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A NEW SYSTEM IS INAUGURATED

Mayor Allen Takes up Council Matters in Regular Order at Meeting

Following his new system of handling the business of the Council so as to avert confusion and delay, Mayor Allen called first for the reports of the various standing committees last night, the first being that of the finance committee, which was read by Councilman Copple.

Chairman Copple stated that the finance committee had held a meeting and considered the finances of the city and the cost of the various departments compared to former years. He declared that the expense of conducting the city government was increasing too rapidly in proportion to the population and that efforts had been sought to find a way out of preventing the expenses being greater than the revenue.

Increase in Cost.

He reported that the finance committee had found that some departments had cost more than others during the past year, especially the engineering department, which had cost over \$5000 in 1913 because of the amount of extra work which had to be handled.

Police Force Cost.

The police department's expenses, he reported, had increased from \$2,650 in 1912 to \$4891 in 1913, almost double the former amount. He found that if the department is conducted with the present force it would run to over \$6000 this year for salaries alone.

Also Fire Department.

The fire department, Copple reported, had increased in cost from \$2356 in 1912 to \$4700 in 1913. He reported that altogether a deficit of about \$4000 had been found for the last year in conducting the various departments.

To Reduce Cost.

"I am opposed to raising the revenue to meet the increased expense," declared Councilman Copple, "and I am in favor of cutting down the expense and not raising the revenue."

What is Possible.

He declared it appeared to be possible to make a saving in the engineer's department and that it could be conducted for the year at a cost of about \$4000. He also favored the reduction of the police department and still have as good a service as at present. With less policemen between the hours of 1 a. m. and 1 p. m., after the closing of the saloons, he thought the city might be able to

dispose of the services of at least one policeman.

Plan is Suggested.

Councilman Copple suggested that a saving might be made in the engineer's department by taking care of all street improvements up to July 1 and refusing to consider any further projects for the rest of the year.

City Engineer Buckingham said that his department was figuring as close as it possibly could and that it was carrying along work valued at approximately \$37,000 to be done in the next year. He said his department would be able to undertake about \$90,000 worth of work required for this year, so that if the limit of \$4000 be placed on the expenses of the department, the \$90,000 and the work carried over from last year would be all that could be done this year. The figures would just about cover the streets already outlined for improvement, he stated.

Covered by Water.

Councilman Ferguson, of the street committee, reported that an investigation had been made of Crawford's property and that it had been found covered by water. The damage couldn't be estimated until the water had drained off, he said. He had ordered the contractors to tear up the Golden avenue plank roadway rather than have it covered by the dredge making the fill.

Buckingham said that as soon as the dredge shuts down he would be ready to go right in and bulkhead the property. Mayor Allen stated that he had told Crawford that the committee would see about the damage.

High Tides Reported.

Councilman Albrecht reported that the high tide had caused the water to flow over the Mill Slough dike to a depth of ten inches. He thought that unless this water was looked after somebody living on Coos avenue would suffer. He said the water was pouring in sufficiently to cover the Crawford garden.

Street Light Out.

Councilman Evertsen, as a member of the light committee, reported that the light on North Broadway, near where it joins Front, was not showing in the mornings and that he had passed that point between 3 and 5 a. m. and found it out. He declared that this point was dangerous because of automobiles. Mayor Allen instructed him to report the matter to the power company.

To Improve Doors.

Chairman Alva Doll, of the fire and water committee, reported that he had examined the doors of the fire hall, which were reported to be in need of repair at the last Council meeting, and said that a big improvement could be made by sawing a portion of the bottom of the doors off, if the Council did not want to go to the expense of providing new doors. He also recommended the purchase of some planking for the repairing of the hose drying tower.

Requisitions Needed.

Chairman Copple, of the finance committee, made a recommendation that any department purchasing supplies for the city should use requisition blanks, signed by the Mayor or finance committee, and that this rule apply to any employee of the city in an effort to curtail every expense that was needless. Mayor Allen declared that it was a good suggestion.

On Floating Dock.

Chairman Albrecht, of the waterfront committee, suggested that the floating dock be placed at the north side of the foot of Alfeld street be arranged temporarily for small boats, and that the float be ten feet wide on the north side, flush with the Harbor line, the whole to be constructed so as not to interfere with future plans for a permanent dock.

Lando's FIRE SALE

STILL CONTINUES TO BE THE ONE LEADING ATTRACTION FOR THE MONEY-SAVING PEOPLE OF COOS BAY, ALL DAY SATURDAY AND ALL DAY MONDAY CONTINUOUS STREAMS OF SATISFIED CUSTOMERS PASSED THROUGH OUR DOORS.

