

CHARTER SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF VERNONIA.

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ing and establishing the boundary lines of such blocks, streets and tracts and to have plats made of the same and to adopt such plats as the official plats of the city.

Section —. To provide for the printing and publishing of the charter of the City of Vernonia, and any or all ordinances of the city in pamphlet or book form and to provide for the printing of any other matter that the council may deem necessary or expedient to have published.

Section —. To control and regulate the manner of constructing awnings and advertising signs and sidewalks, and to compel repairs and changes in signs, awnings and sidewalks already constructed at the cost of the owner or owners thereof.

Section —. To regulate and control the construction and location of all telegraph, electric light and telephone poles and telegraph and telephone and electric light lines, and all electric and other apparatus for lighting streets, parks and public buildings of the City, and the laying of water and gas mains and pipes.

Section —. To levy a license on dogs and other domestic animals within the City and to enforce the collection of the same, and to kill or otherwise dispose of dogs and other domestic animals when such license is not paid; and to provide a fine for keeping same or any of the same without paying said license.

Section —. To build culverts, bridges and sewers and maintain same.

Section —. To take, purchase and sell real estate when sold for City taxes or for any improvement ordered by the Common Council and to sell and dispose of the same.

Section —. To prohibit or suppress gaming, gaming houses, gambling houses or bawdy houses.

Section —. To enact any and all such ordinances, by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of this State or of the United States as shall be needful to the peace, good order, health, cleanliness, ornament, prosperity and general welfare of the City, and secure the protection of persons and property therein.

Section —. To provide by ordinance for the summary closing of bawdy houses, gambling houses and all places by the Common Council declared to be nuisances, whether such nuisances arises by reason of immoral acts or unsanitary conditions.

Section —. To establish and regulate market houses and places.

Section —. To regulate the speed of bicycles, tricycles, motorcycles, vehicles, automobiles, locomotives, steam cars, electric cars, or any other cars operated in any manner whatever and to provide a punishment for exceeding such speed limit; to suppress and prohibit all unnecessary blowing of whistles of locomotives and engines at machine shops and factories and upon moving trains and to provide a punishment therefor.

Section —. To regulate the driving of stock through or upon the streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of the city and to punish violation of such regulations; and to prohibit stock running at large.

Section —. To construct, operate and maintain an electric or other light plant, to erect poles, wires and fixtures necessary to supply said city and the inhabitants thereof with light and power, with the power and authority to operate the same, and to issue, sell and dispose of such bonds as may be necessary to pay for the construction thereof.

Section —. To regulate the driving of stock through or upon the streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of the city and to punish violation of such regulations; and to prohibit stock running at large.

Section —. To provide from time to time such apparatus as may be necessary for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the city.

Section —. The City Council shall have exclusive control and direction of all that portion of the funds collected under the general laws of Oregon for the improvement of roads and streets within the corporate limits of the City, as required by law to be apportioned by the County Court to the various road districts, and the Council may appoint a superintendent of streets or other officer who shall perform the duties of a road supervisor as required by the laws of the State of Oregon but such officer shall report to and be under the direction of the City Council and not the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon. The compensation and term of office of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section —. The Council may at any regular meeting approve all bills and accounts which have been properly checked and audited and may order the same paid in the following manner, to-wit: either by warrant regularly and duly drawn on the City Treasurer for the exact amount of each individual account, or in lieu thereof the Council may order a warrant drawn on the City Treasurer for the aggregate amount of all bills ordered paid (not including any bill in excess of \$25.00 in amount), which warrant the Treasurer may present for cash payment to the regular depository of the City and shall use the funds so drawn to pay any and all bills covered by said warrant, taking proper receipt for all such cash payments.

Chapter —.

Water.

Section —. The Common Council shall have power to provide, construct, furnish and maintain for said city a complete water system, and have control and charge of the same, and do all things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter.

Section —. The Common Council may from time to time prescribe rules and regulations for the government of their agents and servants; and for the management of the water system, both during the process of construction and after the same has been completed.

Section —. All money received by the said city to be used for the water system and all money received for water or in any way arising from the water system or which may properly belong to the water system shall be immediately turned over to the Treasurer of the said city and by him placed in the water fund, and the same shall be paid out in same manner as other funds of the City are paid out.

Section —. To construct, operate and maintain a street railway plant, either electric or otherwise, with power and authority to operate the same, and to issue, sell and dispose of such bonds as may be necessary to pay for the construction thereof.

Section —. To prescribe the width of sidewalks; and to designate the width of parking strip between the sidewalk and the street of the city.

Section —. To prevent steam and electric railway companies from allowing their cars, engines or trains to stand upon or blockade any of the street, avenues, lanes, alleys, ways or intersections thereof in the city of Vernonia.

