

## City Council Meeting Minutes Index 1909

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- Judge E. Horgan spoke to Council concerning opening alley in Block 38 of Moore and Morehouse Addition; read and referred to Street Committee petition for opening and remonstrances against 554
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- instructed Attorney and Police Judge to prepare copies of ordinances granting franchises to Willamette Valley & Coast R. R. on certain streets in City; copies to be referred to A. C. Woodcock of Eugene for his opinion if same contained a common user clause 554
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- instructed Street Committee and Mayor to investigate opening of street between Jackson and Van Buren on 13th Street and street east of Cherokee Strip(?) on 14th Street; referred to Street Committee, with power to act 554

#### **May 10, 1909**

- A. J. Johnson, representing Booster Committee, spoke regarding City giving Committee free use of "Old Gazette Building"; George A. Waggoner and E. R. Bryson also spoke in favor of proposition 556

- Special Committee reported that Water Committee was willing to let rest matter of adjusting water rate between City and Water Committee until Water Committee needed the money (until they built the reservoir) 556
- Sewer Committee chair reported that sewer through Block 3 and in Van Buren Street (*was completed?*) and work was first class 556
- Street Committee reported permission was given Methodist Episcopal Church to construct ten-foot walk abutting church premises 556
- Attorney agreed to confer with property owners regarding opening 13th Street between Jackson and Van Buren Streets and 14th Street through Cherokee Strip 556
- Attorney reported that matter of opening alley in Block No. 38 in Moorehouse Addition was question between property owners and not one concerning City 556
- Committee on Public Property reported adversely regarding giving Booster Committee free use of Gazette Building 556
- resolution adopted – give "Booster Committee" free use of Gazette Building for one year, provided City incurred no expense thereby and a release was obtained from Elgin & Kiger; instructed Police Judge to enter into agreement for City releasing Elgin & Kiger 556
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- Fire, Light, and Water Committee reported in favor of granting A. W. Fischer's request for placing electric light poles in streets 557
- adopted Fire, Light, and Water Committee's recommendation to purchase 600 feet of Keystone Hose at \$1 per foot; authorized Ordinance Committee to prepare ordinance for purchase of same 557
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- instructed Street Committee to enter into contract for construction of cement sidewalk and curbing abutting City Hall; instructed Ordinance Committee to prepare necessary ordinance 558
- authorized Street Committee to replace all curbing previously constructed under former ordinance at City's expense "as fast as same were needed" 558

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- adjourned meeting for lack of quorum 560

**May 28, 1909**

- ordinance to grant to J. N. McFadden right and privilege of using portion of walk situated on north and west sides of Lot 7 in Block 5 in Original Town of Marysville for a basement stairway and right and privilege of placing and maintaining glass surface in portion of sidewalk in from north half of Lot 8 in said Block read first and second times; referred ordinance to Ordinance Committee 560
- referred to Committee on Public Property, with power to act, matter of decorating City Hall for G A R Encampment 560
- appointed and authorized committee to have printed 700 copies of new City Charter, 100 of which were to be printed on good quality paper 561

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- instructed Police Judge to notify M. S. Woodcock, trustee, that time for constructing cement sidewalk on Second Street abutting Occidental Hotel had expired and order him to construct walk as required by ordinance 562
- resolution adopted – declare vacancy, due to I. D. Bodine, Ward 1 Councilman, having moved from Corvallis; elected George A. Robinson to fill vacancy 562
- Ordinance No. 276 adopted – propose and submit to legal voters of City for approval or rejection act re-incorporating City, provide Charter therefor, repeal all acts in conflict with new Charter, and call and order special election in City to vote upon new or supplemental Charter act 562
- administered oath to George A. Robinson 563

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- adopted Fire, Light, and Water Committee's report regarding petition of A. W. Fischer asking for private electric light system, connecting his two mill properties 564
- Ordinance Committee requested further time to consider ordinance granting to J. N. McFadden privilege to use part of sidewalk on Second Street and Monroe Street for stairway 564
- read communication of A. Campbell and wife withdrawing objection to opening of alley in Block 38 in Moore and Newhouse Addition; Gene Tortora, represented by George W. Denman, agreed to execute bond to cover costs of litigation, providing City would furnish Attorney to look after legal "fight"; placed matter in hands of Street Committee and Mayor to see that proper bonds were given 566
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- J. H. Harris spoke against ordinance governing curbs in streets and presented three petitions of citizens protesting a 16-foot curb 568
- referred to Street Committee petitions presented by J. H. Harris, wherein citizens protested against 16-foot park space; ordered that further curbing be permitted by Engineer until question of curb was definitely settled and established 568
- referred to Committee on Streets and Public Property Mr. Winkley's request that Council grant to Finance Committee of 4th of July exclusive control of specific streets 568

