

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

CHANGE PLAN CITY CHARTER

Would Empower Council to Get Bids and Competition on Paving—Up to Voters.

The Marshfield City Council last evening went on record as favoring the submission of an amendment to the city charter at the December election whereby the City Council will be empowered to ask for bids on several different kinds of paving instead of being confined to one kind.

The final action will be taken next Monday evening after the city attorney has had an opportunity to check over the proposed amendments.

The matter was presented to the Council last evening by W. U. Douglas as chairman of a special committee, consisting of himself, Arno Merceen, Dr. Straw and I. S. Smith, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to initiate the change. By having the Council submit it, Mr. Douglas said that it would be cheaper and easier. However, if the Council did not approve of submitting it, the committee was prepared to go ahead and submit it under an initiative petition.

Mr. Douglas said that Messrs. Merceen and I. S. Smith were out of town and could not be consulted about the wording of the proposed changes, but that he and Dr. Straw had agreed upon it after conferring with Recorder Butler and Deputy City Attorney Murphy.

The change affects four sections of the charter and simply provides that the Council can have plans and specifications made for the various kinds of hard surface and other kinds of paving and ask for bids on them and then decide which to use. Under the present charter they can ask for bids only on one kind of paving.

Councilman Ferguson suggested that as long as they were going to submit this change that it might be well to submit another, changing the method of assessment, whereby the abutting property, especially where the lots were narrow, would not have to pay the whole cost.

Mr. Douglas said that there was such a divergence of opinion about the methods of assessment that he feared such an action might defeat this change. Personally he said that he thought the city should stand one-third of the cost of the paving, leaving the abutting property to stand two-thirds, because whole districts sometimes used one paved street and anyway paving was of benefit to the city as a whole instead of simply to the abutting property.

Fire Hydrant Contract.
Chairman Dell of the Fire and Water Committee stated that the committee, Fire Chief Keating and City Engineer Buckingham had decided to let the contract for six fire hydrants to the Nelson Iron Works, whose bid was somewhat higher than that of the Pioneer Hardware Co. He stated that they thought that the hydrant planned by the Nelson Company was the best.

Fix Fire Hall.
Fire Chief Keating asked that the entrance to the fire hall be improved and also that a new floor be put in in the fire hall. He stated that the new auto fire truck would be here soon and that it was much heavier than the present engines. Councilman Ferguson said that the street committee would have the new entrance put in by the city employees in a few days, the plan being to have the sidewalk space filled and a concrete entrance put in.

Much Repair Work.
Councilman Wilson stated that he had been informed that there was a dangerous place in the sidewalk on North Broadway near the Turkish Baths and asked that it be repaired at once.

Councilman Evertson stated that there was some dangerous planking in the stairway leading to North First street and that Dr. Straw had told him that he would pay for the repairs if the city would not. Mr. Evertson said that a woman narrowly escaped serious injury there the other day. It will be repaired at once.

JAP BATTLESHIP PASSES HERE

Large Cruiser Goes North Off Coos Bay Yesterday Morning.

A large Japanese battleship went north off Coos Bay yesterday morning. She was so close to shore as to be readily recognized. Now that war has been actually declared between Germany and Japan it is probable that the Japanese, several of which are known to be in Pacific coast waters, are patrolling the coast to engage the Leipzig or pick up some German merchantmen as prizes of war.

DR. H. E. KELTY, DENTIST.—Phone 112-J, Room 264, Coke Bldg.

LAUNCH BREAK leaves every day at 1:30 p. m. for SOUTH COOS River. Docks at CENTRAL AVENUE slip.

STREET WORK DELAY BOTHERS

Council Determined That Warren Brothers Shall Finish Paving This Fall.

The City Council last evening informally went on record as determined to compel the Warren Construction Company to complete its paving contracts on North Front street and South Broadway this fall. The expression followed a statement by Mayor Allen that the company had yesterday laid off its crews.

Mayor Allen stated that Supt. Ashby informed him that he expected to be able to resume work within a few days. The trouble was caused by Portland banks, owing to the war and financial flurry, closing down on payroll accounts of the company and Mr. Ashby expected that this would be overcome soon.

Councilman Cople said that as the company had not formally made any demand for an extension of time or given formal notice of suspension of work, there is nothing for the Council to do now. However, he said that the Council would assume that the work was being done and if it was not finished on schedule time, the company had a bond up that would protect the city.

