

MAYOR SIMPSON OF NORTH BEND OUTLINES POLICY

Pony Inlet. I would recommend that the sidewalks on both sides of Virginia street be 14 feet in width. I would also recommend that as soon as Sheridan avenue is graded and the fills have had a sufficient time in which to settle, that this street be hard surfaced from the north line of Washington street to the north end of the street, and that the sidewalks on each side of the street be 14 feet in width.

Street to Marshfield.

In the annual message of the Mayor of Marshfield to the City Council of that city, he recommended the opening of one of several streets from Commercial avenue through Perham Park to Ferndale. As the continuation of Sherman avenue south toward Marshfield connects with Eleventh street in Marshfield, I would recommend that a committee be appointed to intercede with the Marshfield City Council to decide upon the opening of Eleventh street. I would further recommend that as soon as the entanglements in the Kinney properties are adjusted, that steps be taken by the City Council of North Bend to interest the City Council of Marshfield in opening up Sherman avenue in North Bend and Eleventh street North in Marshfield. If this can be done, it will provide practically a north and south street from Commercial street in Marshfield to the business center of North Bend, and would be practically a continuation of Sherman avenue from North Bend to the junction of Eleventh street and Commercial street in the City of Marshfield. I am informed by engineers that a good grade can be procured over the entire length of this street.

For City Hall.

It is very evident to the members of the City Council that the present city hall is neither a credit to the city in appearance or up to the standard of necessity. The time has come when the city must have a suitable building for the care of the fire-fighting apparatus, and one in which can be constructed a fire-proof vault for the care and safe keeping of its records, plats, profiles, plans, specifications, etc., one in which suitable offices can be provided for the city engineer, recorder and police department, and one in which can be constructed a suitable jail. At the time of the issuance of bonds against the city of North Bend, impartial men appraised the property of the city of North Bend as being worth \$13,500, which property comprises the following: Lot 6 in Block 20, upon which now stands the present city hall, the north 20 feet of Lot 5, lots 6, 7, 20, 21, 22 and 23 in Block 18, which are now used as an approach from Sherman avenue to the waterfront roadway leading to the Old Town mill. With the regrading of Sherman avenue and Florida avenue this approach will not be necessary, and as the present city hall is not adequate to the needs of the city, I would recommend that if it is possible the above referred to property be sold by the city of North Bend at the appraised valuations, or at as much greater figure as can be obtained, and that this sum, which should not in any case be less than \$13,500, be used as the nucleus of a fund for the construction of a presentable city hall which will meet the present requirements of the city. I would suggest that this building be built with the main body of the building in the center, allowing a later construction and addition of two wings, one on the north and one on the south of the central building. These two wings will take care of the additional needs of the city in the years to come. I would recommend that this new city hall be located and constructed in the center of what is known as Grant Circle, with an east and west frontage. If the sum realized from the sale of this property before mentioned is not sufficient to build a suitable brick, stone or re-inforced concrete building, such as the city requires, I would recommend that additional funds be appropriated out of the general fund of the city to complete such a building.

Waterfront Plan.

The present city wharf is in a deplorable condition and there is no question but that considerable money should be expended upon this wharf in repairs. But before any large expenditure of money is made for this purpose, I would like to recommend the following plan of improvement for the water front. The city of North Bend has applied to the Port of Coos Bay for permission to extend the harbor line 223.8 feet east of and parallel to the present face of the city wharf. The present width of the city wharf is 80 feet. If permission were granted to the city to extend the harbor line as requested, there would be a strip 303.8 feet wide, and 1080 feet long, which would revert to and be the property of the city of North Bend. I have

prepared a map or plat, showing my recommendations in regard to the improvement of this strip of land. I would recommend that the present city wharf be narrowed up to 60 feet in width, and that instead of this being the city wharf it be used for street purposes. I would recommend that Washington, Virginia and California streets be extended due east to the proposed new harbor line and that due east of the 60 foot street just suggested, tiers of lots be platted between Washington and Virginia, and Virginia and California, each lot with a 50 foot frontage, 83.8 feet in depth, and that adjoining and due east of these lots a street 80 feet in width be constructed, and that adjoining and due east of this street a city wharf be constructed 80 feet in width, 1080 feet long, from the south line of Washington street to the north line of California street. I would also recommend that reservation be made on this wharf for two warehouses, each 60 feet wide and 400 feet long, the east line of the warehouse to be 20 feet west of the proposed new harbor line, or face of the proposed dock. I would also recommend that the first warehouse, 60x400 feet, between Virginia and California streets, be constructed at once. It will be seen from the plat that such an arrangement of the city's property will create 16 lots 50x83.8, and I would recommend that these lots be immediately placed upon the market at an average selling price of \$2500 each. From the sale of these lots the city would realize \$40,000, and I would recommend that this money be expended by the city in the construction of the wharf and warehouse as shown on the plat and in extending Washington, Virginia and California streets from the front of the present dock to the proposed new harbor line or face of the proposed new dock. If either I or the Simpson Lumber company have any title or claim in and to this property, we will cheerfully relinquish the same to the city. Such an improvement of the city front would place the city entirely in control of all the revenues received from the same, which would include 20 cents per ton for all freight handled over the dock and the rents derived from leasing space in the warehouse, for dockage and other wharfage charges. This in itself, I am satisfied, would amount to a considerable sum in a very short time and more than pay interest on the city's investment, besides furnishing an additional revenue for the city.