- S. L. Kline, representing Corvallis Water Committee, asked Council to allow amount due from City on water bills already presented and make available by September 1st and that City advance Corvallis Water Committee one year's water rent; referred matter to Fire, Light, and Water Committee and Attorney 569
- Mayor recommended that City Limits be enlarged to include many enjoying benefits of incorporation but not contributing to maintenance thereof, condemnation of all "tumble-down" shacks and buildings (especially in business district), enforcement of sidewalk building, non-encouragement of curb ordinance until streets brought to grade, appointment of Street Commissioner to have charge of streets, Council be prompt in attendance at Council meetings 569
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- referred to Street Committee matter of ordering walk on 11th Street between Van Buren and Harrison Streets abutting R. L. Taylor's property 570
- referred to Street and Public Property Committee Mr. Daunerman's(?) indication he was ready and willing to turn over Gazette Building to City under sub-lease from Elgin and Kiger 571
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- referred to Committee on Streets and Public Property matter of razing to ground old farm/frame(?) building near City Hall 573
- instructed Ordinance Committee to draft suitable ordinance regarding sale and use of firecrackers in city 573
- elected Councilman Cordley as Council President; Police Judge administered oath of office to Councilman Cordley 574
- instructed Ordinance Committee to draft suitable ordinance providing for payment of construction of cement crosswalks across alleys in city 574

**June 28, 1909**

- postponed indefinitely action regarding ordinance concerning period for which a night watch should serve upon election by Council 575

- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee resolution concerning cause of water supply being turned off evening of June 23rd, with instructions to report responsibility of such cause 575
- read and filed communication of W. A. Wells withdrawing former offer to place fountain on square between Benton County National Bank and First National Bank 575
- ordinance adopted – ratify action of Street Committee in contracting with Taunters(?) & Burnap for construction of cement sidewalk abutting City Hall on east side of Fourth Street between Madison and Jefferson Streets and cement curb along west side of property, cement curb about property of H. S. Pernot on corner of Fifth and Jefferson to connect with Smith curb, and cement sidewalk from west door of City Hall to sidewalk bounding said property; authorize drawing of warrant in payment therefor 575
- ordinance adopted – amend Ordinance No. 247 regarding use of confetti, torpedoes, firearms, firecrackers, bombs, dynamite canes(?), and all detonating works of any kind 576
- referred to License Committee request of C. E. Small and C. Whiteside that Council fix license of moving picture shows at sum equal to average paid in other towns of Valley 576
- instructed License Committee to examine moving picture theaters of city to see if they conformed to rules and regulations of Board of Fire Underwriters 577
- Sewer Committee referenced non-connection of sewer near(?) George Taylor's old creamery with flush tank 577
- Mayor directed Street Committee's attention to requirements of ordinance whereby sidewalks were condemned 577
- Mayor clarified previous statements regarding former actions of former Council – simply desired to offer suggestions that might be of service in guiding Council deliberations 577

**July 12, 1909**

- adopted License Committee's report that \$80 per year was fair for license for theater and moving picture house, based upon license fees in other Valley towns, and that moving picture theaters were in good condition; instructed Ordinance Committee to prepare ordinance regulating licensing of theaters and moving picture shows along suggestions of License Committee; instructed Police Judge to permit all moving picture shows to continue to operate until ordinance governing said licenses was adopted and that license, when issued, be dated back to cover time when no license was issued 578
- instructed Ordinance Committee to establish quarterly license in ordinance regarding licensing theaters, etc., at not less than \$25 per quarter 578
- Fire, Light, and Water Committee reported that it investigated cause and responsibility of cutting City's water supply June 23rd and found the Water Commission notified all water consumers to stop sprinkling that day, that a man was sent to ascertain cause of lessening of pressure as soon as it was discovered, that Thomas Bell was secured to start old Farra plant and found pipes disconnected with River, and that Water Commission had done all it could to get water started 578
- postponed action on resolution concerning answering of person or person for cutting of water supply 578
- J. H. Harris, representing Corvallis Water Commission, asked Council to make available for use by Commission amount claimed due said Commission from City for water 579
- allowed Corvallis Water Commission claims from November 1908 up to August 1, 1909 579
- ordered committee to confer with Water Committee regarding water rates and that account between Water Committee and City be referred to same committee 579
- referenced ordinance governing trimming of shade trees 579
- Ways and Means Committee Chairman requested further time within which to report on financial condition of City 579

- referred to Ways and Means Committee matter of devising and securing a better system of accounts between various City offices 579
- extended matter of investigation of books of Treasurer, Chief of Police, and Police Judge to include books of Water Committee 579
- adopted Street Committee's report supporting petition of J. N. McFadden for permission to construct cement sidewalk 14 feet wide on that(?) side of Second Street between Jackson and Van Buren Streets 579
- instructed Street Committee to confer with Occidental Lumber Co. regarding breaking of certain bridges on account of running of Company's traction engines in City and to investigate question of paving Second Street 579
- instructed Ways and Means Committee to recommend plan for distribution of cost of sewers and paving 579
- C. Bradley inquired if, in case Street Commissioner was appointed for City, would same embrace(?) electric wiring, etc. 579
- referred to Street Committee, with instructions to confer with County Court, matter of repair of cement sidewalk abutting Courthouse 580
- ordered bondsmen in matter of construction of lateral sewer in Block No. 3 discharged from further liability 580
- instructed Police Judge to have Mr. Gregg present his claim for damages due to faulty condition of system on Fifth and Monroe Streets 580
- read and adopted report of Street Committee and Superintendent of Streets regarding condemnation of sidewalk abutting property of Mrs. Dilly on Second Street 580
- referred to Attorney matter of construction of sidewalk abutting Occidental Hotel 580
- adopted report of Ways and Means Committee regarding approval of Police Judge's bond 580
- read and referred to Ways and Means Committee reports of Police Judge and Chief of Police 580
- resolution adopted – establish term of office of Night Watch as subject to pleasure of Council 580
- elected W. Tour(?) Nightwatch, Fred J. Porter Engineer, and E. R. Bryson Attorney 580