Section —. To restrain and punish intoxication, fighting and quarreling on the streets or within the city and to prohibit disturbance of any kind in any public place and of any unlawful or indecent practices to define what shall constitute the same.

Section —. To purchase, take and hold real property whenever the same shall be sold for delinquent taxes or assessments levied or imposed under the authority of the City of Vernonia and to bargain, sell and convey such property so acquired.

Section —. To provide for the survey of the blocks, streets, and contracts of the city and for the marking in whole or in part the assess-

ment therefor shall be had as is provided by Sections — to —, inclusive, of this charter; and said lien shall be collected in the manner provided in this charter for the collection of delinquent assessment liens.

Section —. Should the council declare that the cost of any proposed sewer, drain, sidewalk or the improvement of any street or streets shall be paid out of the general fund, such sewer, drain, sidewalk or street improvement may be constructed, laid down or repaired as the ordinance may provide and paid for accordingly.

Section —. In the construction of any sewer or drain the City of Vernonia shall have the right to use and divert from its natural course any and all creeks running through the city into said sewer or drain.

The council has power and is authorized to, whenever it may deem it expedient or necessary to provide a complete system of sewerage for said city, to lay down, construct and repair sewers or drains outside the corporate limits of said city, to regulate the manner of such construction, and to expend the funds of said city therefor as if the same were constructed, laid down or repaired within said corporate limits; provided, the bidders, with regard to bonds and securities and guarantees of good faith and responsibility of the bidders, as to insure the faithful completion of the work in strict accordance with the specifications therefor; and to make all rules and regulations concerning the same that may be considered advantageous to the City, such contract to be let to the lowest and best responsible bidder for either the whole or part thereof or for such part thereof as will not materially conflict with the completion of the remaining portion. The Council shall have power to fix the time in which every such improvement shall be completed, and it may extend such time, should the completion of the remaining portion be delayed by circumstances warrant. The Council may also provide for the proper inspection and supervision of all work done under the provisions of this chapter.

Section —. Whenever any street improvement is completed in whole or in part to the satisfaction of the Surveyor or any other person or persons appointed by the Council to oversee and superintend such work, he or they shall file with the Recorder a certificate of such completion and his or their approval of such work so completed. The Recorder shall thereupon post a notice of such completion in three public places in the city for a period of five days, or publish same in one issue of some newspaper published in Columbia County, Oregon, stating therein that a certificate of the completion of said work has been filed, and stating when the acceptance thereof will be considered by the Council. Thereafter and at any time prior to the date specified in said notice for the hearing of the same, any owner of any interest in, or the agent of any property to be affected by the assessment for the payment of said improvement, may file his objections, if any, to the acceptance of said work, and such objections shall be considered and the merits thereof determined by the Council, and the decision of the Council thereon shall be conclusive.

Section —. Whenever any street improvement or the construction, reconstruction or repair of any sewer or drain, properly chargeable under this Act to each of said lots, blocks or parcels of land, including reasonable attorney's fees for maintaining the same.

Section —. If any such action instituted, all persons whose property is or would be so liable for the payment of any such proportion of the assessment aforesaid, may be joined as party defendants in one action, and the judgment rendered therein shall be a several judgment against each of said defendants for his proportion of such assessment and costs and disbursements and attorney fees, and a lien therefor shall be deemed upon the premises liable of assessed for such improvements, sewer or drains, and such lien shall be a first lien prior and superior to all others except for taxes and other liens in favor of the City of Vernonia, and the general laws of the State of Oregon, governing actions at law and service of summons shall apply in such action.

Section —. No record need be kept of the mailing of any notice prescribed to be mailed in connection with any of the proceedings in relation to the improvement of any street or construction or repair of any sewer or the assessment of property therefor; and the failure to mail or mistake in the mailing of, or a mistake in any such notice shall not be fatal when notice is published or posted when notice is published or posted as herein required.

Section —. In any action, suit or proceeding in any court concerning any assessment of property, or levy of taxes, authorized by this Charter, or the collection of such tax or proceeding consequent theron, such assessment, levy, consequent proceedings and all proceedings connected therewith, shall be presumed to be regular, and to have been duly done or taken until the contrary is shown.

Section —. Neither the City of Vernonia nor any officer thereof or person employed by the City shall be liable for any portion of the cost or expense of any street improvement or for the construction, reconstruction or repair of any sewer or drain by reason of the delinquency of persons or property assessed for the payment of said work, but the contractors doing such work shall be required to look wholly to the property affected by such improvement, and to the owners thereof except when the Council at the time of awarding the contract for such improvement or for the construction, reconstruction or repair of any sewer or drain by reason of the delinquency of persons or property assessed for the payment of said work, but the contractors doing such work shall be required to look wholly to the property affected by such improvement, and to the owners thereof except when the Council at the time of awarding the contract for such improvement or for the construction, reconstruction or repair of any sewer 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