With the completion of the various contracts for street grading it will be necessary for the city to issue a great many improvement bonds, and I would recommend that the entire amount of the sinking fund for the retirement of the city's bond issue be invested in the improvement bonds of the city at the same purchase price that these bonds are selling for in the open market.

Would Support Band.

I would recommend that the city continue to contribute \$50 per month toward the support of the North Bend Concert Band, provided the band furnishes the people of the city with occasional free public concerts.

I would recommend that the city be very liberal in its policy of supplying adequate and proper street lighting for all portions of the city, particularly the outlying and somewhat inaccessible portions of the city within reasonable bounds. I would particularly recommend that as soon as Sherman avenue is paved, the City Council use their best endeavors to persuade the property holders to place cluster lights along these streets and abandon the present arc lights.

I would recommend that the hours of duty of the police force of the city of North Bend be reduced to eight hours per day, and that an additional police officer be employed at a salary of \$70 per month.

I would also recommend that the City Council during the year revise the city charter in order to facilitate the workings of the City Council and the officers of the city.

Sewage Systems.

I would recommend that as soon as the street grading now contracted for is completed, or sooner, if necessary, that the sewer system as planned and laid out by Stannard & Richardson, be installed upon all the streets upon which there are improvements enough to justify such installation, and that this sewer improvement be made under the district plan, and that the Council at their earliest opportunity establish and definitely locate one or more definite sewer districts, and that the cost of improvements in the sewer districts be assessed equally among all of the property embraced in the districts to be created. I would suggest that the city health officer make a report to the Council as to where he considers it is most important to install sewer systems. I would recommend that the City

Council secure a suitable dumping ground for garbage and waste of all kinds, and that an ordinance be passed requiring all garbage, refuse and waste to be deposited on this dumping ground, and that this dumping ground be located far enough away from the city so as to keep it from becoming a nuisance.

Fire Protection.

I would recommend that the city furnish the volunteer fire department with as much necessary apparatus as possible, and as is required by that department for the proper protection of property from loss by fire. I will also recommend that fire limits be established with proper building restrictions within these limits, and that an electrical wiring ordinance be passed immediately requiring all electrical wiring to be installed in accordance with the underwriters' rules and specifications. I would also recommend that a building inspector be appointed who shall also act as wiring inspector, and that his salary be proportioned according to the amount of work required of him.

In order to safeguard the public health, I would recommend that a plumbing ordinance be passed and that a plumbing inspector be appointed. I see no reason why one man cannot occupy the position of building, wiring and plumbing inspector.

I would suggest that the Council see that all of the improved streets have sidewalks properly laid.

I would recommend that a set of rules and regulations for the governing of the police department be immediately prepared, and that the police force of the city be forced to live up to the same.

I would recommend that no additional licenses for saloons be granted for the present, and that the licenses for the same remain at the present figure, \$800 per year.

City's Finances.

By referring to the annual statement of the Recorder of the city of North Bend for the year 1913, it will be seen that the total expenditure of the city for the year amounted to \$26,180.85. The two largest items of this expenditure were the following: street improvements, \$7349.15; sewers, \$5895.22; or a total of \$13,244.37. These two items were emergency expenditures necessitated by the construction of the Willamette Pacific Ry. through North Bend. The item, street improvements, is largely composed of the cost of plank, which the city had to purchase for the improvement of the streets upon which the railroad company furnished the labor and did the grading. The expenditure for sewers was for the main sewer outlet from Connecticut street across the railroad property into the bay north of the Coos Bay Manufacturing Co. plant. It was necessary to construct this sewer before the dredge Seattle made the fill for the Willamette Pacific Railway Company's depot grounds to save in the cost of construction. It was the intention of the Council to assess this sewer cost to one of the sewer districts which it proposed to form, and this money should therefore be returned to the city treasury. These two items will not appear in the expenditure of the city for the year 1914. Figuring on a basis of the present salaries of the different city officers and the fixed charges against the city, the disbursements of the city for the present year will be as follows:

City Attorney	500.00
City Engineer	1,800.00
Police	1,800.00
Recorder	900.00
Wharfinger	180.00
Watchman for waterfront	600.00
North Bend Concert Band	600.00
Water at \$44 per mo.	528.00
Lighting at \$250 per mo.	3,000.00
Allowing for salary on additional policemen, bldg. plumbing and wiring inspector, incidentals of \$5 per month, and other expenditure	2,512.00

Total	\$12,000.00
Based upon last year's revenues, for the year 1914 the revenues should be as follows:	
Taxes, estimated 10 mills	\$11,000.00
Saloon licenses, 6 at \$800	4,800.00
Receipts from city wharf estimated	500.00
Fines, estimated	350.00
Dog taxes, estimated	75.00
Theater licenses, two at \$60 per year	120.00
Total	\$16,845.00

Unless some unusual expenditure should be made during the year, this would leave an unexpended balance of \$4845 for the redemption of outstanding warrants. The interest on the bond issue and the redemption fund having been taken care of by the four-mill tax levied in addition to the ten mills, I would recommend that the necessary amount be transferred from the general fund to the special fund at once, and that hereafter nothing but labor claims against the city be paid out of the special fund.



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