**July 26, 1909**

- granted special committee's request for further time to confer with Water Commission concerning water rates 582
- Committee on Ways and Means reported that W. Ken was secured to audit books of Treasurer, Police Judge, and Chief of Police; supplemental report covered books of Treasurer, Police Judge, and Chief of Police; records of Police Judge and Treasurer were in good shape; identified lax system of bookkeeping for Chief of Police; determined no harmonious and uniform system of records between various offices of City 582
- no action taken regarding County Court's request for permission to repair sidewalk on south side of Courthouse 583
- granted Street Committee further time to report on City property 583
- Street Committee Chairman reported no material with which to repair crosswalks; authorized Committee to make estimate of material needed and to purchase same 583
- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee matter of lack of water pressure for fire purposes due to sprinkling of lawns by water consumers and matter of devising some system of having water patrons close their hydrants 583
- referred to Committee on Streets and Public Places matter of regulation of office rooms of Engineer 583

**July 31, 1909**

- ordinance passed – authorize Police Judge to pay Dunham Printing Co. for printing new City Charter 584
- referred to Committee on Streets and Public Property, with instructions to purchase new plow, if deemed advisable, question of ascertaining responsibility of breaking of City's plow 584

**August 3, 1909**

- established salary of judges and clerks of election at \$8 per day 585
- received and filed report of special committee regarding adjusting water rates with Water Committee 586
- resolution introduced that Street Committee, Engineer, and Mayor visit Portland and examine question of paving 586
- received complaint regarding offensive condition of Fisher toilet near Mayor Watters' residence 586
- instructed Police Judge to notify all property owners who had failed to construct walks already ordered 586
- referred to Sewer Committee matter of flush tank near Taylor's creamery not being connected with sewer 586

**August 9, 1909**

- corrected July 12th minutes to indicate discharging of principal and bondsmen of bond of Singer & Freeman and election of Fred Porter as Engineer, E. R. Bryson as Attorney, and H. S. Perrot as Health Officer 588
- Street Committee Chairman reported that City plow (taken by Corvallis Water Committee) could be repaired, and new plow not needed 588
- referred to Attorney bond of Treasurer Z. H. Davis 588
- referred to License Committee matter of licenses of City 588
- ordinance adopted – amend ordinances related to construction of cement sidewalks 588
- established Council meeting times as first and third Mondays of each month 589
- instructed Ordinance Committee to prepare ordinance prohibiting any business house from having any blind fronts or closed doors 589
- instructed Ordinance Committee to prepare ordinance regulating granting of building and sidewalk permits and establishing fees of same 589
- ordinance adopted – provide for time and place of regular meetings of Council (7:30 pm) 589
- instructed Ordinance Committee to prepare ordinance establishing boundaries of fire limits and kind of building to be erected therein and for condemnation of unsafe and dilapidated buildings 590

