

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council Meets in Regular Session Tuesday Evening and Holds Adjourned Sessions Wednesday and Friday Evenings.

CONSIDER DR. RAY'S PROPOSITION

The October meeting of Jacksonville council was held Tuesday evening with Mayor Britt, Councilmen Cameron, Nunan, Huffer, Orth, Recorder Dox, Marshal Renault and Commissioner Wendt.

Chris Ulrich was authorized to continue street sprinkling so long as the dry weather continues.

Bill of former Marshal, W. G. Kenney, for \$2. for arresting a drummer, who had tied his team to a shade tree, and which had been laid on the table at a former meeting, was taken up and allowed.

The following bills were then allowed:

Mark Applegate, changing street lights,	\$2.00
Nunan-Taylor Co., kerosine,	8.75
T. J. Kenney, supplies,	2.45
E. Britt, water for sprinkler,	21.00
Iowa Lumber and Box Co., shingles and lumber for repair to roof of town hall,	51.90
Chris Ulrich, sprinkling streets,	15.00
Henry Dox, recorder's fees,	2.95

The street commissioner was authorized to examine the foot bridge across Daisy Creek on Third street and if found to be in unsafe condition to have a new bridge built.

The special appointment of John Renault for marshal having expired he was appointed as regular marshal, the salary to remain as heretofore paid, that of \$50. per month.

An application was made, verbally, by Peter Applegate, for permission to lay water mains in the streets, but no action was taken on the request, which was continued until the adjourned meeting on Wednesday evening and at the suggestion of Mayor Britt, Mr. Applegate was requested to put his application in writing so that it could be made a matter of record.

No representations of either the Gold Hill or Gold Ray electric companies were present so no action was taken on an electric light franchise but a request was sent in by Dr. Ray that the council hold a special meeting on Wednesday evening of this week at which time he would be present and submit a proposition for a franchise. The council, upon adjourning, did so to meet on Wednesday evening of this week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

At the adjourned meeting of the council held Wednesday evening the first business up was the consideration of an application of Peter Applegate for permission to lay water pipes in the streets of Jacksonville, for the purpose of putting in a water system for the town. The permit was granted Mr. Applegate, under the terms of which he is to have the free use of the streets for a period of 99 years and is to lay his pipes at least 15 inches below the surface of the street and is to leave all streets and sidewalks in as good repair as when found. A violation of the terms of the permit is to be the cause for its revocation. No contract was entered into with Mr. Applegate to supply the town with water for fire protection, that matter being left until Mr. Applegate has his water system in operation which he expects to have by next spring.

The improvement of the Jackson Creek road and the channel of Jackson creek was brought up by Councilman Nunan and after a general discussion of the question a motion was made by Councilman Newman and seconded by Councilman Huffer that \$200 be appropriated, to

go with a fund that has been contributed by citizens interested in this improvement and by the county. Every member of the council was in favor of this road and creek improvement and the appropriation passed by a unanimous vote.

To secure a system of electric light for the town was next taken up and a proposition embodied in an ordinance was submitted by A. E. Reames for consideration. The terms of the franchise asked for by Mr. Reames was that he would supply the town with street lights at the rate not to exceed 6 cents per hour for arc lights and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent per hour for 32 power incandescent lights and $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per hour for 16 candle power and light to private consumers at 15 cents per kilowatt.

The town was to pay for installing the wires, cutouts, brackets and lamps and to maintain them. The franchise was not to be exclusive and its period of existence to be fixed by the council, and it provided that the streets were not to be obstructed and to be left in as good repair as when found. It allowed a reasonable time for a discontinuance of service in case of break down of the power plant, but made no provision for forfeiture of the franchise in case of unsatisfactory service, other than for a total cessation of service. Mr. Reames asked that the limit of the franchise be for not less than 20 years, while Mayor Britt thought 15 years ample time, but on a vote being taken the time was made 20 years. After a general discussion of the terms of the franchise and the answering of a number of questions by Dr. C. R. Ray and by W. R. Stoddard, electrician for the Condor Power Company the ordinance was passed its first and second readings after which the council adjourned until Friday night when final consideration of the ordinance will be had.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Another adjourned meeting of the council was held this Friday evening to further consider the proposition of A. E. Reames to furnish the town with electric light. All the members of the council were present and a very full discussion of the subject was had, a hearing being accorded to several citizens who also spoke on the subject. Mayor Britt opened the consideration of Mr. Reames' proposition by reading aloud the ordinance that had been prepared by Mr. Reames, that was to grant him the franchise and which had been passed the first and second reading at the adjourned meeting on Wednesday, so that the councilmen could be fully advised as to its terms. Councilman Nunan then took up the rates proposed by Mr. Reames as his maximum charges, and he showed that the two arc lights for an all night service at 6 cents per hour would cost \$525.00 a year, while 25 incandescent lights at $\frac{1}{4}$ cts. per hour would cost \$821.25 per year, making a total of \$1,346.85 as the yearly cost of lighting the streets of Jacksonville. It was the unanimous opinion of the members that these rates were too high and unless better terms could be had the kerosine lamps would be retained. Mr. Reames had asked at the previous meeting that the franchise be first granted to him and then they would take up the matter of adjusting the rates. Councilman Huffer referred to this and stated that it was his opinion that when the franchise was granted that the town was tied and would have to accept, if they secured lights, such rates as Mr. Reames saw fit to charge up to the maximum rate fixed by his franchise and he thought it best to agree on the rates with Mr. Reames before the franchise was granted him. Councilman Nunan supported this plan, as did all the other members of the board, Mr. Nunan stating that the exclusive franchise to sell goods at a good maximum rate in Jacksonville would be worth \$10,000. Mr. Reames was not present, being out of

town, so the question of rates was dropped for this meeting.

Councilman Orth then took up that feature of Mr. Reames' proposition that required the town to pay for installing the street wiring and lighting system and to meet all charges for its maintenance in addition to paying for the lights at a good rate, and Mr. Orth thought if the town was to pay for and maintain the street lighting system that it would be better then that the town buy the current and own and manage the entire town lighting system as does Medford and many other towns. The plan met the approval of part of the members but Councilman Cameron said he was opposed to municipal ownership.

As to whether it was advisable to buy electric light of Mr. Reames or to buy direct of Dr. Ray's company and thus avoid a middleman's profit, was brought up by Councilman Cameron who thought that better rates might be had from the owners of the electric station than from a retail dealer. The recorder was authorized to correspond with electric supply companies and ascertain the cost of wire, brackets, lamps, etc., and also to correspond with Oregon town authorities as to rates paid for electric service, after which an adjournment was taken until next Tuesday.

Johnnie Barnum will leave this Saturday for San Francisco, where he will enter the James Lick Polytechnic School and take a course in mechanical engineering, on the completion of which he will again take up railroading but in the engineering department. Johnnie has the distinction of having served as a railroad conductor at a younger age than that of any other person in the United States, having commenced to fill that position on the Rogue River Valley Railroad when but 12 years of age. Mr. Barnum is an industrious, studious young man and having a natural aptitude for his chosen vocation he should make a success of his life work. Mr. Barnum's place as conductor on the Jacksonville local train will be filled by Marion Tryer, who is a very accommodating young man and will fill the position acceptably both to the railroad company and to the traveling public.

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