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HAMPSHIRE, FOR THE YEAR
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Standing—left to right—G. W. Hoyt, J. G. Quimby, D. J. Elliott, G. P. Mumsey, H. L. Smith, City Clerk J. F. Trask, A. E. Hill, F. A. Rand, W. H. Kimes, C. J. Avery, C. H. McMurry.
Sitting—left to right—J. W. Mathes, E. P. Thompson, Mayor W. F. Knight, S. B. Cole, C. M. Avery.

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MAYORS OF THE CITY OF LACONIA.

City incorporated by Act of Legislature approved March 24, 1893. First organization of city government May 3, 1893.

*CHARLES A. BUSIEL	1893-4
SAMUEL B. SMITH	1895-6
CHARLES L. PULSIFER	1897-8
EDMUND TETLEY	1899-0
JARED A. GREENE	1901-2
WOODBURY L. MELCHER	1903-4
BENJAMIN F. DRAKE	1905-6
WILLIAM F. KNIGHT	1907-8

*Deceased, Aug. 29, 1901.

ORGANIZATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, March 24, 1908.

At ten o'clock in the forenoon of the above date, members-elect of the city council for the municipal year of 1907 and the hold-over members from the previous city council met for organization agreeably to the provisions of the city charter.

The oath of office was administered to the mayor-elect, Hon. William F. Knight, by E. P. Jewell, Esq.

The mayor administered the oath of office to the following councilmen-elect, to wit:

Ward 1—Caleb J. Avery.
Ward 2—Dana H. Elliott.
Ward 3—Charles M. Avery.
Ward 4—George P. Munsey.
Ward 5—Fred A. Rand.
Ward 6—Harry L. Smith.
George W. Hoyt.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. K. Gifford, after which the mayor delivered his inaugural address.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF HON. WILLIAM F. KNIGHT, MARCH 24, 1908.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In entering upon my duties for a second term I desire to express to the members of the city council for 1907 and to all holding official positions under the city government, my deep sense of appreciation for the many acts of forbearance, kindness and courtesy that have at all times and in so many ways been extended to me by every one. We have worked together with an honest purpose to accomplish something that would tend towards the welfare and upbuilding of our city. There have been honest differences of opinion on many questions and problems that have been presented to us, but after a free and fair discussion, a wise and satisfactory solution has in every case been the result, and I honestly believe that some work has been accomplished that will prove of permanent value.

A small reduction has been made in our public debt, and although for the coming year large expenditures are necessary if we carry forward the improvements that are outlined and recommended, it is hoped there may be for 1908 some further reduction if only a small one. Circumstances may arise that will make it necessary to raise money by resolution, but let us as far as is in our power appropriate and raise by taxation to cover all expenditures.

During the past year there was appropriated and raised for permanent improvements on our highways as follows:

Rebuilding Casino bridge	\$1,200.00
Concreting sidewalks	2,000.00

Construction of Perley canal	\$4,200.00
State highway	4,000.00
Re-locating street lines and grading	
Ward 6	1,000.00
Surface drains on School street	250.00
Building of Rowell street	400.00
Extension of Sheridan and Beaman streets	275.00
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Making a total of	\$13,325.00

In addition to the above the city council appropriated by resolution for the construction of a fire station for Ward 6, \$1,950.00. The last payment was made on the schoolhouse notes of \$5,000.00, new fire hose was purchased amounting to \$1,000.00. The additional pay to the firemen, made necessary by the re-organization of the fire department, added an expenditure of about \$1,000.00.

The recommendation of the council for 1907 is before you, and is the result of their observation, experience and a knowledge gained by a public hearing of all parties who were interested and appeared before the finance committee of that body. Probably the most important work for your consideration will be the appropriation of money. We can expend our own as we choose, but in expending that for our city we should ever bear in mind that it comes from the many, and no doubt in many cases the tax is a heavy burden; but whether it comes from the rich or poor, or by the large or small tax-payer, all have a share and interest in its disposition, and so in all matters that pertain to appropriations, the council will no doubt be glad to receive advice and suggestion, and the active coöperation of every citizen in all matters that may be presented for consideration.

The recommendation to expend the sum of six thousand dollars for macadam roads, divided so that the sum of two thousand may be used in Ward 2 on Church street, extending from the bridge to Casino square; two thousand