**August 23, 1909**

- received special committee's report regarding meeting with Water Commission: 590  
Commission believed City's legislation authorizing construction of water works empowered Commission to fix price which legally bound City for use of water, and Commission set \$100 per month as reasonable rate for City to pay for water for fire protection and flushing sewers; Commission insisted upon payment of sum for past and future use of water and refused to consider acceptance of any lessening; committee determined that City furnished Commission office room in City Hall and light reasonably worth \$10 per month and indirectly paid Commission on account of water used for sprinkling streets and intersections \$25 per month during sprinkling season; City was compelled to spend considerable sums of money repairing street openings torn up by Commission in installing pipe lines and not properly repaired; committee believed Commission based its views upon what it deemed was best interests of City and speculated that Commission may need funds to complete construction of 500,000-gallon reservoir; committee believed demand was ill-advised and that Commission was pursuing erroneous theory as to liability of City and propriety of Council in making the allowance; in making the allowance, non-resident property owners would be compelled to contribute to expenses of maintaining the plant; if payment of reasonable water rates by City inhabitants did not produce sufficient revenue to pay interest, sinking fund, reasonable repairs, and maintenance, it would be proper for all property of City to contribute, and all City property would be liable to taxation to pay bonds; as long as consumers were not compelled to pay more than a reasonable rate for water, committee considered it legally improper to try to reach property of City, residents, or non-residents; committee considered property owners to be owners of plant and saw no reason why property should help pay the maintenance of the plant; committee did not believe under "water act" that Council would need to transfer money from General Fund to Water Fund; committee believed words authorizing Commission to "establish rates for the use of water by the City and inhabitants thereof" were intended to refer to territorial limits of City and its inhabitants and not to City government and that it was not intended by Legislature that money should be transferred from one City fund to another; City authorized to construct and operate plant through certain agents (Water Commission), but City (in semi-governmental capacity) was owner in operation of plant; only appropriate way in which provision could be made for such payment would be to provide for transfer of money from one fund to another – if so intended, Legislature could have so provided; since words used were susceptible of other construction which appeared to committee as reasonable, committee believed Council could take position that it was not authorized to make such transfer; Portland had identical act and never transferred money from general fund to water fund except since 1907, when its charter was amended specifically to provide for transfer of \$50,000 per year; committee suggested that payment of reasonable water rates by private consumers would more than pay all necessary outlays of Commission, and general finances of City were in bad condition; committee believed there were many ways general funds of City could be expended to better purpose than turning them into Water Fund; reasonable rate should take into consideration fact that City was paying \$200 to \$250 per year for water, in addition to street repairs, and no element of profits for operating water plant should be considered, since plant was not entitled to operate at profit; committee was satisfied from comparison of operating expenses and fixed charges of water systems with income from other sources that rate requested was more than twice as high as it should be and, in event allowance was made, Commission should be charged office rent, light, and any allowance should further cover cost of water for sprinkling streets and intersections
- elected Fred Porter Engineer 593
- resolution adopted – declare *The Gazette-Times* the City official newspaper until ordinance prepared and adopted 593

- read and filed report of special committee investigating street paving 593
- resolution to request Fred Porter to prepare and submit plans and specifications for improving and paving portions of Second, Jackson, Monroe, Madison, and Jefferson Streets read; amended motion to include the Bitulithic and Hassaur(?) pavements 593
- authorized Municipal Judge to select competent persons to prepare list of property owners on Second Street and other streets mentioned in just-read resolution and on Washington Street 593
- License Committee reported making a partial investigation of condition of licensing and that Frank Groves claimed to have paid a license for opera house; allowed Committee more time 593
- requested Street Committee to confer with County Court concerning placing dirt in street in front of Courthouse 593
- Mr. Shannon, representing Warren Paving Co., gave presentation regarding Bitulithic pavement 593
- instructed Municipal Judge to have printed 500 copies of notices to repair old sidewalks 593

#### **August 24, 1909**

- resolution adopted – request Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for paving Washington Street with Bitulithic or Hassaur pavement 594
- ordinance adopted – establishing "City Daturu" (?) and street grades on portions of Second, Jackson, Monroe, Madison, Jefferson, and Washington Streets 594
- resolution adopted – designate Health Committee and Fire, Light, and Water Committee to examine all wooden buildings on Second Street and other buildings they deemed necessary and report buildings' sanitary conditions and if same endangered public safety of City 594
- direct Fire, Light, and Water Committee to investigate water pipes along Second Street and portions of other streets to be paved 595
- E. J. Newton advocated paving Washington Street 595

#### **August 25, 1909**

- read and granted petition asking that Jefferson Street be paved 595
- resolution adopted – pave Jefferson Street with Bitulithic or Hassaur pavement 595
- Mr. Lewis, representing Hissaur (?) Paving Co., explained Hassaur pavement 595
- asked Mayor to invite Joseph Garrow, Deputy City Engineer of Portland, to meet with Council concerning engaging him to assist Engineer Porter 595

#### **August 28, 1909**

- adjourned meeting for lack of quorum 596
- informal discussion with Mr. Garrow; agreed Mr. Garrow would assist Engineer at \$10 per day for time actually employed and railroad fare as consulting engineer 596

#### **August 30, 1909**

- approved City paying 15 percent of cost of street improvement – paving 596
- resolution adopted – adopt Engineer's plans and specifications for paving Second Street and portions of Jackson, Monroe, Madison, and Jefferson Streets and list of properties benefitted by paving and schedule September 23rd for hearing all remonstrances to said street improvements; instruct Municipal Judge to give due and legal notice, as provided by Charter, to all property owners affected by said paving 596
- read and postponed action regarding petition from property owners on Monroe Street requesting that Street be paved 596
- accepted Joseph Garrow's proposition to serve as consulting engineer in matter of paving, where he would receive \$10 per day for time actually employed and railroad fare; Mr. Garrow to work under instructions of Street Committee 596

**September 2, 1909**

- adjourned meeting for lack of quorum 597

**September 7, 1909**

- received and filed License Committee's special report on license affairs of City 597
- referred to Ordinance Committee matter of licensing Express Co.'s delivery wagons, vaudeville shows, and hotel busses 597
- instructed Engineer to employ no additional help in office without first consulting Street Committee 598
- read and referred to Ways and Means Committee reports of Police Judge and Chief of Police 598
- ordered that \$80.10 collected from gravel ferry be placed in General Fund 598
- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee matter of overflow of drinking fountain 598
- ordinance related to licensing of theaters read first time, amended, and read second and third times 598
- instructed Ordinance Committee to prepare ordinance on vaudeville theaters 599
- ordinance related to licensing of theaters read first time 599
- instructed Chief of Police to notify all persons in arrears on licenses that, unless same was paid immediately, they would be arrested at once 599
- referred to Attorney and Municipal Judge matter of codifying City ordinances; authorized to employ help as needed 599
- appointed committee to investigate parks and parking 599

