

THE CITY COUNCIL.

**They Take Measures to Carry Out The Expressed Wishes of the Citizens on Water Works.**

Saturday the Common Council met in regular monthly session, Councilmen Large, McNamer and Walker, the Mayor and the Recorder present. A few of the citizens were also present, interested spectators of the proceedings. After reading and approving the minutes of last session, bill of Canning Company for street electric lights for July, \$128.00, was read and referred to finance committee on whose recommendation it was later on in the evening ordered paid. Bill of Geo. W. Bates & Co., interest on \$1000 8 per cent. bonds for past year, \$80.00, was read and a warrant ordered drawn for its payment.

Dr. Large moved that a bond election be called. Not supported as it was thought best to have the citizen committee's report on water question read first, which was accordingly done. This resolution was then presented.

Whereas, At a meeting of the citizens of Forest Grove held in Vets hall on the 13th day of July, 1895, said meeting did appoint a committee consisting of G. C. Rider, Wm. Kane, L. C. Walker, Geo. L. Smith and A. Rogers to take into consideration the subject of supplying the city with good and wholesome water and to make investigation in regard to plans, systems and costs of such water supply, and

Whereas, The said committee did on the 3rd day of August, 1895, report to a meeting of the citizens of the said city of Forest Grove, as follows, to-wit:

FOREST GROVE, OR.,  
Aug. 3d, 1895.

To the Mayor and Citizens of Forest Grove:

Your committee on water supply, appointed at a citizens' meeting held in this hall July 6th, would respectfully submit the following report: Three propositions, as follows, have been considered: First, to bring Rhoderic and Prickett creeks into the city through iron pipes and supply the city by the "gravity" system. Second, to bring in through an open flume Gales Creek and use a portion of the water as a power to pump a sufficient amount into elevated tanks to supply the city. Third, a deep well with the Holly system of pumps, direct pressure, etc.

The Rhoderic creek proposition was the first considered. A delegation from the committee, in company with an expert engineer, visited Rhoderic creek, measured the water and estimated the cost of bringing it into the city through iron pipes. The engineer expressed to the members of the committee that in his judgment there is at present enough water flowing down Rhoderic creek alone to supply eight thousand people. He estimated the cost of bringing the water through iron pipes into the city at \$100,000. Your committee is inclined to believe with the engineer, that there is a sufficient amount of water flowing in the two creeks at the dryest season of the year, to supply a greater number of people than our city contains at present.

Your committee next took up the second proposition, namely, Gales creek as a water supply. A level was run from the Crescent flouring mill, taking as a point to reckon from the top of the flume, cap above the mill. It was found that at the western terminus of Pacific avenue the elevation was greater by fifteen feet than at the point above the mill, thus practically precluding the possibility of bringing Gales creek into the city at any available point.

Your committee also investigated the practicability of using Gales creek as a power to operate the Holly system and found that the cost would by far exceed the benefits gained. The third and last proposition was the deep well and Holly system of direct pressure. Your committee visited the Hillsboro water and electric light works and through the courtesy of Mr. Gates, the owner, was given in detail all the workings of the plant, the cost of construction, the capacity and the operating expenses. Also the mistakes, which were but few, and with one exception, of but little importance. The great and irreparable mistake was allowing the ownership to pass into private hands.

Your committee does unanimously and unhesitatingly recommend that a system of water and electric light works similar to the one now in operation in Hillsboro be constructed for the use of the citizens of Forest Grove and to be owned and operated exclusively by the city. Your committee would further recommend that the mayor and board of councilmen be instructed to take immediate steps necessary to sell bonds to raise the sum of \$50,000 to pay the cost of construction of said system of water and electric light works.

