

PROPOSED CHARTER PRESENTED TO LEGAL VOTERS

For the benefit of legal voters who may not have time to devote careful study to the proposed charter, the Observer will from time to time present sections of the proposed commission form of government. In this way the voters can absorb portions of the charter each day and probably become additionally acquainted with the provisions of the document. Today presents the last installment.

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upon each lot or part thereof of such property for the taxes levied thereon, together with the fees of officers, the expense of advertising and sale and selling it separately.

Section 11. When real property is sold for delinquent taxes of assessments, the Chief of Police shall make and deliver to the purchaser, upon the payment to him of fifty cents for the benefit of the city, a certificate of sale therefor, and thereafter, if such sale be of real property and the same be not redeemed, a deed shall be executed by the Chief of Police to the purchaser thereof or to his assigns, at the expiration of the time for redemption. The purchaser shall be entitled to the possession of said property from the day of sale.

Section 12. Real property sold for delinquent taxes or assessments may be redeemed within three years after the sale, upon the payment of the amount of the taxes, penalty, interest accrued up to the time of sale, the expenses of sale and interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum from the day of sale.

Section 13. Whenever any property sold for delinquent taxes shall bring more than the amount of such taxes, the penalty and interest, and the costs and charges of collection, the surplus must be paid to the Treasurer, and the person executing the warrant must take a receipt therefor, and file the same with the Commission on the return of the warrant. At any time within six years thereafter the owner of the property sold, or his legal representative, is entitled upon demand to a warrant on the Treasurer for such surplus.

Section 14. In all cases of sales of property for delinquent taxes, the true consideration thereof shall be expressed in the certificate of sale therefor, and the return of the officer executing the warrant must express the consideration and the name of the purchaser.

Section 15. The commission may provide within what time a warrant for collection of delinquent taxes of assessments may be returned, and may order an alias warrant to issue for the collection of any such taxes or assessments not made on a previous warrant. All costs and charges for collecting delinquent taxes or assessments must be made on the warrant and collected as a part of the taxes of assessments. The Commission may prescribe fees and compensation for collecting delinquent taxes, but the same shall in no wise be paid out of the Treasury.

Section 16. All real property shall be subject to levy and sale for the collection of delinquent taxes by local assessment, whether the same is exempted from general taxation by the Constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, or not.

No property shall be sold for less than the assessments or taxes assessed against it, and if such amount is not bid, the Chief of Police or officer executing the warrant shall strike the same off to the city for said amount, and issue to the city a certificate of sale therefor. The Recorder may thereafter, when authorized by the Commission, assign such certificate to any one paying therefor the price that is required for the redemption of said property, and the Recorder may thereafter, under the direction of the Commission, once each year, until the city obtains a deed, advertise and offer said certificates for sale, but in no case shall he sell for less than the amount required to redeem said property until the city obtains a deed, and annually thereafter he shall advertise the land for sale, and shall sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, irrespective of the amount of taxes charged against the same. The deed of the Chief of Police conveying real property sold for taxes on account of local improvements, shall be prima facie evidence of the regularity of said proceedings, and no action, suit or proceedings shall be brought to set aside the same without first tendering to the purchaser or his assigns the amount of the taxes, penalty, interest, costs and expenses of sale.

Section 17. For the purpose of assessments and collection of road taxes, the territory within the corporate limits of the City of La Grande is hereby constituted a road district of Union County, Oregon, and the Street Superintendent or other officer of the city who has charge of the repair of the streets and highways within said city, is hereby made Road Supervisor for said district, and all taxes for road purposes within the corporate limits of said city, when collected, shall be paid to the Treasurer of said city, and the same shall be kept by him in a separate fund for road and street purposes within said district, and shall be paid out by him upon warrants on said fund by order of the Commission of said city.

CHAPTER X. OF MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Fiscal Year.

Section 1. The fiscal year of the City shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December, same year.

Licenses; Limitations.

Section 2. Obtaining a license from Union County, shall not exempt one from paying a license to the city of La Grande for like business or occupation. No license shall be granted for vending, dealing in, or in any manner disposing of, any spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors to be drunk on the premises, within four hundred feet, measured on street lines, of any block on which a public school building is situated within the city of La Grande; nor shall there be licensed or permitted, more than ten such places where such liquor is to be disposed of, until the population of the city reaches eight thousand inhabitants, and thereafter there shall be no more than one such place licensed for each eight hundred inhabitants.

Enacting Clause of Ordinances; Warrants.