**September 20, 1909**

- corrected September 7th minutes to indicate that ordinance related to licensing of theaters was adopted 1
- instructed Engineer to make necessary survey and description for annexation of certain new territory to City Limits and consult Attorney regarding matter 1
- read report of Fire, Light, and Water Committee and Health Committee regarding condemnation of certain buildings as being dangerous to public health and safety; report amended to include frame building of J. R. N. Bell; adopted and filed report 1
- asked Attorney to investigate legal right of condemnation of buildings and right to raze to ground condemned buildings 1
- adopted report of Committee of Streets recommending approval of petition for sidewalk on east side of Fourth Street between Monroe and Jackson Streets 1
- ordered construction of sidewalks at specific locations 1
- construction of necessary sidewalks at specific locations to be considered at future date 2
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, matter of crosswalk on north side of Van Buren Street on Tenth Street 2
- instructed Municipal Judge to notify R. H. Colbert to make necessary fill on east side of Fifth Street between Harrison and Tyler Streets 2
- instructed Engineer to cause to be constructed all sidewalks in city in need of repair and to have all sidewalks not on grade placed on right grade 2
- read Fire, Light, and Water Committee's statement regarding number of arc and incandescent lights in city; instructed Street Committee to report on number and location of new arc lights 2
- resolution adopted – declare as surplus property and direct sale at private sale Lots 11 and 12 in Block 11 in Original Town of Marysville; notice of sale to be published per City Charter; sale to be for cash; Council to confirm sale 2
- instructed Sewer Committee to investigate sewer condition on Knight's property and call for necessary plans and specifications 3

- ordinance adopted – repeal Ordinance No. 271 to amend ordinances regulating erection of buildings within fire limits 3
- ordinance adopted – amend ordinances prescribing fire limits 4
- resolution adopted – Charter provide that at second regular Council meeting after Charter became effective, Councilmen then in office should select among themselves by casting lots one Councilman for each wards created by the Charter, who would hold office until second Monday in July 1913; drawing of lots postponed until all Councilmen present; selected Councilman J. B. Irvine (Ward 1), Councilman G. U. Skeleton (Ward 2), and Eugene Simpson (Ward 3) to serve until second Monday in July 1913 4
- postponed action regarding Engineer Porter's request for privilege of devoting part of his time to schoolwork and that he be paid at daily rate for his services 5

### **September 23, 1909**

- read remonstrances against proposed improvements of Second Street from A Street to Polk Street and adjacent sections of intersecting streets – owners of 32.5 lots within assessment district remonstrated against making proposed improvements, and total area of property of said remonstrances constituted less than 20 percent of total area of property within the assessment district; heard testimony supporting remonstrances; overruled remonstrances; instructed Ordinance Committee to submit ordinance providing for making of proposed improvements 7
- Ordinance No. 286 adopted – provide for improvement of Second Street and sections of intersecting streets 7
- authorized Mayor and Chief of Police to employ additional help as needed 8
- elected W. A. Williamson as special night policeman 8
- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee petitions for lights on Monroe Street 8
- referred to Ordinance Committee, with instructions to act at once, matter of removing all closed doors and windows on business houses 8
- Councilman Osburn reported sidewalk needed on Sixth Street between Jefferson and Madison 8
- read and granted petition of Mr. Beck for sidewalks on west side of Block 14 in County Addition and on west side of Block 1 in Rayburn Addition 8

### **October 4, 1909**

- postponed action regarding J. N. McFadden's petition requesting privilege of constructing stairway and railing on sidewalk on Monroe Street abutting his hotel property and constructing stairway on same street 10
- ordinance adopted – grant J. N. McFadden right and privilege of using portion of walk situated on north side of Lot 7 in Block 5 in Original Town of Marysville for a basement stairway and right and privilege of placing and maintaining a glass surface in a portion of the sidewalk in front of north half of Lot 8 in said Block 10
- read and filed J. H. Harris' report of Water Commission for quarter just ended 10
- read and filed petition of John Ingle and others asking Council to re-consider previous action of ordering sidewalk construction on east side of Fourth Street between Monroe and Jackson Streets 11
- read and referred to Ordinance Committee, with instruction to confer with Attorney, petition from School District No. 9 asking Council to cause vacation of Seventh Street between Madison and Monroe Streets 11
- instructed Ordinance Committee to revise wood and cement sidewalk ordinances so they conformed to present needs and requirements 11
- Frank Groves requested crosswalk on south Van Buren Street at Sixth Street 11

