

PLAN TO PUT IN NEW STREETS

Fourth and Eleventh Streets to be Extended South to the City Limits.

Some new street improvement projects were taken up by the Marshfield city council last evening and will probably be ordered at the next session unless there is an unexpected remonstrance from the property owners affected by it.

One was the opening of the Fourth Street south from Elrod avenue to Kruse avenue, just north of the race track. It was requested by Hugh McLain, a property owner on the street. The idea of having a new and more direct thoroughfare to South Marshfield was pleasing to the council. It has been considered heretofore but some of the property owners objected. Now, it is understood, most of the property owners are in favor of it.

The other was the opening of South Eleventh street from Golden avenue to Lockhart avenue. This was brought up by Councilman Allen who lives on the proposed extension. He said that all of the property owners for at least two blocks of the distance were in favor of it and he thought the balance would be. He said that the Reynolds Development company had promised to continue the improvement southward to connect up with the Libby road.

Give Butler Raise

Mayor Straw suggested to the council that City Recorder Butler ought to be given an increase in salary. Mr. Butler is now receiving \$100 per month. Mayor Straw said that Mr. Butler was doing more clerical work than any other man in town and it was only fair that he should be properly recompensed. Some of the council wanted to know if Mr. Butler would accept an increase the mayor replied that he thought he would. Immediately, they began to josh Mr. Butler as to how he would "split" with them if they voted an increase. Finally, the city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance in blank to provide for the increase, leaving it to the council later to determine how much of an increase Mr. Butler is to be allowed.

Wants Vacation

Claude Stutsman, engineer of the Marshfield Fire Department, asked for a ten days' vacation. He said that George Campbell would attend to his duties in the day time for \$2.50 per day and that Carl Arlandson would attend at night for fifty cents per night. He said he had only a couple of days off in a couple of years. He said he expected to be in town most of the time and in case of a fire would respond. He also requested that he be allowed one night off each week and that the city pay Carl Arlandson fifty cents a night for serving while Mr. Stutsman takes his night off. The council voted to grant Mr. Stutsman's request.

Allow Bills

The council allowed the usual grant of monthly bills against the city. The Marshfield Public Library was allowed its monthly stipend of \$75 and the Coos Bay Concert band \$150. The

WILL ACCEPT PARK OFFERED

City Council Pleased with Liberal Offer of Reynolds Development Company.

After the reading of a letter from Jay Lawyer of the Reynolds Development company offering to cede the city a strip of land 200 feet long and about a mile and a half long for boulevard and park purposes, the Marshfield city council last evening voted that the offer be tentatively accepted at once and steps taken to comply with it.

The letter was addressed to Mayor Straw under date of July 26, and was printed in The Times several days ago. The letter was in response to an inquiry from the mayor as to what the Reynolds Development company would be willing to do to aid in securing the Marshfield-to-the-Sea boulevard. It is estimated that the strip will aggregate fifty acres with a value of \$25,000. The city is to clear a 40-foot roadway through it within one year, grade a 20-foot road within two years and plank or pave a 16-foot roadway within three years, the improvements to be made by the city and not assessed against the abutting property. The offer is not made conditional on obtaining the balance of the boulevard and the council decided that this would be a fine thing to have even though the rest of the drive was not secured.

However, the boulevard as now planned will cross only three different tracts of land. The tentative route will cross about a mile and a half on Reynolds Development holdings, about a mile on Southern Oregon company property and about a mile and a half on property of the Simpson Lumber company. C. R. Smith of the Southern Oregon company assured Mayor Straw that he would be willing to aid in anything that would tend to the betterment of Coos Bay and said that he would take the matter up in detail on his arrival on the Bay which will be within a short time.

L. J. Simpson of the Simpson Lumber company also assured Mayor Straw that they would be glad to cooperate in the project. A letter from Dr. McCormac, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, assured him of the support of that organization in the project.

The council also voted \$20 as the city's monthly contribution towards the merchant's patrol.

Hugh McLain was ordered paid \$1,200 on his contract for improving Anderson avenue.

Fourth Street Work

The council met as a board of equalization on the improvement of Fourth street from Central avenue to Elrod. The assessment varies from \$1.971 to \$1.39 per front foot with about \$375 additional for street intersections.

City Engineer Gidley was requested to prepare plans for a sewage system for the district near South First street and Golden avenue. L. M. Noble and others are urging it.

C. F. McKnight is acting city attorney during the absence of J. D. Goss and J. C. Kendall.

WATER FRONT PLAN APPROVED

Council Urges F. E. Allen to Expedite Project as Rapidly as Possible.

That the plan for improving the Marshfield waterfront as outlined by F. E. Allen, chairman of the waterfront committee, be carried out as quickly as possible was the expression of the council last evening. Mr. Allen presented the matter with a form of agreement which he expects the property owners affected to sign. The agreement provides that the property owners will cede a strip twenty feet wide just as soon as the government cedes a similar strip; also that the contract is not binding unless nine-tenths of the property owners sign up; that the city build the wharf; that the fire-limit building restriction be raised from the property east of Front street for at least two years in order that the owners of the frame buildings there may alter and improve them to correspond with the waterfront improvement.

Mr. Allen said that he had talked with many of the property owners and had not found one so far who was opposed to the plan. He said that they expected to start with the district between Central avenue and the Cold Storage and later this might be extended.

Some wanted to know if this could not be extended south to Mill Slough. Mr. Allen said that he did not believe it could because C. A. Smith was planning to put in a big dock for large steamers where the Alliance dock and Smith retail yards now are. He said Mr. Smith had informed him that he wanted a fine dock there with electric cranes. Also that he expected to see vessels six hundred feet long to be docked there before long. C. F. McKnight said that he knew Mr. Smith planned for a big private wharf there but he thought that although the waterfront of the property might not be turned over to the city that Mr. Smith would be glad to cooperate in the movement and build a dock that would be uniform with the one that the city is putting in.

It was stated that it was likely that the owners of the small shipyards on North Front street would probably agree to the plan when assured that small drawbridges would be built in the wharf to permit them to bring in launches and take them out from their yards.

The council approved of the idea and urged Mr. Allen to go ahead with the matter as rapidly as possible. Mr. Allen said that he and the others on the committee expected to begin circulating the agreement soon.

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