

City granted franchise for electric power plant

One hundred years ago, February 1906, electric energy was in the news, according to the *The Goodland Republic*.

The City Council passed an ordinance first published in the paper on Feb. 9, 1906, granting an electric franchise:

ELECTRIC LIGHTS THIS TIME BELIEVED FRANCHISE GRANTED WILL BE ACCEPTED
Denver Man Main Investor in Proposed Plant — Local Capital Will Get in, Too

The city council met in regular session Tuesday night at the water works building ... The council passed an ordinance granting an electric light franchise ... William H. Frazier of Denver, to whom the franchise was granted, reports their

matters of record

District Traffic
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
Dec. 28 — Rita J. Gunzelman fined \$144 for speeding.
Mary T. Hannifin fined 4126 for speeding.
Frederick L. Kersting fined \$132 for speeding.
Theresa A. Rau fined \$120 for speeding.
Nathan J. Wtherell fined \$150 for speeding.
Deborah G. Wilson fined \$126 for speeding.
Dec. 29 — Roland H. Sunberg fined \$126 for speeding.
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purpose to put in the electric light plant as soon as material and machinery can be procured, and say that they hope to have the plant in operation in ninety days. From all that can be learned, the prospect is bright for the installment of the plant at an early date. It will be a grand good thing for Goodland and everybody is for it.

(In other business transacted) ... The petition of property owners on Broadway to vacate ten feet on either side of the street and change it from a 100-feet to an 80-feet street was carefully considered and by a unanimous vote rejected. The opinion prevailed that Broadway would

available for a business street, and therefore declined to grant the petition.

... One reason for refusing the petition to narrow Broadway ... was that the company planning to put in an electric lighting plant desires to place one of its pole lines on this street.

(First published in The Goodland Republic, February 9, 1906) ORDINANCE NO. 136 — AN ORDINANCE granting unto William H. Frazier the right to build, maintain, and operate a plant to furnish electric light, heat, and power to the city of Goodland, Kansas, and its inhabitants and any person or corpora-

tion, and the use of the streets, avenues and alleys of the city of Goodland, Kansas for such purposes ... for the period of twenty (20) years from and after the date of publication of this ordinance in the official city paper...

Section 5. That William H. Frazier ... agrees that the rate charged any customer in the city of Goodland for incandescent lighting, shall not exceed twenty-five (25) cents per kilowatt hour, and for power, shall not exceed twelve (12) cents per kilowatt hour, and for arc lighting shall not exceed sixteen (16) cents per kilowatt hour. And the minimum charge made against each customer shall not be less than one dollar and fifty cents (1.50) per month,

... William H. Frazier shall supply and maintain a twelve (12) hour service upon his lines wherever the same is required and paid for by any customer

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Appearing in the same edition was a report from the Feb. 1 meeting of the Sherman county commissioners. Members present were N.E. Albertson, chairman; W.A. Sexson and J.W. Klauer. Wilson Peters, county clerk, also present. Among the bills allowed for payment were — Wilson Peters, by J.W. Jones, coyote scalps — \$4; William Vogan, drilling well on county poor farm — \$79.56; J.B. Miller, new Oliver typewriter — \$40.

On motion, the different bids on file to put in the windmill and pump on the county poor farm were examined and the board decided to let the contract to William Walker for \$83 for a ten-foot Perkins mill. Said mill and pump to be put in good running order and tower to be painted.

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Fund-raising for the schools was part of the community social entertainment. The following notice appeared announcing Bernice E.

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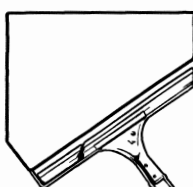
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