- referred to Street Committee petition asking for opening of Jackson Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets and other streets in city 11
- communication from Water Commission regarding vacancies on Water Committee due to resignation of Virgil E. Watters and O. J. Blackledge; elected F. L. Miller and Victor P. Moses to fill vacancies 11
- read resignation of Engineer Fred Porter; accepted, on condition he retain position until successor chosen 11
- instructed Municipal Judge to notify property owners of buildings condemned by report of Fire, Light, and Water Committee, notifying them to remove same and clean up premises 11
- referred to Street Committee matter of nominating an Engineer 11
- Engineer filed report of survey of proposed annexation of territory to City Limits 11
- read and filed reports of Chief of Police and Municipal Judge 11
- referred to Municipal Judge matter of discussing with Southern Pacific Company having Company clean up the old depot 12

**October 5, 1909**

- Municipal Judge presented sealed bid of Warren Construction Company for improvement of Second Street and adjacent sections of intersecting streets, constituting Improvement District No. 1; this was only bid received in response to advertisement for bids; motion to return bid unopened lost; opened and filed bid; postponed further discussion of bid 13

**October 7, 1909**

- continued discussion of Warren Construction Company's bid for improvement of Second Street and adjacent sections of intersecting streets 14
- read and filed communication from Hassaur Paving Company 14
- Warren Construction Company, through its agent W. L. Archainbean(?) proposed to enter into contract to furnish material and improvements and perform labor necessary for improvement of portions of streets, according to plans and specifications on file with Municipal Judge and ordinance providing for improvements, except laying curb and constructing catch basins and inlets 14
- rejected bid submitted by Warren Construction Company 14
- resolution adopted – select Bitulithic pavement for improvement of Second Street and adjacent sections of intersecting streets 14
- accepted proposal of Warren Construction Committee, presented through its representative; directed Mayor and Municipal Judge to enter into contract with Company for improvement of specified streets; postponed construction of catch basins on curbs on said streets 15
- filed correspondence presented by Frank Groves and previously read 15
- referred to Attorney matter of allowing Cooper and Newton privilege of constructing corrugated iron building on Adams Street between Second and Third Streets 15
- Councilman Robinson, on behalf of H. M. Stone(?) presented controversy between Mr. Stone(?) and Carver(?) regarding removal of prune(?) dryer on Water Street; referred to Street Committee 15
- asked Ordinance Committee to have drafted ordinance regulating issuance of building permits 15
- referred to Street Committee matter of constructing a woodshed for City Hall 15

**October 18, 1909**

- corrected earlier minutes to indicate report of Fire, Light, and Water Committee regarding number of arc and incandescent lights in city was referred to same Committee, matter of communicating with S. P. R. R. Co. concerning removal of old depot was referred to Mayor, resolution adopted requesting Engineer Fred Porter prepare plans and specifications for improvement of certain streets, and resolution adopted deeming it expedient and necessary to improve certain streets and scheduling date and time to consider written remonstrances against improvements; City to pay 15 percent of improvement costs from monies to be raised by issuance and disposal of bonds, as provided in City Charter, and transfer to special fund created for defraying cost of improvements; 85 percent of improvement costs paid by and assessed upon property specially and peculiarly benefitted thereby, according to relative benefits of improvement to the parcels of property so benefitted – assessed amounts not to exceed special and peculiar benefits from improvement; City to maintain roadway for ten years; appoint date and time to consider written remonstrances against making improvement; direct Municipal Judge to give notice of Council's intention to make proposed improvements, as provided by City Charter 16
- further corrected earlier minutes to indicate that Cooper & Newton's request for a corrugated iron building within fire limits was not allowed 19
- adopted Street Committee's report on controversy between H. M. Stone and Stephen Carver 19
- directed that all bills against City be read at first Council meeting of each month and be considered for approval at the next regular meeting 19
- instructed Municipal Judge to answer communication of Ruberoid Company concerning painting of City Hall roof 19
- referred to Street Committee Mr. Hasting's application as Engineer 19
- Councilman Osburn reported that plans and specifications were prepared for lateral sewer in block between First and Second Streets and Van Buren and Harrison 20
- Mayor noted need to investigate open ditch in rear of Horning property 20
- Ordinance Committee requested more time to report regarding ordinance concerning building permits 20
- postponed action regarding motion for Ordinance Committee to secure other legal assistance when Attorney lacked time to prepared desired ordinances 20
- W. K. Taylor spoke in favor of at least part of his farm being included in proposed extension of City Limits 20

**November 1, 1909**

- Engineer Fred Porter asked that his salary be increased to \$100 per month, if he was to continue as Engineer 21
- received majority and minority reports of Fire, Light, and Water Committee regarding placing additional arc lights in city; approved substituting minority report for majority report 21
- appointed special committee to confer with Fire, Light, and Water Committee regarding placing additional arc lights in city 21
- Councilman Cordley reported his investigation regarding parking in various cities; granted further time to continue investigation 21
- Mr. McAlister and another member of the junior and sophomore classes said the classes wanted to pay for all damage done to fire hose, which classes took from the department to the college grounds; referred matter to Fire, Light, and Water Committee, with power to adjust differences and assess damage 22
- instructed Street Committee to continue constructing crosswalks per Committee policy previously followed 22

