

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Yesterday - A Good Deal That Was Interesting, but Nothing That Was Exciting Transacted - Numerous Public Improvements Considered.

The council held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon, all the members but Alderman Shepherd answering to their names. A lengthy petition was presented for the grading of Rice street.

A petition of citizens of Little Canada, for the expenditure of \$1,000 of the \$10,000 set apart for improvement of roads leading out of the city, on roads in that town, was referred to the committee on streets.

A petition for the grading of Iglehart street was referred to the board of public works for action.

A communication of the officers of the Minnesota Magdalen society, calling attention to the legislation of last winter, appropriating the fines of houses of prostitution to that institution, and asking that the law be put into effect, was referred to the committee on social evil.

A petition for the improvement of West-ern avenue between Summit avenue and Ramsey street was referred for action.

A petition for an appropriation of \$800 for repairing the Centreville road from the town line between White Bear and New Canada townships to the north line of said White Bear township, was referred to the committee on streets.

REPORTS.

The city clerk presented his reports, showing licenses issued as follows: Liquor, \$10,600; beer, \$385; butcher, \$200; vehicles, \$82.50; miscellaneous, \$920. Total, \$11,137.50.

The report of the board of health was presented and accepted. The total deaths for March was 35, against 43 last year.

Frank Carlson, clerk of the municipal court, reported fines received, criminal cases, \$474.80; civil cases, \$85.70. Total \$560.50. Also, that there is due from the county of Ramsey for examination of State cases, the sum of \$43.50.

Foundry to the amount of \$6.25 was reported collected.

F. A. Benz, city treasurer, reported receipts and disbursements for the month of March as follows: Receipts, \$150,427.04; disbursements, \$61,873.29; balance, \$88,553.75.

RICE STREET SEWER.

The question of a sewer on Rice street coming up on the report of the special committee, Alderman Rhodes offered an amendment providing for constructing a sewer along L'Oriente, Locust, Glencoe, De Bow and other streets in lower town, at the same time, by an equal division of the sewer fund, created considerable discussion, when Alderman Dowan moved to refer the whole subject to the committee on sewer and streets, which motion was lost, 5 yeas, 6 nays. After some further discussion, Alderman Rhodes withdrew his amendment, and the report of the special committee, referring the subject to the board of public works, for action on the construction of the works was adopted.

An ordinance amending the ordinance relating to cattle running at large, was taken up, read the first, second and third times, and passed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A contingent of \$100 was voted the city engineer.

On the recommendation of the board of public works, it was voted to allow Martin Butler \$170, in addition to the amount heretofore paid him for the partial grading of Rice street.

The report of A. J. Manson, secretary of the board of education, was submitted as follows: Balance on hand, \$10,885.55; received from the State appropriation, \$8,127.80; total, \$19,013.35; disbursements, \$6,790.57; balance in treasury, \$12,222.84.

The award of the board of public works of the contract for a sewer on Sixth street to Patrick Butler was confirmed.

The recommendation of the board of public works, allowing the sum of \$165 to Michael O'Brien, on his contract for the grading of Second street, was concurred in. Also the action of the board in awarding the contract for grading Exchange street from Wabasha to Cedar street to John Clonin.

On the report of the committee on gas, oil lamps were ordered as follows: At corner of Tenth and Tompkins streets; on Nash and L'Oriente streets; corner of Rice and Ellen streets; corner of A and Fifth streets; corner of Fifth and Bridge streets; northeast corner of Fifth and Oak streets; 35 Westminister street; corner of Warren and Winslow; on corner of Sixth and Williams streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

That an order be drawn for \$125 in favor of Birge and Williams for a fire alarm box.

That the board of public works be authorized to make a new contract with John E. O'Brien for a cistern on Rice street, allowing said O'Brien the sum of \$171.46, for extra work provided for.

That the board of public works grade the extension of the street from the center of the northwest corner of section 15, township 28, range 22, to the intersection of said Dodd road with the Sun Fish lake road, in accordance with the plans and specifications of the city engineer, said grading to be paid for out of the fund specially set apart for the improvement of roads in Dakota county.

The chief of police was instructed to remove all obstructions from Conway street, between Commercial and Canal streets.

Changing the gasoline lamp from the corner of Goodhue to the corner of Ann street.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

An Unusually Large Amount of Routine Business Transacted - Road Improvements Called for in All Directions - All Claims Must be Presented According to the Rules.

The county board of commissioners held their regular meeting yesterday. A full board was in attendance, and settled down to business promptly at 10 o'clock. Very little talking was done, but a good deal of business was transacted.

From the supervisors of Reserve, for an appropriation of \$600 for the following purposes: \$300 for grading Snelling avenue from Summit avenue to the northern town line; \$100 to rebuild culverts on Fort road; \$100 to raise the grade near the eastern terminus of Snelling avenue. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

From fifty-six freeholders of Ramsey county for an appropriation of \$400, to be applied upon the Minneapolis and White Bear county roads. Referred to above.