Section 3. The enacting clause of every ordinance shall be: "THE CITY OF LA GRANDE does ordain as follows." And all warrants issued, either by the Recorder or in the Municipal Court, shall run in the name of the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

The Initiative and Referendum.

Section 4. All municipal legislation of the City of La Grande shall be subject to the Initiative and Referendum and the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Oregon upon these subjects, are hereby extended to and adopted by, this Charter as the method of carrying into effect the powers of the legal voters of the City of La Grande, affecting municipal legislation within its limits. When any such matter so adopted as aforesaid shall be certified by the City Recorder, the Commission shall put the same into effect by proclamation.

Of the Recall.

Section 5. Every elective officer of the City of La Grande is subject, as herein provided, to recall by the legal voters of the City of La Grande, upon filing a petition with the Recorder, demanding the recall of such officer, equal to not less than twenty-five per cent. of the total number of votes cast for the reasons for said demand. If the officer sought to be recalled shall tender to the Recorder his resignation, it shall be accepted, and take effect on the day it is offered, and the vacancy shall be filled, as provided heretofore in this Charter. If said officer shall not resign within five days after the petition for his recall is filed, the Recorder shall call a special election in said city within twenty days thereafter to determine whether the legal voters will recall said officer. Said officer shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the result of said election shall officially declare, which if a majority vote is for recall, the office is at once vacant. The office may, however, be sooner determined by legal proceedings, which may vacate the same sooner than the election which shall vacate the same. Other candidate or candidates for the office may be nominated to be voted for at said special election, in the manner prescribed by this Charter.

Official Undertakings.

Section 6. The Commission shall by ordinance fix the amount of the official undertaking of each and every officer of the city, and of every other person who may be required by this Charter, or by ordinance to execute and file an official bond; provided, that such undertaking shall be given in a suitable and sufficient sum and manner, and provided fur-

ther, that an approved indemnity bonding company upon such undertaking may be accepted as surety therefor.

Bonds of Subordinates.

Section 7. Every officer may require of his deputies, clerks or employees, bonds of indemnity, with sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of their duties, the penalties in which shall be prescribed by ordinance. Every officer shall be liable to the city on his official undertaking or bond for the acts and omissions of his deputies, assistants, clerks and employees appointed by him, and of any and each of them, and every official undertaking or bond shall contain such condition or provision.

Prohibitions of Officers and Employees.

Section 8. No Commissioner or other officer or employee of the city shall be or become directly or indirectly interested in, or in the performance of, any contract for the supply of labor or material to the city, or in the sale of any article, the price or consideration of which, is payable from the city treasury, or in the purchase or lease of any real estate or other property belonging to or to be taken by the city, or which shall be sold for taxes or assessments or by virtue of legal processes at the suit of the city. And in case any officer or employee of the city shall be interested personally as a promoter or stockholder in any firm or corporation, in any grant or privilege or franchise sought by himself or his associates or such firm or corporation from the City of La Grande, or any public utility which is sought to be acquired by the city, or which is offered for sale or lease by the city, such officer or employee shall be incapacitated to take any part in the negotiations or proceedings connected with the giving or granting of such grant, privilege or franchise; but such negotiations or proceedings and acts as would otherwise be conducted by such officer or employee shall be conducted and done on behalf of the City of La Grande by such officer and employee as would have done and conducted the same in the absence of such interested officer or employee. If any officer or person in this section designated shall violate the provisions of this section in any manner, he shall forfeit his office, and all such contracts, grants, privileges or franchises, in the hands of others, except a purchaser without notice for value, shall be void.

Limit of Contracts.

Section 9. Any contract entered into for or on behalf of the City of La Grande, for a longer period than five (5) years, shall be null and void.

Annual Budget Shall Be Made.

Section 10. On the third Monday in December in each year the Commission shall make and file a complete budget of actual revenues to be derived from all sources for the ensuing year, and from the total of that estimate, deduct the total of all fixed charges, with an estimate of all proposed expenditures by the Commission for such ensuing year, which shall be restricted to the balance found. Any liability incurred by the Commission to be paid in any fiscal year, which singly or in the aggregate, shall be in excess of the revenues for such year shall be null and void. Any warrant or other evidence of indebtedness, except upon special assessment funds and judgments against the city, unless there is money in the Treasury duly appropriated and applicable to the payment of the same upon immediate presentation or issued contrary to the provisions of this section, shall be null and void.

Expenditures of Money, How Made.