Councilman Rood wanted to know if the delay in the work would protect the property owners from paying interest on improvement bonds but he was told that the Warren company had until October 1 to complete North Front street and until November 1 to complete South Broadway, so that time could not be allowed before then.

City Engineer Buckingham said that if the company had its plant here they could finish the North Front street work in about ten days. He said that the grading had been completed on South Broadway with the exception of the fills along the curb. He said that unless this fill was made before heavy rains the curb might be damaged.

Curtis Avenue Width.
The Council deferred taking any action on Curtis avenue, where there is a controversy as to whether the street is fifty-three feet wide or sixty feet.

It was brought up by City Engineer Buckingham, who stated that he would have to know soon as the curb would be regulated by it and Peart Brothers were anxious to finish the job.

Mr. Buckingham said that F. K. Gettins had informed him that the Smith Company proposed to have Curtis avenue east of Broadway sixty feet wide regardless of the change west of Broadway, although Mr. Smith, in offering to dedicate the street had simply promised to make it as wide as Curtis avenue west of Broadway.

W. U. Douglas said that in the depositions of Mrs. Chapman, Wm. Shoupe, Mrs. H. J. Mohr, W. C. Cordes and S. B. Cathcart, the evidence indicated that the property line was where they contended it should be, that the old survey stakes location had been established there and that he was confident that the courts would sustain the claim of his clients. Mrs. Chapman and R. E. Shine and J. H. Planagan. This would leave Curtis avenue only fifty-three feet wide.

The Council decided to wait until City Attorney Goss returns, the latter part of the week. The depositions in the case will not be finished until August 31.

Twelfth Court Protest.
Property owners on Twelfth Court South entered a vigorous remonstrance against the proposal to grade that thoroughfare from Elrod to Golden. They stated that the improvement was not needed at this time, that simply grading without paving would make it impassable and that if the street was to be improved, all of it should be and not a part. Those signing the remonstrance were Judge Hall for the A. J. Campbell estate, Mrs. Myra Campbell by A. B. Campbell, C. L. Bonebrake, the Merchant estate and the Southern Pacific Company. A. B. Campbell spoke against it. Mayor Allen stated that he understood it was the intention to grade the street this season so that it could settle for a year and then be hard paved. The Council deferred action on the matter for one week to permit an investigation.

Pay Contractors.
Johnson and Larson were ordered paid \$302.77 for grading and planking Ninth Street between Central and Commercial.

Peart Brothers were ordered paid \$2115.71 for putting in the concrete curb on North Front street.

To Plank Alley.
Plans and specifications for planking the alley extending from Ingersoll to Johnson between Seventh and Eighth streets were adopted. J. B. Sneedon had urged this improvement, stating that most of the property owners had planked their portion of it but that some had not. Those who had not will have the option of doing the work themselves or letting it be done by the city. The balance of the planking, ten feet wide, will cost \$217.10.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors, and especially the Eagles Lodge, for their kindness and sympathy shown at the death and burial of our husband and father. MRS. M. C. PEDERSEN AND FAMILY.

WILL ROUND UP SPEED FIENDS

City Council Decides to Inaugurate Campaign Against Fast Drivers Here.

The City Council last evening practically decided to have a motorcycle policeman put on the trail of the auto and motorcycle speed artists in this city. Gordon Smith, engineer and station man, will probably be detailed to this work, as he is an expert on the motorcycle.

In addition to this the Council made it plain to Recorder Butler that henceforth so small fines would be desirable, but that offenders should be given a shock that would make them think before they "opened up" on the city streets.

The matter was brought up by John Maxton of North Marshfield. He asked that the Council do something to stop speeding on North Broadway, saying that machines were arousing that whole section by shooting over the Broadway bridge at high speed during the night. His house near the bridge is shaken so badly that he cannot sleep. He said that it was formerly the rule to require teams to go over bridges at no greater speed than a walk and he could not understand why autos should be permitted to speed up to thirty or forty miles per hour and motorcycles from forty to fifty miles. He said that Simpson's blue-tailed flyer was the worst offender.

Mayor Allen said that he thought there were so many bumps on North Broadway that the autos could not speed there. Anyway he said that North Front street would soon be completed so that traffic would be diverted that way. Mr. Maxton said that this had been promised for many months and he did not want to wait that long.

Councilman Wilson said that machines had been speeding past his home on South Second street at a great clip and that they should be stopped.

