

Ordinance no. ²⁴¹ 241

By Crichton

An ordinance providing for the organization and government of the fire department of the City of Payette, and Providing a Penalty for the Violation Thereof.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Payette:

1 The fire department of the City of Payette shall consist of two hose companies, one hook and ladder company and one chemical company, and such other companies as may be organized subject to the provisions of this ordinance. The numbers of active members of the several companies shall be as follows, hook and ladder company not more than seven nor less than six, the hose companies not more than seven nor less than six, the chemical company not more than seven nor less than six, the members of which shall be chosen from the membership of the hook and ladder company and the hose companies. The active membership of any of the companies must not fall below the minimum number as required by this section.

2 The officers of the fire department shall consist of one fire chief and one assistant fire chief to be appointed or elected by the Mayor and City Council; and the officers of the several companies shall consist of one foreman and one assistant foreman for each company to be appointed by the fire chief from the membership of the companies to which they belong.

3 The active members in good standing shall elect from their entire membership each year one president and one secretary, the city clerk to act as treasurer and it shall be their duty to see to all things pertaining to their office.

4 The fire chief, or president can call a meeting of the department when found necessary which shall be presided over by the president and in his absence by the fire chief; provided however that not less than four business meeting be held each year.

5 The fire chief shall have absolute control of the department at all times and shall direct or cause to be directed all movements of the several companies, and shall see to it that they keep the apparatus and machinery under their care in proper order and ready at all times for active duty, and if at any time he finds any officer or member derelict in their duties he shall report them to the chairman of the fire committee who shall have power suspend them or discharge them; The fire chief shall have authority to call out the department or any part of it at any time for drill.

6 It shall be the duty of the assistant fire chief to attend upon the fire chief and assist him in the performance of his duty and in the absence of the chief he shall perform the duties of that officer.

7 If the office of the chief or assistant fire chief becomes vacant for any cause the next officer in rank shall fill that office and shall notify the Mayor and Council whose duty it will be to appoint or elect another to fill the vacancy.

8 No liability incurred by the fire department or any other companies thereof shall be charged against the city unless authorized by the chairman of the fire committee.

9 When on active duty the fire chief and assistant fire chief shall each be invested with the authority of police officer of the City of Payette.

10 The day marshall, night marshall, and watermaster, shall be subject to duty and call at all fires and at any time. The marshalls shall respond and assist in every way that they can in getting the apparatus to the fire and shall take charge and protect any property needing their protection and shall keep back the people from getting in the way or in any way interfering with the firemen in the discharge of their duties. The watermaster must respond to call and immediately start the pumps to pumping and shall continue to do so until ordered by the fire chief to stop. Each of the above named officers shall be under the orders of

the fire chief during a fire.

Any able bodied citizen of the City of Payette over eighteen years of age may become a member of the department when there is a vacancy, by being appointed by the fire Chief. Each member shall be exempt from performing labor upon the City streets, and by filing with the Clerk an oath to support the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and the ordinances of the City of Payette and to faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices according to the best of their ability.

12.

If any member of the department be injured as the result of his fighting fire within the City, the City of Payette shall pay for him a reasonable doctor bill not to exceed \$50.00 and should any member die as the result of such injury, the City of Payette shall pay his funeral expenses not to exceed \$50.00.

13.

Each member in good standing in his company shall receive from the City of Payette as compensation for his labor at the end of each half year the portion to which he is entitled to, which shall be based upon the number of runs he has participated in; and the compensation for each run shall be \$2.50 from 8 P. M. to 8 A. M., and \$1.50 from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M., provided however, that those members who arrive first with their apparatus shall receive \$1.00 more apiece for the run.

14. *day runs where water is not played on the fire, 75¢ apiece, only shall be allowed*

Any drayman or other persons pulling the apparatus by team to a fire shall be entitled to the sum of \$2.00

15.

Any person or persons interfering with the firemen in the discharge of their duties, or by passing over the fire hose with any vehicle propelled by horses or motor shall upon conviction thereof be fined in the sum not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00. Any person or persons who shall be guilty of removing any ladders or other fire apparatus from any of the fire stations for any purpose except to fight fire, without getting the consent of the chairman of the fire Committee and the Fire Chief, shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00.

16. Copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Fire Department to be turned over to the Chairman of the Fire Committee, immediately after each meeting. It shall also be the duty of the Fire Chief to submit an itemized report to the City Clerk, of the attendance of the Department at each fire and the amount due each member for said service.

~~This ordinance shall be in full force and effect, from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official newspaper.~~

~~Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 4th day of August,~~

17.

All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

18.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official newspaper.

Passed and approved this 5th day of August, 1913.

Attest. *Martin Luther*
City Clerk.

C. B. Campbell
Mayor.