

ASK FRANCHISE IN MARSHFIELD

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In the proposed franchise were not too high.

Nothing Pledged.

Mr. Goss said that under the terms of the draft of the new franchise, the company "was practically not bound to do anything." He said the franchise did not contain any provision for filtration nor about the character of water to be supplied. He said that the "75-pounds pressure on Front street" did not specify that it was to be furnished all the time nor at that pressure or any pressure in other parts of the city. He said that now the city was not tied up to anything by the old franchise but under the new one it would be bound for at least ten years to pay the company at least \$365 per month water rental. He said that there were a number of changes to be suggested.

Bennett's Views.

J. W. Bennett said that he had little to add to what Mr. Goss had stated. He said the members of the water company were interested in Marshfield having good water and so far as the appeal to the state railroad commission was concerned he said the company expected to possibly appeal there anyway.

Then he read a letter from Morris Bros., bond brokers of Portland, saying that there was not a very good market for bonds now, but if the company secured a good franchise for a long term they might be able to float their bonds. They said it would not be advisable to bond the company to more than 60 or 70 per cent of its value. He said that the reason they inserted a clause providing that the city must pay for changing pipes when street grades were changed was because they had been compelled to change mains four or five times in the past.

Mr. Goss said that the other public utilities had to move their pipes, tracks, etc., in case of a change of grade in the street at their own expense.

Savage Favors Franchise.

After the conclusion of Mr. Bennett's talk, Councilman Allen said that it looked as though they would have to get together if they wanted to improve the water service. Councilman Savage said that it "was very evident that they must give the water company a good, liberal franchise if better service is obtained."

Mr. Allen said that the city might put in its own plant or buy the present one. Mr. Savage said that might be done, but that he was in favor of giving the present company a good liberal franchise.

Mayor Straw asked Councilman Cople what he thought of it. He said he had not had time to study the franchise. Councilman Merchant replied that he had nothing to say now.

Councilman Ferguson said that speaking hastily, he thought the thing to do was to call a special election and refer the water company's franchise direct to the people. He said that if it was their best and definite proposal, there was no use wasting six months or so in talking it over. He said the company would have to pay the cost of the special election.

Mayor Straw asked Mr. Bennett if the franchise presented was final.

Mr. Bennett replied that it was not an ultimatum. He said the company was willing to take suggestions and make reasonable changes. He said the council could pass it and let the people invoke the referendum on it or refer it direct to the people.

Goss said that the council could not refer it direct to the people, being only empowered to refer charter amendments.

Councilman Cople said that the council could surely let the people vote on it with the understanding that the council would grant it if it passed.

Mayor Straw had suggested that another meeting be called to talk the matter over in detail. Mr. Bennett said that he would like to see the mayor's suggestion followed out and maybe the franchise could be improved and they could get together.

Mr. Cople replied that he favored getting the best possible franchise and bargain for the people before having them vote on it. However, he said he thought the franchises originated on the wrong end. Instead of having the company draft its own franchises, he thought the city should draft the franchise, stipulating what it would give them.

Mr. Bennett suggested that maybe Mr. Cople would prepare a franchise.

Cople replied that he would if the water company would accept it.

Question of Rates.

Councilman Allen wanted to know how the proposed rates compared with the Portland rate. Engineer Corey of the company said that it wasn't fair to compare the rates of a compact city supplied by a gravity system with a small place supplied by pumping. However, he said that he had the rates of 25 Oregon cities and only two of them—Ashland and Eugene—had lower rates than Marshfield.

Mr. Allen said he thought the

Portland rate was considerably lower. Mr. Corey replied that it was about \$1.25 for a household, but that the city was voting on a proposition to pay interest on the plant out of taxes instead of out of the income from the plant. Mr. Cople inquired about the Pendleton rates and Mr. Corey said they were higher.

Increase Here.

Councilman Ferguson figured up that on the new rate his monthly water rate would be \$2.05 per month for his dwelling. Now he supplies it from his own well.

In the franchise, provision is made for charging \$5 for tapping an iron main and \$3 for tapping any other kind of a main. This is paid by the consumer.

Provision is made that where a consumer wants a meter rate instead of a flat rate, he is to pay the cost of the meter and the cost of installation but it does not provide that the meter is then the consumer's property.