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Laces and Embroideries

WERE UNHARMED, BUT NEVERTHELESS THEY WILL BE PLACED ON SALE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK. WAIT AND WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

CASH PRICES

LANDOS

O'CONNELL BUILDING.

NO GOODS EXCHANGED

MARKET AVENUE.

ent dock.

North Front Fill.

There was some discussion over the filling of North Front street, Councilman Copple reporting he had been informed the dredge would be ready to go ahead with the work in ninety days. He said that it would take ninety days to get ready for the work.

City Engineer Buckingham thought that there would be no need to construct an expensive bulkhead for this work and that the repairing of the present structure would fill the bill and provide for raising the land within a few feet of the roadway. It was decided to secure an opinion from the city attorney before going ahead with the work.

New Paving Man.

F. E. Arnold, of the Warren Brothers pavement company, was present at the meeting and was called on by Mayor Allen to make a little speech. He responded with the statement that he would like to secure the permission of the Council to engage in competition with other firms in the securing of contracts for street improvement. He said he would like to introduce bitulithic pavement on the same basis as asphalt, and suggested the standardization of all classes of pavement and that the firm he represented was not afraid of competition. He also stated that the Warren Brothers were figuring on selecting North Bend or Marshfield for the erection of a branch plant in the near future.

Datson Takes Floor.

G. B. Datson took the floor and stated that he was responsible for the presence of Mr. Arnold, because he had visited Warren Brothers and persuaded them to let him bring him to Coos Bay to look over the field here. Datson said he wanted to put bitulithic pavement up to the people of Coos Bay and to have a chance to bid on the street improvement work.

Charter Needs Change.

City Engineer Buckingham stated that he believed the charter called for only one style of pavement, and Councilman Copple suggested the need for devising some means for the city to avail itself of the competition and secure lower prices. Councilman Ferguson said he would like to know what could be done in this direction under the charter, and that if it was necessary to amend the charter to provide for competition in other lines of pavement that this should be done. It was finally decided to find out from the city attorney if the charter could be amended in such a case.

Straw On the Job.

The city health officer, Dr. E. E. Straw, appeared before the City Council and asked that the boat house which was bought some time ago by the city as a pest house be placed in shape to handle contagious cases, as a child had been brought down from a camp on Coos River who is believed to be suffering from diphtheria, and that there was need to have the case isolated to prevent the spread of the disease.

He declared that with the repaneling of the structure and the securing of a stove, bath tub and bedding, the NEW SYSTEM GAL THREE place could be used at once, and that it was a great necessity in view of the fact that there was no other means available for the handling of contagious diseases of any kind in the city. The health committee was instructed to meet with Dr. Straw and given power to act on the application of the city physician for the needs of the pest house.

Dr. White Coming.

Dr. Straw also reported that he had heard from Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the state board of health, and that he would be in Marshfield shortly. He suggested that a num-

ber of changes in the health ordinances of the city be put up to Dr. White, in view of his experience and that the City Council invite him to meet with them on the project. Dr. Straw declared that it was his intention to make a regular inspection of the city physician for the needs of month.

Keating Makes Request.

Fire Chief Dan Keating appeared before the Council with a request from Tower Brothers, of the Guntery asking for permission to place a feeder on the sidewalk for providing gasoline for automobiles, similar to garages in some of the large cities. Councilman Copple declared he didn't see why any firm should have the privilege of using any section of the street for its business. He declared he wouldn't be in favor of granting the request. Mayor Allen suggested that the matter be placed in the hands of the fire and water committee.

Dan Wants Backing.

Fire Chief Keating also asked that some authority be given him to investigate the houses in the city to see that proper protection against fire is made. He declared the logic of putting out fires was to prevent them from starting, but that he had met with difficulties from persons who had asked him by what authority he investigated their premises. Mayor Allen stated that the city attorney was working on an ordinance to cover this portion of the work of fire protection and that it would be passed as soon as it was ready.

Petition is Filed.

Acting City Attorney Kendall reported that the city attorney had filed a petition with the state railroad commission asking for a rehearing on the valuation of the water system as regards certain features of the valuation. He also reported that the water company's attorneys had filed a similar petition asking for a rehearing of the rehearing, and that there was every prospect of lengthy proceedings over the matter.

Seek Tentative Bids.

Councilman Ferguson suggested that the Council call for tentative bids on all street work for the year

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