paint and repair City Hall roof for \$.90 per square of material covered so as to put roof in first-class condition; ordered Police Judge to notify R. M. Wade and Co. of acceptance 523
- ordered Police Judge to secure requisite number of Drery(Drey?) numbers to correspond with licenses issued 523
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, matter of renting warehouse formerly occupied by T. L. Miller 523
- ordered that Council Chambers in City Hall not be rented to anyone under any circumstances 523
- "refused" permission to Ladies Coffee Club to use Council Chambers for playing cards 523
- ordered that light at north end of Second Street near sawmill be placed at Second and Tyler Streets 523
- ordered Police Judge to notify County Court and College of amount due on arc light near sawmill and College 523

- ordered installation of light at First and Harrison 523
- ordered that \$55 be allowed for purchase of light and wire used at All Benton School Fair, whenever said system was taken down and put in such a way as to be satisfactory to Council 523
- authorized Superintendent of Streets to employ help as needed in construction of crosswalks and pay \$.25 per hour, as long as in his judgment it was needed 523

November 9, 1908

- Corvallis Water Commission members spoke in favor of Council restoring monthly water rate to \$100 525
- H. E. Hodes spoke in favor of petition objecting to re-naming of Second Street 525
- Mr. McFarland asked Council to reduce license of skating rinks to \$60 per year 525
- corrected October 19th minutes to indicate placement of arc light at 11th and Van Buren 525
- corrected October 26th minutes to indicate that matter of altering Hathaway building at Second and Adams was referred to Committee on Fire, Water, and Light 525
- Chief of Police J. D. Well reported that C. & E. R. R. failed to gravel 440 feet 525
- Fire, Light, and Water Committee Chairman reported that Bradley & Zimmerman had taken down their wire and lights on Second Street and that negotiations between them and City had ended 525
- read and referred to Street Committee petition of M. Burnap(?) and others for sidewalk along west side of Block 14 in Dixon's Addition 527
- read and referred to Street Committee petition of R. L. Taylor and others for crosswalk on north side of Van Buren at 11th Street 527
- read and referred to Water, Light, and Fire Committee petition of J. M. Guthrie and others for light at Eighth and Tyler 527
- read and referred to Ordinance Committee petition of P. M. Zierolf(?) and others objecting to narrowing Second Street by widening sidewalk 527
- read and referred to License Committee application of L. C. Holbrook for privilege of placing peanut and popcorn car on a side street 527
- read and referred to Ways and Means Committee reports of Chief of Police and Police Judge for October 527
- ordinance to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 252 regarding licensing of business of conducting a skating rink read first time and referred to Ordinance Committee 527

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- J. H. Harris spoke in support of having arc light and crosswalk at Fifth and A Streets 528
- A. L. Stevenson presented the matter of re-advertising for bids for construction of lateral sewer in Block 3; owners of 11 of the lots in the block previously signed an agreement to build the sewer with private funds; only one party refused to sign the contract; he asked the Council to re-advertise for bids for the sewer 528
- E. B. Bier(?) spoke in favor of City using Willamette River sand exclusively of Columbia River sand 528
- Fire, Light, and Water Committee Chairman reported that Willamette Valley Company would have new system of lighting city completed and installed during January 528
- Street Committee Chairman reported that properties, including E. Woodward's, were expected to be sold, and City would need to decide whether to take initiative 528
- Street Committee Chairman reported that crosswalk was not needed at 11th and Van Buren Streets because there was no walk along properties on same side of street for several blocks 528
- J. D. Wells reported that C. & E. R. R. furnished gravel to gravel its property 529
- read and referred to Water, Light, and Fire Committee communication from O. T. and A. C. Beals requesting permission to construct a corrugated iron building on Second Street between Jefferson and Adams Streets 530

- read and referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee communication from E. E. Wilson, Secretary, Board of Regents, O. A. C., concerning payment of one-half of cost of arc lamp at west end of Madison Street on College grounds, in response to communication of Police Judge 530
- postponed action regarding communication from Postmaster B. W. Johnson concerning need for sidewalks and crosswalks 530
- referred to License Committee, with power to act, communication from Grant Elgin requesting rebate of nine months' license fee out of his annual moving picture show license 530
- read and referred to Ways and Means Committee reports of Police Judge and Chief of Police 530
- instructed Sewer Committee to re-advertise for bids for sewer in Block 3 530
- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee petition of J. H. Harris and others for arc light at Fifth and A Streets 530
- granted petition of Edna M. Osburn and others for permission to construct sewer at their expense under direction of Sewer Committee 530
- read Benton County Clerk's statement that assessable property within City was \$970,625 530
- resolution adopted – levy for general and municipal purposes for year 1909 tax of five mills on each dollar upon all real and personal property assessable within City Limits and an additional tax for street fund for year 1909 of two mills upon same property; instructed Police Judge to send copy of resolution to Benton County Clerk 530
- ordinance to regulate construction of sidewalks and curbs and widths of streets read first and second times and re-referred to Ordinance Committee 531
- read and postponed action regarding resignation of Councilman Charles Heckart from "Middle Ward" 531

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- read and referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee petition for arc light at Seventh and Adams 532
- ordinance adopted – to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 252 regarding licensing business of conducting a skating rink 532
- M. Burnap directed Council's attention to condition of crosswalk on North Fifth; Engineer explained what was done regarding the matter 532
- ordinance related to license of theaters read first and second times and re-referred to Ordinance Committee 533
- ordinance adopted – regulate construction of sidewalks and curbs and widths of streets 533