The new schedule of rates in the franchise is as follows and the cost of the average consumer can be easily figured up, a five per cent reduction on these rates being made for payment before the tenth of each month:

The charge for tapping a cast iron main for three-quarter inch service pipes, under the usual conditions in unpaved streets, shall be five dollars, including all material and labor used in making such tap to the water main. Taps made in water mains other than cast iron pipe shall be three dollars, including all material and labor. Water service pipes, not over forty feet in length, for the original installation in unpaved streets, shall be extended from the main to the curb line and a stop box placed at that point in front of the consumer's residence or place of business at the cost and expense of the company. If a larger service than three-quarter inch pipe is necessary or desired, then the excess in cost over three-quarter inch pipe shall be collected from the consumer.

Section VII. The rates for use of water, other than that measured by meters shall be charged for and collected monthly, in advance, as follows:

	Minimum Each.
Bakery.—Minimum for 2 bbls. flour per day	\$2.00
Additional for each barrel	.50
Barber Shop.—Minimum for 3 chairs	1.50
Additional for each chair	.25
Bath.—Public, in hotels, barber shop, etc.	1.00
Private in dwellings, hotel rooms, etc.	.35
Building Purposes.—For each barrel lime or cement	.10
Basins, sinks and laundry tubs, public in hotels, office buildings, etc.	.25
Basins, sinks and laundry tubs, private in dwellings, offices, hotel rooms, etc. (except first two) free in dwellings	.10
Butcher Shop.—According to size, \$1.50 to	2.50
Candy Store.—According to size, \$1.00 to	3.00
Cupboards, jets, sprays, and other 1-8 constant flow attachments	2.00
Dentist's offices.—Minimum for 1 chair	1.50
Additional for each chair	.50
Dwellings.—For family of six persons, first faucet	1.00
Additional for each person more than six	.10
Garage.—Private, each automobile	.50
Halls, Theaters, etc.—According to size	1.50
Hotels and Lodging Houses.—Additional for each sleeping room	.10
Offices.—Private	.50
Restaurants and Boarding houses.—Additional for each chair or seat	1.00
Saloons.—Additional for beer pump	1.00
Sprinkling and irrigation, per square yard (3 months season)	.50
Stables, livery and feed	2.00
Additional for each stall more than ten	.20
Stables.—Private. For first cow or horse	.25
Stores.—According to size and use	1.00
Soda Fountains.—According to size	1.00
Steam Engines.—Portable, first horsepower	2.00
Additional for each horsepower	.50
Urinals.—Public in hotels, saloons, office buildings, etc.	1.00
Washers for bottles or glasses	1.00
Steam heating plants.—Private	.50
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Fire Chief Keating Recommends that \$6000 Equipment be Bought.

Dan Keating, chief of the Marshfield fire department, last evening appeared before the council and urged that a \$6000 motor driven chemical engine and hose cart be purchased at once for the department. His action was in making a report of a special committee named a few months ago to investigate the matter.

He stated that A. H. Stutsman, J. W. Chapman and J. L. Koontz, as a special committee of engineers after investigating the various makes had recommended the Seagrave truck. The other members of the committee, W. U. Douglas and Dorsey Kreitzer, did not sign the report in favor of any special kind of fire engine. They also stated that they were not certain whether the city's finances would justify the expenditure now. Dorsey Kreitzer and F. E. Nelson suggested some sort of a competitive test of the various kind of trucks before the city purchased them. If the companies could not send their trucks here for a test, Mr. Kreitzer suggested that one of the councilmen and a member of the fire department be sent away to see the test.

Mr. Keating said that he thought the expense of the latter would be too much. However, he said the fire department needed something of the kind and as it would take about 120 days to secure it, he urged that early action be taken. He said the machine could be paid for in three annual installments.

The matter was referred to the fire and water committee and they were requested to bring in a report at the next meeting of the council.

month. All rates for water used for any other purposes not mentioned above, shall not be higher than rates charged by water systems of similar size and operating conditions. The company reserves the right and privilege to install water meters upon any or all services at any time, and to charge for the water actually used through the same at the following rates: For 3000 gallons, or less per month, per 1000 gallons... .50 For next 3000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons per month, per 1000 gallons... .35 For over 15,000 gallons per month, per 1000 gallons... .25

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