Your committee in estimating the cost of construction and the operating expenses have been governed largely by the cost and operating expenses of the Hillsboro works. The estimated cost of construction in detail is as follows:

Well complete	\$ 1,000 00
Tower and tanks complete	1,500 00
Two duplex pumps complete	1,000 00
Mains, fire-plugs and hose complete	10,000 00
Electric light plant, including power complete	12,000 00
Total	\$25,500 00
Operating expenses per annum:	
Fuel	\$1,000 00
Engineer	900 00
Assistant engineer and trimmer	500 00
Total	\$2,400 00
Add interest on bonds	1,500 00
Total	\$11,900 00

Estimate of revenue:	
Water to families of 20 & per month	\$ 100 00
Water for gardens, lawns, etc.	500 00
1000 incandescent lamps of 25 c per month	3,000 00
	\$4,000 00
Deduct expense from revenue	3,900 00
Leaves a balance of	100 00

Your committee is firmly of the opinion that the cost of construction and expense of operation will not exceed the estimates, but will be more likely to fall short of the figures given, and that the estimated revenue will exceed rather than fall short of the figures.

G. C. RIDER,  
Chairman of Com.

And, Whereas, Said report was referred to the Mayor and Common Council of said city by said Citizens' meeting and they requested to take action thereon, Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Forest Grove that there be a committee of three of said council appointed with instructions to prepare an ordinance directing the manner in which the estimate of such improvement shall be made, and report the same to a special meeting of the council to be held Tuesday night, August 13, 1895.

Resolution was adopted and Councilmen Walker, Large and Stewart appointed as the committee.

During the discussion Messrs. Rider, Marsh, Striplin and Craig who were present were invited to express themselves on the subject. Adjourned.

The council and visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the Mayor after adjournment.

Special Council Meeting.

The special council meeting Tuesday evening was well attended by citizens. The little council chamber was filled and several were gathered about the door. Councilmen Large, McNamer, Stewart, Smith and Walker answered to their names as the roll was called and the mayor and the recorder were found to be present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Draft of proposed ordinance No. 72 read as report of committee appointed at previous meeting. Referred to committee of the whole into which the council then resolved itself and Mr. Walker, president of the council, took the chair. This ordinance bill was to provide for an estimate of the expense of obtaining good and wholesome water and of electric lighting of the streets. Some discussion was had as to the time in which the commission provided for might report. A suggestion of 50 days received no encouragement and it was fixed to within thirty days. The commissioners decided on were Messrs. Hinman, Rider, Heitzhausen, Pfanner and L. C. Walker. The committee then rose, the mayor resumed the chair and the report was made. The bill was read in full then by title and after the rules had been suspended was read for the third time and, with the usual formalities, passed. The recorder reported the city was short and owed \$50 interest on bonds. After it had been suggested that a warrant be ordered drawn for \$85 and discounted at ten per cent, Mr. Rider offered the use of the required sum until Jan. 1st free of interest. His offer was accepted and the mayor for the council thanked him for the favor shown the city. Council then adjourned. Some thrilling cyclone stories which had been personal experiences of different ones present were narrated and then the audience dispersed, somewhat perplexed but confident that the champion truth teller of this city doesn't make his headquarters at the council chamber.

A False Report.

The report that Mr. and Mrs. North had been burned was soon proved without foundation. Parties saw a mass of flames about where the house was and at once jumped to the conclusion the place had been burned over and, finding nothing of the people, that they had perished. The flames surrounded the building but burned only the barn. The story about Mr Dallas' family probably came about the same way.

MASTER'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

Bank of British Columbia,  
Complainant,  
vs.  
Mathias Koshland, Fannie Koshland and James Simons,  
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the directions of a decree made and entered in the above entitled Court and cause on the 10th day of December, 1894, and to me directed, I will on the

11th day of September, 1895,

at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the door of the County Court House of Washington County, Oregon, in the city of Hillsboro, said county and state, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all of the right, title and interest had on the 10th day of March, 1894, by Mathias Koshland and Fannie Koshland, together with all the title which they have since acquired in and to the following described real property, situate in the County of Washington and State of Oregon, to-wit:

All of the Southeast quarter of the Southw. at quarter of Section No. 27, and the Northeast quarter of the Northw. at quarter of section No. 28, in township one south, range three west, of the Willamette Meridian.

The said sale will be made for the purpose of realizing the sum of \$21,750.00 with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from August 27, 1894, and the costs and disbursements, the accruing costs and expenses of sale. The sale will be made subject to the confirmation of the above entitled Court and subject to the redemption provided by law.

Dated August 10th, 1895.  
WALLACE McCAMANT,  
Master in Chancery in the United States Circuit Court for the District of Oregon.

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