

IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE CONSIDERED

The main part of the time was taken up with petitions and listening to arguments at the council meeting Monday evening.

The first matter after the reading of the minutes was a letter from A. G. Long & Co. in regard to installing an alarm system by which the fire bell can be rung from the home telephone exchange, and was referred to the fire and water committee.

A petition was received with 105 signatures to call another election to vote \$75,000 bonds for the purpose of bringing in the Tucker spring and putting in an independent water system by the city. D. J. Freiberg was present and read the following argument in favor of the project.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Hood River: Gentlemen:—In presenting you with this petition for another election on bringing water to Hood River from Tucker's spring it may not be out of place to give our reasons for this action.

1st. A larger and better supply for fire protection is urgently needed in every part of the city.

2d. Expected growth of the city will force this issue upon us in the very near future if we do not voluntarily assume it now.

3d. The state board of health in its last report urged upon the importance of "immediately securing an abundant and wholesome supply of water," recommending municipal ownership.

4th. The present plant must be either replaced or displaced. To replace it with eight inch pipe mains the present company want a five year contract for five years. Such a contract would confine another part of the city to its present unsatisfactory water and with no fire protection.

Six inch mains, which they proposed in the public meeting to use if no contract were made with the city, must be replaced later by eight inch mains when fire hydrants are installed, thus keeping the streets continually dug up.

5th. This committee, at a considerable expense to ourselves, secured the services of the most competent engineer in the state to go over all the proposed plans and measure the water.

Mr. Nasell was for many years with the O. R. & N. Co. The reliable engineer recommended him to us. His report is as follows:

On March 9 I made water measurements of the Tucker spring, about six miles south-west of Hood River, with the following results: The water for the weir at the main spring, 500 gallons per minute.

For the weir about 50 yards below, 675 gallons per minute.

At neither of these places can the entire amount of water be collected and made to pass over the weir. At the first one a little water can be seen on either side seeping through the earth and rocks, and the lower weir is at the foot of a recent slide which has backed the water up in a shallow pool, the level of which we were obliged still further to raise in placing our weir, so that it is reasonable to assume that there was an appreciable amount of water seeping into the loose, rocky ground at the ends of the weir.

The amount measured at the lower weir, 625 gallons per minute, would amount to 900,000 gallons per day. One hundred gallons per day is an ample allowance for use in industrial and domestic purposes, considering the large amount of sprinkling which it is desirable to do in the summer time at Hood River it might be advisable to allow as much as 150 gallons. This supply would suffice then for 6800 people.

It is a little doubtful whether a fourteen inch pipe would carry the entire volume of the spring on a grade of three feet per mile, as proposed by Mr. Roberts, but if this grade could be increased to four feet, which it seems there could be no trouble in doing, this size of pipe would be ample for the purpose.

I read Mr. Roberts' report over carefully and while I could not, of course under such circumstances, make any check on the quantity, yet his report is full and explicit, and bears the marks of having been carefully worked out.

As to the policy of securing a water supply from this spring for the domestic purposes of the city, the City of Hood River can make no mistake in securing every available supply within reasonable distance.

I understand there are two other possible sources of supply, namely: The Green Point spring and the Lake Fork of Hood River. If either of these is used this pipe is in direct line for an extension and the same right of way would permit pipes to be laid for either of these sources, if desirable.

Yours respectfully, J. P. Newell.

6th. The most important part of Mr. Roberts' report, the part most favorable to the city, has never yet been published and we would respectfully call attention to this part of his report.

A petition was received, signed by 105 tax payers and voters, asking that the council call no more special elections for either putting in a water system of their own, or buying the present plant, until such time as there was actual need of the same by reason of the city needing more water, and also asking that the city make a contract with the present water company for a term of five years, for the rental of \$3 per month each; the company to make improvements in the plant in accordance with the requirements of the board of fire and water.

Both petitions were referred to the judicial committee, to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Davidson addressed the council in the interest of the petition. Mr. Davidson said that he found, in going around with the petition, that many people did not want the water to be bonded at the present time to put in water. Referring to the report of Engineer Newell, read by Mr. Freiberg, he said that it compared favorably with the Roberts report. The principal objection he had to the Tucker spring was the elevation and also stated that the amount of water in that spring was no more than in the present upper and lower water systems. He thought that the city should not bond for water until it was needed. The company could give more pressure in the hill with a pump from the lower spring than could be obtained from the Tucker spring. They would take care of the hill. The time would come when the city would have to go into the water business, and should then go to Green Point for the water. There was a demand for fire protection. Many buildings in the business district were wooden structures and the city should be protected against a dangerous fire. Mr. Davidson said his own property was in dan-

ger and wanted better fire protection, but could not afford to make the outlay of \$10,000 for his own protection alone. The company wanted to install the improvements at once and would like an answer to the proposition.

The health committee reported that they had carefully considered the placing of lights on Pine street and recommended that the same be done, provided Mr. Gessling paid for the cost of installation and maintenance of the lights.

A letter was received from the W. C. T. U. suggesting that work be done towards installing the new fountain. I being reported that Mr. McElain was ready to do the work as soon as the weather became settled, no further action was taken.

A petition was received from residents along Columbus street asking that a sewer be laid in district No. 2, and the same was ordered.

Ordinance No. 149, relating to the grades on West State street, was passed.

An ordinance was introduced requiring that cement sidewalks be laid in the fire limits district, whenever it becomes necessary to replace present wooden sidewalks.

The matter of re-building the bridge across Hood River was taken up and no official notice having been received as to what action the county court had taken in regard to the city taking over the streets in the city limits, it was decided to send a member of the street committee to The Dalles to meet the members of the court and ascertain, if possible, just what could be expected from the county in the way of turning over the boat taxes. provided the proposition of the city was accepted.

An adjournment was taken to next Monday evening.

Do Not Crowd the Season. The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by Keir & Cass.

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