- authorized Municipal Judge to employ additional help as needed to record in Ordinance Book all unrecorded ordinances 22
- motion to allow Municipal Judge salary of \$50 per month lost 22
- approved Engineer proceeding to secure necessary grades for sidewalk on east side of Fourth Street between Monroe and Jackson Streets 22
- motion to raise Attorney's salary to \$100 per month ruled out of order – Charter required resolution to raise salary 22

**November 8, 1909**

- gave Fire, Light, and Water Committee further time to confer with special committee regarding placing additional arc lights in city 26
- read communication of Cornelia Marvin(?), Secretary of State Library Commission, regarding literature the Commission had regarding roads and civic improvements, which would be furnished the City by paying freight on same 26
- read, verified, and filed petition of 149 qualified electors requesting election to annex territory 26
- resolution adopted – establish salary of Attorney at \$100 per month, commencing November 13, 1909, salary of Municipal Judge at \$50 per month 28
- Councilman Gray said work of clearing college ditch should extend two blocks farther west from south boundary of college grounds; Street Committee had not agreed on the matter; referred matter to Street Committee, with power to act 28
- Councilman Skelton referenced condition of water spout on southwest corner of City Hall 28
- ordinance adopted – submit to electors a proposed change in boundaries of City and call an election; amendment to exclude college grounds lost 28
- motion to adjourn lost 29
- resolution adopted – establish salary of Municipal Judge at \$60 per month, commencing November 15, 1909 29

**November 15, 1909**

- gave further time to Fire, Light, and Water Committee and special committee regarding matter of additional arc lights in city 31
- gave Fire, Light, and Water Committee further time to collect assessed damages for hose damaged by members of junior and sophomore classes of O. A. C – damage: \$50, repairs: \$6 31
- accepted minority and majority reports of Fire, Light, and Water Committee regarding bill of Corvallis Water Commission for water rent to City 32
- read and referred to Street Committee petition for sidewalk between Washington and A Streets on Seventh Street 32
- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee petition for a building for Co. B of Fire Department for housing fire apparatus 32
- read petition of School District No. 9 for vacation of Seventh Street between Madison and Monroe Streets; scheduled hearing of objections to petition 33
- read and filed communication of Mayor protesting raise of salary of Municipal Judge to \$60 per month and suggesting the raise of salary of Attorney to \$100 per month for limited time was not out of place 33
- referred to special committee in charge of printing the City Charter, with power to act, matter of forwarding City warrant ordered drawn in favor of Dunham Printing Co. 33
- Councilman Skelton referenced condition of sidewalk abutting Fishers property adjacent to College Ditch 33
- authorized Street Committee to have constructed cement sidewalk on south side of City Park Block in Job's Addition 33

- Sewer Committee referenced condition of certain alleys through which sewers were constructed 33
- referred to Health Committee question of a dumping ground for the City's refuse matter 33
- instructed Municipal Judge to secure a new ordinance book 33
- referred to Ordinance Committee, with instructions to prepare necessary ordinances, matter of regulating driving of cattle, sheep, and other stock through streets of city 33

**December 6, 1909**

- corrected November 15th minutes to indicate that matter of re-adjusting license of peanut and popcorn vendors was referred to License Committee 34
- Committee on Streets and Public Property reported it had arranged for repairs of City Hall roof and had rented "Old Gazette" building to ladies of Episcopal church for \$10 for period of December 6-24 34
- confirmed rental of "Old Gazette" building 34
- Health Committee reported that A. W. Fisher consented to further use of land adjacent to his mill property for dumping ground for City, provided all matter be dumped over the ??? and against the jetty 34
- Street Committee reported the smokehouse of Charles Hout's butcher shop on Monroe Street was in a dangerous condition; referred to Committee, with power to act 34
- approved all contract salary bills be allowed the first of each month 35
- referred to Council for consideration bill of Sheriff Gellatly for team hire in attempting to capture J. C. Donovan on a City warrant 35
- adopted License Committee's report that no license be issued for draying and teaming within city for a shorter period than one quarter 35
- Davie Grier stated he thought the license of peanut and popcorn vendors in the city was too high 35
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, Engineer Kratz's report that he examined City Hall roof around cupola and found the roof was damaged by persons walking on the roof 35
- ordinance related to driving of stock through streets read first time, amended, and read second time 35
- ordinance to regulate certain places of business read first and second times 36
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, report that E. W. Fisher consented to furnish necessary material for construction of sidewalk on part of west side of 12th Street between Monroe and Jackson Streets if City would furnish necessary labor 36
- read and instructed Municipal Judge to answer communication from Ladies Auxiliary of Commercial Club 37
- referred to Street Committee, with power to act, matter of E. W. Fisher's consent to furnish necessary material for construction of sidewalk on part of west side of 12th Street between Monroe and Jackson Streets, if City would furnish necessary labor 37
- Fire, Light, and Water Committee reported that Benton County Lumber Co. would furnish necessary lumber for \$90 and Occidental Lumber Company offered \$86 for securing suitable quarters for Co. B of Fire Department; referred matter to same Committee to ascertain probable cost of cement block building 37
- Mayor referenced danger of runaway(?) team belonging to Hout's butcher shop and suggested that measures be taken to protect the public 37

