

get ready cash. I have a big business during hard times and poor crops from people who are willing to trade with me providing I can duplicate catalogue house prices and wait until after harvest for my money. My scales weigh too much when I sell sugar and too little when I buy butter. I am a thief, a liar and a grafter. If I smile I am a soft soapy hypocrite; if I don't I am a gaump. Yes, certainly this is a snap." And he looked over \$10,000 worth of book accounts, all good, and wonders how he could raise \$350 to pay a sight draft due tomorrow.—Ex.

### FROM THE MAYOR.

Hope, North Dakota,  
April 18th, 1905.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Hope, Steele Co., North Dakota. Gentlemen:—Having been honored with the election to the office of Mayor of our beautiful city, for the second time, for which I most heartily thank you, I desire to call the attention of your Honorable body setting forth the business transacted during the past year, and recommend for your consideration an outline of the business which in my judgment should be done for the best interest of our beautiful city the coming year.

As you all know we have in the past year on our Ordinance Book, in full force, 14 ordinances relative to the governing of the city and which if enforced will add largely to the improvement and best interest of the city, are as follows:

- Ordinance Number One. Defining the City limits of the City of Hope.
- Ordinance Number Two. Providing for official newspaper.
- Ordinance Number Three. Defining, creating and establishing City officials and duties and rules and order of business.
- Ordinance Number Four. Annual appropriation bill for 1904 and 1905.
- Ordinance Number Five. Fixing salary and bond of City officials.
- Ordinance Number Six. Relating to billiard and pool tables.
- Ordinance Number Seven. Declaring animals running at large public nuisance and providing for impounding the same.
- Ordinance Number eight. Prescribing regulations for protection of fire stoves and stove pipes and deposit of ashes, hay or straw.
- Ordinance Number Nine. Creating the fire limits in which no wooden building may be erected.
- Ordinance Number Ten. Relating to nuisances, such as pig pens, cow pens, stables, etc.
- Ordinance Number Eleven. Providing punishment for non-payment of fines and penalty.
- Ordinance Number Twelve. Providing for penalty for the violation of the laws of the City.
- Ordinance Number Thirteen. To enforcement of good order.
- Ordinance Number Fourteen. Dividing the city limits of Hope into wards.

While we have all of the above now in full force, we are sadly in need of several more and of which I would earnestly recommend for your consideration, which should be in force as soon as possible for your convenience to enact them, the following:

First, an Ordinance relative to the building and repairing of sidewalks and the kind of material; also the width and construction in the different parts of the City.

Also relative to an Ordinance for the purpose of putting the Fire Company under control of the City government.

An Ordinance relative to a license for the privilege of running a bucket shop, such as we now have, in our City.

We should also establish the office of Street Commissioner, as we have no office of that kind on our books.

While we have in the past year done considerable work on the streets of the City, we are in need of considerable more in several parts of the City in order to provide drainage.

I also recommend the purchase of at least seven arc lights, to be placed in parts of the city where your honorable body think best for the convenience of all. Also recommend the filling of Second street between Small and Steele avenues, so as to carry the water on to Small avenue in the course provided for the drainage.

I also recommend a tax levy large enough to meet all current expenses that are necessary for the improvement of the City, and especially request a levy for the fire fund, large enough to pay all outstanding warrants that are now due and that will become due May 1st, 1905.

Also would suggest that an interest and sinking fund be levied of small amount, for the purpose of paying the interest on our outstanding warrants.

We have at this time outstanding warrants against the fire fund the amount of \$2311.98, of which are now due and coming due, \$924.48 and interest on the whole amount; \$415.73 being old warrants that the Council of the last knew nothing about until within the last month and for which we must provide for the payment this coming year.

We also need a levy for the general expenses of the city, as provided in Ordinance Number 4.

It will be necessary for your Honorable body to look through the several parts of the City and determine as near as possible the expense that will be required for all purposes and make a tax levy for enough to meet all demands, but I would recommend that you be as conservative as possible and place the work at the place it will be for the best interest of the City for all concerned and with as little expense as possible.

I would also recommend for your consideration the repairing of the City hall and put it in such condition that we will not be ashamed to show it to anyone. As it now is, it is not convenient for the general public and should have more room if possible. The City hall has in the last year taken in \$731.07, and we have left in the hands of the City Treasurer, at this time, from the receipt of the City hall, \$249.80.

While I have perhaps overlooked a large part of what will be necessary for the welfare of the City, I hope this will give you an outline of the business to be transacted, and ask your co-operation with me and hope that all members of your Honorable body will bear with me and work for the best interest of the City, so that when we are called upon to turn over to our successors in office we will be able to do so with credit to ourselves and those who were instrumental in entrusting us with the responsible position we now hold.

Again thanking you all for your co-operation, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

GEO. A. WARNER,

Mayor.

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