Section 11. No debt shall be contracted in excess of the estimated revenue, nor shall money be expended or payment made from the funds of the city, except assessment funds, until a specific appropriation shall be made therefor, and an ordinance making an appropriation of money, which shall contain no provision on any other subject, except as otherwise provided hereip; but in case of an emergency or unforeseen calamity, the Commission may borrow by giving a note or notes or in the issuance of bonds or otherwise, a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), but not in any event for ordinary indebtedness or purpose. The Commission may also call by ordinance an election to determine whether the City shall incur an indebtedness, and such ordinance shall be passed not less than thirty (30) days prior to such election, and shall set out the terms of the proposed indebtedness and upon two-thirds of those persons who are qualified electors of said city and who shall vote at such election being in favor of authorizing the proposed indebtedness, the Commission may then contract the same. Any Commissioner voting to incur indebtedness in excess of the amount estimated, or as authorized by this Charter shall upon trial and conviction therefor, but punished by a fine not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and shall forfeit his office as Commissioner.

Public Statements.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to publish in some newspaper of the city, statements of the financial condition of the city, once each month, verified by his certificate.

Favoritism Prohibited.

Section 13. Any officer of the city, who shall aid or assist a bidder in securing a contract to furnish labor, material or supplies, or permit the same to be done, when in his power to prevent, at a higher price than that proposed by any other bidder, or who shall favor one bidder over another, either by giving or withholding information or otherwise; or who shall wilfully mislead any bidder in regard to the character of the material or supplies called for, or who shall knowingly accept materials or supplies of a quality inferior to that called for by the contract, or who shall knowingly certify to a greater amount of labor performed than has been actually performed, or to receipt for a greater amount or different kinds of material or supplies than has actually been received, or knowingly permits the same to be done when in his power to prevent the same, shall be deemed guilty of malfeasance and shall be punished by a fine not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, and shall be removed from office.

Bonded Indebtedness.

Section 14. The City of La Grande shall not have power to issue its bonds for any purpose or to incur any indebtedness in excess of ten (10) per cent. of the taxable property within the city, the amount thereof to be ascertained from the last preceding assessment made for County and State purposes.

Succession of Property Interests, Contracts, Ordinances and Indebtedness, Continued in Force.

Section 15. All property, real and personal, rights, privileges and immunities, together with all books, papers, records, deeds, patents, moneys, accounts and everything now held possessed and enjoyed by the City of La Grande at the taking effect of this Charter shall by the operation of this Charter and by law, pass to and be held, possessed, retained and enjoyed by the City under this Charter, and all contracts heretofore entered into by said City of La Grande, are hereby continued in full force and effect as though granted by the City of La Grande under this Charter; and all bonded and other legal indebtedness incurred by said city of La Grande and in full force and effect at the taking effect of this Charter, shall be and is continued in full force and effect under this Charter, and all ordinances and resolutions, and orders not in conflict with the provisions of this Charter, which were in force at the taking effect of this Charter shall remain in full force and effect by this Charter, except that where this Charter prescribes the method of performing an act, such method herein is exclusive and repeals any ordinance, resolution or order prescribing any other, different or additional method.

Proof of Ordinances.

Section 16. In all judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings in this state either in a Police Court, or in any state or Federal Court holden therein, in a copy of any ordinance or resolution or records or proceedings, certified to by the Recorder shall be competent evidence of the provisions and passage of such ordinance or resolution or adoption of such records.

Conveyance of Real Property.

Section 17. All instruments conveying real property belonging to the said City shall be signed by the Commissioners, attested by the Recorder and the seal of said city affixed thereto, and shall be acknowledged by said signatory officers, witnessed and recorded as required by the general laws of the State of Oregon. No conveyance, not thus executed, acknowledged, witnessed and recorded, shall have any validity whatever as against the city.

Succession of Officers.

Section 18. The incumbents in office of the City of La Grande, when this Charter shall take effect, shall hold their respective offices until the election and qualification of Commissioners as in this Charter provided, and upon the election and qualification of said Commissioners the terms of all incumbents in office under the former Charter shall cease, determine and be deemed vacated.

This Charter in Effect.

Section 19. This CHARTER, shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority of the legal votes cast at the election called for its adoption or rejection, by the legal voters of La Grande, Oregon, and be and continue in full force and effect thereafter until legally amended or repealed.

Former Charters Repealed.

Section 20. All Charters of the City of La Grande, and all legislative acts for the incorporation of the City of La Grande, are hereby repealed.

Classified Directory

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

**A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons.
GEO. E. COCHRAN, W. M.
A. C. WILLIAMS, Sec.**

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**O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 18, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.
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