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## COUNCIL GIVES EXPLANATION

### Enlightens Voters on Proposed Charter

#### EXTENDED REPLY TO REMONSTRANCE

#### Asks Legal Voters of the City to Consider Charter Carefully

To the Legal Voters of the City of Redmond:

Realizing the importance and necessity of the city having a charter granting unto the city the power to make improvements and to provide funds therefor, the common council of Redmond have for the past four months devoted itself diligently to the work of examining most of the various charters now in force in Oregon. With the assistance and by the advice of the city attorney, and pursuant to a resolution of the common council, a charter has been drafted and will be submitted to the legal voters of Redmond for their approval or rejection on the 14th day of March, 1911, said charter having been filed in the office of the city recorder on January 10, 1911, as required by the provisions of Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution of the state of Oregon, and amendments thereto, requiring said proposed charter to be filed with the city recorder at least 60 days before being voted on.

It has been truly said, that nothing made by human hands or conceived by the brain of man is perfect, therefore, we do not think we are placing a Charter before the voters that will require no change in the future. We know that the present charter could be submitted to either 10 or 500 attorneys and the result would be, beyond peradventure, 10 or 500 amendments, with the probabilities of having them all different.

It has been the ideal and constant endeavor of your council to give to Redmond what, in their judgment, they consider the best sections of the various charters examined, sections that have been upheld by the decisions of the Oregon supreme court.

Your council further believes that a centralized administrative power would be beneficial for the peace and conduct of our city, and with that end in view have framed this section to conform as near as possible to the Commission form of government, which, wherever it has been adopted, has proven to be the best form of city government in the United States.

The form provides for the election (only) of the city executive officers, and the appointment of all subordinate officers, or those who are under salary, including city treasurer, recorder, police chief, street superintendent, attorney and surveyor.

At the regular meeting of the common council held on February 15th, a petition was presented recommending changes or substituting new sections for sections 4, 19, 28 and 34 to 39, and to strike out section 57 and all of paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of section 8, except the last three lines of paragraph 11, also to have the charter take effect thirty days after its adoption by the electors.

The attorneys for the petitioners stated to the council that the only serious objection to the adoption of the charter as a whole was to sections 4 and 19.

The council, in examining the proposed changes, disposes of said changes for the following reasons:

First. That to embody said proposed changes in the charter would not only require the drafting of a new charter, new printing of same, but would require a new ordinance and the filing of

said new charter with the city recorder 60 days before the time set for and the calling of a new election.

Second. The holding of an election for city officers in connection with the voting on a new city charter, would be illegal, as no provisions have been made under the Code of Oregon or the ordinances of the City of Redmond, giving a warrant of law to cover such a contingency. (The charter could, however, have provided a given date in the future after the adoption of the proposed new charter for the holding of an election for city officers). But as the city has been put to the expense of holding two city elections within six months, with the result that all officers elected at the first election, who were nominated at the second election have been returned to office, and have only held two regular meetings since their second election, no reason is seen or given for holding another election.

Third. The amendment to section 4 provides that the mayor shall be police judge of the city. This recommendation is disapproved, as this council is unwilling to have its chief executive officer act as prosecutor and judge of his own acts (in other words, prosecutor, judge and jury). If this recommendation was incorporated in our new charter, we would have the distinction of being the only city in Oregon with such a provision.

The recommendation of petitioners to Section 19, reads that the consent of council and mayor (unanimous) is obtained. Where only three councilmen and mayor were present at a meeting the above number would be sufficient to carry; under the section as provided by the council 5 votes are necessary to obtain consent, this amendment is considered immaterial.

The proposed amendment to section 28 provides, that notice by mail be given to property owners affected before any improvement is undertaken.

This amendment is disapproved for the reason, that it would absolutely tie the hands of the city, and defeat any and all improvement of every kind. More than 50 per cent of vacant city realty is owned by non-residents and property often changes hands more than once without the owner placing his deed on record, our Supreme Court has held that where a legal notice has been sent by ordinary mail and the receiver has denied the receipt of the same, the burden of proof is on the sender to prove the receiver has perjured himself. We would have to find each and every owner affected and be absolutely sure he had received his notification by mail, your council would further have to be absolutely sure that the notification reached the owner and not an agent or former owner, or owner of record.

The proposed changes to sections 34 to 39 are disapproved for the following reasons:

That these sections of assessing and collecting street improvements have within the past five years been adopted by more than twenty cities in Oregon including Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls and others, having amended their charters for this purpose, as it is a notorious fact that where this provision is not in vogue, city work costs from 40 per cent to 100 per cent more than it would under private contract and only wealthy contractors are willing or able to figure on city work. Further where an assessment of, say, \$3.00 is made on an owners 25 foot lot, that it, at his option may be distributed over a period of 10 years, or at the rate of 30 cents per year commencing March 1st next after the levy, provided however that the work has been completed and accepted by the city. No doubt this would be a fine system, if Redmond was able to find the contractors who would accept payment in such installments without paying several times the amount of a reasonable profit for the work.

Recommendation to section 57 was omitted by the petitioners, holding however that this section was a menace to securing competent contractors to do the city work.

In answer to the argument presented to your council by said petitioners for amending sections

34 to 39, we desire to call attention to the state law on this question. Section 2727 of sessions laws for 1907 provides, that whenever an assessment for public improvements against any lot amounts to the sum of \$25.00 or over, the owner thereof, may within 10 days after receiving notification thereof, file with the recorder a written notice of paying such assessment in 10 yearly annual installments, said installments to bear the same rate of interest as the bonds provided for said improvement.

The council suggests that in its opinion, the welfare of the city of Redmond is too large a stake to play politics with at this time. The need of the city in view of its rapidly increasing population for some adequate WATER SYSTEM and fire protection is too urgent for petty differences in regard to the wording of certain sections of proposed charter, considerable time has already been spent in considering the present proposed charter, an election will be held at Redmond, during the first week in next December and any changes desired by 8 per cent of the legal voters of the city can be placed upon the ballot to be accepted or rejected by the voters at the December election under the Initiative.

Respectfully submitted,  
COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF REDMOND.

Approved: H. F. JONES, Mayor.

#### Mass Meeting

A mass meeting is called by the council for Tuesday March 7th, at which time members of the council and citizens of Redmond who have lived under the provisions of the proposed new charter will explain its workings and beneficial results. Anyone having any objections to any of the provisions of the new charter this will be the time and place to air their grievances. All voters interested in the welfare of Redmond and the growth of the city are urged to attend the meeting.

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