Councilman Ferguson said that it was useless to try to stop speeding by arresting the offenders when they were only fined \$5.

City Recorder Butler took issue with this and wanted to know when any offender got off for \$5 on a speeding charge.

Councilman Doll suggested the motorcycle policeman and this met with approval. D. L. Rood said that some of the motorcyclists were the worst, declaring that W. N. Ekblad went at a speed of thirty miles or more.

Finally Marshall Carter was informally instructed to begin a campaign against the speed artists.

For Street Speaking.
A North Bend man, who said that he had been working as a Salvationist among the slums, the drunkards and harlots, asked permission to conduct street services in Marshfield once a week or so. He said that they had been holding services in North Bend. He said that Mayor Allen had informed him that street speaking was allowed only on Third street and the city park, but that this would not do them any good as they would have to get down among the drunkards and harlots in the down town section in order to accomplish anything.

Councilman Ferguson said that there was no ordinance forbidding street meetings. Mayor Allen said that meetings would be allowed at the foot of Market and Commercial.

Councilman Albrecht said that he was not against the street meetings as the Constitution did not forbid them. Councilman Cople said that there was nothing in the Constitution saying that the streets could be used. Finally the matter was passed up with the understanding that the salvationist could hold his meetings on the street.

North Eighth Street.
The time of the contractors on North Eighth street was extended until September 10. They have encountered considerable sandstone which has made the grading slow and lately they have been compelled to use dynamite to break it up.

Then there is an injunction hanging over the street.

Mill Slough Drainage.
Mayor Allen wanted to know the status of the Mill Slough drainage in about three days. Mayor Allen System and City Engineer Buckingham stated that it would be completed in about three days. However, he said he guessed they would simply have to wait and see what happened.

Want Sewer Fixed.
Councilman Wilson also asked that the sewer which empties into the Bay at the foot of Central avenue be fixed so that the mouth of the sewer would be under water all the time. He said that it was a menace to the public health. City Engineer Buckingham was surprised that Street Commissioner Lawhorne had not repaired it previously, the matter having been discussed some time ago.

Councilman Evertson also asked that the city require the owners of a building on North First street near Alder, occupied by J. A. Wilcox and wife, be compelled to connect up with the sewer. He has had many complaints about it from other residents of that section.

D. L. Rood asked that two houses on South Broadway, owned by Mr. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Furnish, be compelled to connect up with the sewer. They will be notified at once.



Womens' New Suits

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NEWS FROM ROSEBURG

Coos County People's Donings as Chronicled at the Douglas County Seat.

Mrs. George V. Leishman, of Salem, arrived here this morning and leaves tomorrow for Coos County points, where she will spend the next few days with friends. She will make the trip from Roseburg to the coast by private conveyance, and will be accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Elsie Miller, who lives near Myrtle Creek.

Chester Going who was arrested upon the arrival of the stage from Marshfield yesterday was released from custody last night. He was arrested on a warrant charging him with beating a board bill in Coos County. He paid the amount of the claim, which totalled something over \$45.

W. T. Dement, a Coos County stock buyer, spent the day in Roseburg looking after various business matters. District Attorney George M. Brown and wife expect to leave here Monday for a brief visit in Coos and Curry Counties. They will make the trip by private conveyance and will travel to Marshfield over the old Coos Bay wagon road.

John Lawrence of Marshfield is spending a few days in Roseburg looking after various business matters.

NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS.
The Board of Directors of School District No. 36 will be prepared to receive plans for the schoolhouse, at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, August 27, at 10 o'clock a. m.

H. E. BESSEY, Chairman. Times Want Ads bring results.

BAND CONCERT TUESDAY EVE.

Director Fenton of the Coos Bay Concert Band announced that the following program would be rendered Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Second and Market:
March, From Ocean to Ocean via Panama Geo. C. Murphy
Overture, Masinello Auber
Baritone Solo, Phoenix Griswold
Suite, Don Quixote Safranek
1. Spanish Village.
2. Sancho Paza.
3. Dulcinea.
4. Don Quixote.
Humoresque, Comin' Thro' the Rye Bellstedt
Opera Mirror Tobani
Selection, Adele Auber
..... Brisquet and Philipp
Star Spangled Banner.

ALONG the WATERFRONT

The steamship Redondo is due tomorrow from San Francisco. The A. M. Simpson is loading ties at the railroad dock. The Yellowstone will come in tomorrow from Portland.

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