From seventeen resident tax-payers of Rose township, for an appropriation of \$800 for grading a road running north from Robertson's Lake to the town of Mounds View. Referred to above.

From twenty-four citizens of the county, for an appropriation of \$150 to be expended on the St. Paul and Belle river road; \$250 to be expended on the White Bear Lake and Minneapolis road, commencing at Small Lake and ending at Johnson Lake. Referred.

From seventeen voters of Rose township, for \$150, to be expended on the county road running north from H. R. Gibbs', between sections 16 and 17, 9 and 8, and from thence to the town of Mounds View. Referred.

From some seventy-two voters of the county, asking for an appropriation of \$800 for repairing of the Centreville road, from New Canada and White Bear townships. The petition showed that the road was the property of Centreville, with a trade of \$100,000 a year.

From thirteen citizens of White Bear, for an appropriation of \$800, to be expended on the county roads in said town, known as the Clark, St. Paul, White Bear and Eagle, and the St. Paul and Centreville roads.

From nine taxpayers, for \$750, for improvement of Hudson road, which had been referred to roads and bridges committee. Reporting on the subject \$500 appropriation. Report adopted.

Petition from thirty-seven citizens, asking for \$700, to be spent on the road running through New Canada and Rose townships. Referred.

An opinion of the county attorney that the White Bear, Mounds View and Minneapolis road is not a legal road was read and accepted.

Mr. Lindeke asked if the committee on roads and bridges have power to lay out a road which is not a legal road.

The President - The committee has no such power.

Mr. Maynard moved that the committee be empowered to have a road surveyed and laid out, in the line of those declared illegal. Motion carried.

INSURANCE.

The report of the committee on public buildings showed policies of insurance amounting to \$40,000 at 2 per cent. The insurance was placed by the following agents: Haghorn, \$6,000; Wood, \$6,000; Eaton, \$6,000; Prince, \$6,000; Stoddard, \$6,000. The report was adopted.

COMMUNICATING FROM COUNTY OFFICERS.

From the supervisors of the town of McLean for \$900 for putting the Afton road in good order. Referred.

From John C. Becht, asking for 200 feet of hose for the jail building - the hose now in the jail being rotten and worn out. Referred to committee on public buildings.

From A. R. Keifer, directing the attention of the board to the fact that some of the bills deposited in the vault of the clerk of the district court, had been lost prior to his taking office. Referred to committee on ways and means.

The report of J. B. Olivier, of the abstract clerk's office, showing work done for the quarter ending March 31st to the amount of \$510.65, of which \$412.50 was paid over to the county treasurer and \$98.15 expended on work done, was referred to the committee on ways and means.

County Attorney Rogers explained the circumstances connected with the money reported by Major Becht, realizing that some of the seized goods under the law, which has been decided unconstitutional. Mr. Rogers also gave his opinion upon the question submitted in regard to the bonds of banks on the 1st of March, 1878.

The special committee appointed for the purpose of examining the public lands of Ramsey county in Mounds View township, reported that they could sell 40 acres at \$10 per acre and 40 acres at \$8 per acre.

The committee considered the most excellent offers, and empowered the committee to sell.

The question of setting back section 31 in Moundsview township, in school district 20, was brought up. Mr. Powers advocating it, stating that fifteen years ago this section was attached to district No. 2, Hennepin county, for convenience. Now there are no children there to be educated, and lie thought district No. 20 should now have the benefit of the taxes raised. Mr. Bowers thought differently. He hoped it would be left as it was when he stated a boy in school. The matter was referred to the committee on schools.

ALMS HOUSE.

The sum of \$700 was appropriated to the alms house and hospital, by resolution, and the usual batch of bills was allowed.

CLAIMS.

Mr. Lindeke said it was getting to be a custom for persons to send in bills after the committee on claims had met, and a rule explicitly stated that the bills should be examined before they were submitted to the board. If this thing is allowed to go on it would soon become so that no bill would get examined by the committee. On motion of Mr. Lindeke, all bills now presented should be referred to the committee on claims. Carried.

The bill of Thomas Howard for \$905.55 was disallowed.

BUYING SUPPLIES.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Maynard, to appoint Mr. S. Lee Davis agent of Ramsey county for purchasing stationery required for the use of the several officers, and distributing the same on proper requisition, and keeping an account of the amount issued to each officer, and to contract for all printing required for the use of the county, the salary of said purchasing agent to be \$500 per annum. It was stated that in the last year the purchasing agent had saved to the county over \$1,100. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The board then adjourned.

Waiting for Dead Men's Shoes.

The sick mayor was pestered all day yesterday to the brink of craziness by a hungry string of applicants, numbering forty in all, for the position of belliff in the municipal court, rendered vacant by the unfortunate death of N. R. Allen. All these candidates, and the innumerable band of martyrs yet to be heard from, may save their wind to cool their porridge. The mayor will not listen to their desperate voices, and will see their petitions in to the waste paper basket.

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