

CITY GOVERNMENT.

PROPERTY-OWNERS WHO OPPOSE IMPROVEMENTS.

Cemetery Records Reported Missing - Records of City Officials - Defective Sewer-Pipes - Etc.

The City Trustees held their weekly session yesterday morning, all the members present. The report of the Chief Engineer of the Water Works showed that during the week ending May 5th 31,370,750 gallons of water had been pumped, the Holly pump working 141 hours and the Stevens pump 84 hours.

Bids for improving the alley between J and K, Sixth and Seventh streets, by putting down granite or bituminous rock pavement, granite curbs, etc., were opened. The agent of the Pacific Improvement Company entered a protest to the awarding of the contract, and the matter was laid over for one week.

Bids for improving, grading, etc., Twenty-sixth street from J to N, were opened. One of the bidders stated in his bid that if the property-owners were allowed to take the surplus earth from the streets, as was provided for in the specifications, he did not want the contract, and would ask to withdraw his bid. A lively discussion ensued, and various contractors gave their opinions.

Antonio King said that he put in his bid in accordance with the specifications, and did not care whether or not the property-owners took the earth. He thought it inflicted no hardship on the contractors.

Other contractors held that the property-owners would take the surplus earth, which was easy to shovel, and leave the bedrock, if there happened to be any for the contractors to work. They thought the specifications ought to state definitely whether or not the property-owners would or would not have the right to confiscate the surplus earth.

E. A. Crouch stated that his company were agents for one of the parties owning property on the street, and they proposed to take their share of the surplus earth and fill in their lots.

The Mayor then requested that all the parties who wished to do so would withdraw their bids, and several complied with the invitation. The rest of the bids were then opened, and A. Borah, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract. His bid amounted to \$239 3/4.

THE STREETS MOVEMENT. The opening of bids for the construction of the foundation for the Stevens monument was then taken up, and John McGilvery, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract. His bid was \$342, against \$467 and \$513, the amounts bid by other contractors.

PROTESTING PROPERTY-OWNERS. A communication was received from property-owners on the alley between Seventh and Eighth, K and L, streets, stating that the surveying and grading of the alley, and that if the work was done according to his survey, it would be a great deal to the detriment of the property adjoining. The City Engineer was ordered to look into the trouble.

George Brannigan asked the Board that they notify the railroad company to make the slopes on each side of their R-street track on Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets so as to conform to the grading of the streets, which has just been finished. Trustee McLaughlin will attend to the matter.

TWO LEGAL OPINIONS. A communication was received from the City Attorney, who gave his opinion that Thirteenth street from K to L could be ordered graded by the Board, notwithstanding the remaining interests of the property-owners. Both K and L streets were graded, and under the Vrooman Act the work could be ordered done.

In regard to the sanitary questions as to low lots, stagnant pools, etc., he has referred the matters to Sanitary Inspector Starr, who would report to the Board.

Inspector Starr was present, and notified the Board of the different places that need a "clean-up," and that action in the matter be taken up at an early date.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WIRES. An ordinance was presented to the Board laying down rules for the telegraph and telephone companies in regard to affixing their wires to the tops of houses. It was read for the first time, and it will be taken up for final passage next Monday.

THE HEALTH OFFICER. The appointment of H. L. Nichols as Health Officer was confirmed by the Board.

A request was made for a street lamp on the west side of Fifth street, between J and K. Trustee McLaughlin will first see if it is a necessity.

THE CEMETERY RECORDS. A communication was received from R. W. Parker, Superintendent of the City Cemeteries, stating that he could not find the records containing the details occurring from the years 1871 to 1884, and that the late records of the New Helvetia Cemetery were also missing. The communication was placed on file, and an effort will be made to find the records.

DEFECTIVE SEWERS AND SIDEWALKS. L. B. Burke, Chief Engineer, stated that the sewer pipes at Thirteenth and K streets was in a bad condition, and that the sidewalk was overloaded at times. The attention of the Street Commissioner was called to the matter.

Mohr & York, through a communication, notified the Board that there was a bad break in the bulkhead on Thirteenth street, between J and K, and that their property was being injured on account of the same. This matter was also passed on the Second Trustee's shoulders.

A CASE OF SILENTIUM. It was ordered that the property owners on N street, from the Third to the Second, before the Board next Monday and show cause why the grading of the said street should not be discontinued. The matter was referred to the Board.

SEWERAGE CONDEMNED. The sidewalks in front of the Treatwell building on J street, between Second and Third, and also the one adjoining it on the west, were condemned by order of the Board.

Bids for the privilege of city scavenger will be opened next Monday morning.

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OWNERSHIP JUSTICE AND LICENSES. The Mayor suggested that the Supervisors be requested to appoint a Township Justice to fill the place of the late J. S. Brown. He thought what his business was done in that Court could be handled by the City Justices, and thus money could be saved.

The Clerk was ordered to write to the city authorities at Santa Rosa and get a copy of their ordinance relating to the city licenses.

OFFICIAL REPORTS. The Poundkeeper made the following report for the past month: Number of dogs, 64. Total, 107. Out of this number 4 dogs were killed and 20 released. The horses and cattle were all released. The sum of \$118 25 was charged and received for impounding said animals.

N. A. Kicker, Poundmaster, submitted the following report of levee dues for the past month: Steamers, \$107 50; barges, \$90; fish markets, \$10. Total, \$177 50.

R. W. Parker, Superintendent of the City Cemeteries, reported as follows: Number of deaths in the city for the month of April, 28; still-born, 1; brought here for interment, 16. Total number interred, 45. Out of this number 17 were buried in the City Cemetery, 8 in the New Helvetia, 11 in the St. Joseph, and 1 in the New Masonic. Five bodies were sent to other places throughout the State. Exhumation permits issued, 95; collected for sale of lots, \$130; permits, \$11; exhumation permits, \$890. Total, \$1,020.

The Chief of Police reported as follows for the month of April: Total arrests made, 37; lunatics accommodated, 48; meals furnished, 1,285; cash on hand, \$1,287. Total, \$1,287. Paid out during the month, \$15,315. Cash on hand, \$2,000.

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The object of the order was to enable attorneys, particularly outside of San Francisco, to file petitions for rehearing in due time. It having come to the notice of the Supreme Court that in a great number of instances petitions filed to be denied in specific time, which is thirty days, dating from the time the opinions were filed, owing to the fact that they were filed in the San Francisco office.

It appears that the object of the order is being evaded by the Secretaries of the Supreme Court in giving the opinion for publication in San Francisco, and at the same time dating them as filed, when as a matter of fact they are not