**December 16, 1909**

- mayor read annual message, per City Charter; ordered Municipal Judge to have message typewritten and supplied to each Council member 38

- resolution adopted – set forth attitude of Council regarding construction of certain main sewers in east(?) city and lighting of said territory and pledging assistance of Council in extension of water mains of City 38
- George Fuller expressed willingness to dedicate land for 13th Street between Jackson and Van Buren Streets to City, provided City would pay him \$350 for his interest in the land affected by the proposed dedication 39
- resolution adopted – open 13th Street between Jackson and Van Buren Streets 39

**December 20, 1909**

- met to canvass votes of special election regarding annexing property into City Limits – majority of voters in territory proposed for annexation and in city approved annexation 40
- resolution adopted – declare that specific territory was annexed into City Limits and was part of corporation; direct Municipal Judge to transmit to Secretary of State a certified description of annexed territory and abstract of votes cast at election, showing whole number of electors voting in territory and in corporation, number of votes cast in each for annexation and against annexation 41

**December 20, 1909 (second meeting of same date)**

- corrected December 6th minutes to indicate that City was furnishing necessary labor in construction of sidewalk on north half of 12th Street on west side between Monroe and Jackson Streets because old sidewalk was removed under Street Committee's direction in clearing College Ditch; also that new walk was to be constructed on south end of said street by E. W. Fisher(?) 46
- corrected December 16th minutes regarding resolution votes 46
- Fire, Light, and Water Committee reported that cost of building a cement building for Co. B (same size as frame buildings previously considered by Council) was \$310; Committee recommended frame building and bid of Benton County Lumber Co. (\$90 for lumber, etc. and \$16 for hardware); instructed Engineer to correspond with other cities regarding suitable plans for such buildings and confer with Committee 46
- received and adopted Ways and Means Committee's report regarding better system of accounts between various City officers (Treasurer, Municipal Judge, and Chief of Police) 47
- instructed Engineer to prepare letter for distribution among contractors in cement curbing stating the nature and character of said curbing and mail the letters to various contractors, asking that bids be filed by February 1, 1910 47
- referred to Fire, Light, and Water Committee for investigation, matter of condition of certain streets due to failure of Water Commission to make proper fillings(?) in digging ditches across said streets in laying water pipes 47
- approved Attorney and Engineer proceeding to take necessary legal steps for opening 13th Street between Jackson and Van Buren Streets and Municipal Judge notifying George Fuller, in writing, of Council's action 47
- motion to approve Committee on Streets and public Property proceeding to rent "Old City Hall" building for term of years (*not specified*) ruled out of order – building and property were advertised for sale, and Municipal Judge had not reported on said sale 48
- rejected petition of School District No. 9 to vacate Seventh Street between Madison and Monroe Streets 48
- ordinance adopted – regulate certain places of business 48
- gave Engineer supervision of gravel ferry so management of same "might be in harmony" with new system of accounting just adopted 48

**December 30, 1909**

- received budget of Ways and Means Committee and recommendation that tax levy for year 1910 be 6 2/3 mills per dollar of taxable property 50
- committee representing ??? meeting of citizens concerned for devising ways and means for a more-efficient Fire Department spoke to Council, urging Council to take action necessary to have, as soon as possible, a better fire department and indicating ??? committee's sense that levy should be maximum rate, with surplus funds being used for fire department 50
- adopted Ways and Means Committee's report 50
- amended Ways and Means Committee's report by making tax rate for ensuing year seven mills per dollar 50
- adopted amended Ways and Means Committee's report 50
- Councilmen expressed "favorable attitude" toward helping, in all manner possible, the Fire Department 51
- resolution adopted – levy tax of seven mills per dollar upon all real and personal property not exempt from taxation and assessable within city for payment during ensuing fiscal year of all properly authorized demands upon treasury of City; two mills of tax rate to be apportioned for maintenance, preservation, and repair of streets, to be known as Street Repair Fund," and balance of money to constitute "General Fund" for all municipal purposes; direct Municipal Judge to notify, in writing, Benton County Court Clerk of rate per ??? of tax levy by January 1, 1910 51
- resolution adopted – instruct Municipal Judge to notify, in writing, immediately each and every physician practicing in city of provisions of Chapter 70 of Session Laws of 1907 regarding their duty to, upon ascertaining the presence of small pox, typhus fever, diphtheria, membranous(?) cough, or scarlet fever, in any place, room of house of city, cause to be placed in a conspicuous place the proper quarantine time card or flag and designate on said card or flag the disease existing in said place, also their duty to prohibit entrance or exit from such place without written permission from health officer and request all City physicians to scrupulously observe all of the provisions of said law 52