

Town Council Meeting.

The regular session of the City Council met on the evening of Dec. 20th, at which two bills of \$200. each were allowed. The Recorder was instructed to procure 200 feet of 2 1/2 inch fire hose. The Marshal was ordered to enlarge the enlarge to the fire apparatus hall and to have large double doors hung and to see to having a lamp burning in that part of the house at night. The council then adjourned until Friday evening Dec. 31st, 1897.

Dec. 31st, 1897.—In pursuance of adjournment the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M. by H. F. Goodspeed, chairman. Roll call found the following officers present: Councilmen Goodspeed, Hadley and Knudson; Clyde Clements, Marshal; W. J. May, City Attorney; Howard Cary, City Treasurer; C. N. Drew, Recorder. The annual report of city officers were called for.

The Recorder made the following report for the year 1897. Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1897 \$17.38 Receive by Saloon Licenses 1200.00 " " Dray " 18.00 " " Powder " 15.00 " " Shows " 18.50 " " dogs " 29.00 All other Licenses to date 23.00 Rec by Pines " " City Taxes to date 380.55 Total Receipts \$1728.43

During the year warrants have been drawn as follows:

Sal. of Cy. Mar. including date \$300.00 " " Rec. " " 120.00 " " Atty. " " 40.00 " " Treas. " " 25.00 " " St. Com. " " 44.32 Total Amount of Salaries \$589.37

For Fire Apparatus & Hydrants \$307.68 " Water rent 8 months 320.00 " Improvements & Labor on Sts 461.79 " Suits against City from 1896 94.20 " Printing (part of bill from 1896) 21.60 " Misc. Bills Inc. bills to date 122.43 Total amount of Warrants drawn 2207.27

Leaving a debt. to be carried for ward to 1898 of \$269.64 The report of city Treas. showing about the same result was read and the report was accepted and ordered filled. Ordinance No. 92, an ordinance to License Keepers or Proprietors of Circuses or other means of entertainment was introduced and read 1st, 2d, and by unanimous consent of the Council was read 3d, and last time and adopted by the Council and ordered referred to the Mayor. Ordinance No. 93 an ordinance to repeal ordinance No. 65 approved Aug. 12th, 1816 and entitled 'an Ordinance to License Showmen and other Entertainments was introduced and read 1st, 2d, and by consent of Council put to the 3d, reading and passed and ordered referred to the Mayor. Then the following bills were presented and read.

Mar. Sal. Dec. & extra \$ 50 were \$32.50 Rec. " " " 2.50 " 12.50 Atty. Cost Quarter 3 months 10.00 Treas. " Half 6 " 12.50 Water Rent for Dec. 40.00 A. A. Ford work at Hall 4.25 HEADLIGHT, City Printing 7.50 C. N. Knudson .85 Tillamook Lumber Co 1.93 W. H. H. Cary .50 W. J. May misc. wk. for cy 20.00

The above bills were referred to a committee of the whole, said committee reported favorable, motion was made and carried that the bills be allowed and warrants drawn to pay the same.

No other business coming before the Council, the meetings of the Common Councilmen of Tillamook City for the year 1897 was declared at an end.

The new board of City Councilmen meet Monday eve and organized by electing C. P. Knudson, chairman. The Mayor's message was read as follows:

To the Common Council of Tillamook City Oregon: By the charter of the city, it is made the duty of the Mayor to communicate to the council at the first regular meeting a general statement of the conditions and affairs of the municipal Corporation, and to recommend such measures as he may deem expedient and proper.

FINANCES. The report of the city recorder for the year ending December 31, 1897, shows that the total revenues of the city for that year amounted to \$1728.43, including a balance of \$17.38 on hand at the beginning of the year. The principal items of revenue were: saloon licenses, \$1200; city taxes, \$380.55; study licenses, \$29; dog fines, \$29.00. The total expenditures for the same period were \$2207.27, made up of the following items: salary of Marshal, \$300; city treasurer, \$589.37; use of street commissioner, \$44.32; fire hydrants, hose, etc., \$320; water for 8 months, \$320; street improvements, \$461.79; misc. expenses, \$122.43; bill of Page and Hadley against the city, \$94.20; printing \$21.60.

The foregoing statement shows the present indebtedness of the city to be \$269.64, to which should be added the cost of 200 feet of fire hose recently ordered by your predecessors, which will be about \$60, and an additional allowance made the city attorney of \$30. The arrears of the city at this date are then practically \$359.64. It is but just to observe that expenditures of the city have for the most part been in line with a spirit of progress and development, and meet, I believe, with the general approval of our citizens. There will be some further collections from last year's taxes, and should there be no unforeseen decrease in the revenues for the coming year, the indebtedness of the city will be met without seriously interfering with needed improvements.

FIRE PROTECTION. The greater portion of the residence districts of the city is not within reach of the present fire hydrants. For this state of affairs a partial remedy will be found in the additional fire hose recently ordered, but I believe that any additional expenditure for fire protection should be devoted to the purchase of fire hydrants for the residence portions of town. I believe the maximum number of hydrants stipulated for in the contract with the water company is

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To the Editor of the HEADLIGHT: Dear Sir, I see that a correspondent of yours who does not patronize the dancing school thinks there is great objection to the mixed company at that institution.

LICENSE ORDINANCES. The license ordinance needs revision, and this should be made with thoroughness and deliberation. Ordinance No. 92, on this subject recently passed to meet an emergency, bears evidence of hasty preparation, and should receive early attention.

CITY RECORDS. The city recorder should be authorized and required to keep the original ordinances and other valuable papers of the city in a fire proof vault, and at such times as the funds at his disposal will permit, the ordinances should be carefully revised, be printed in pamphlet form, carefully indexed, for general convenience.

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