OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Special Meeting.

ST. PAUL, June 3, 1879, 3 o'clock P. M.

President Rhodes in the chair.

Present—Ald. Bell, Dowlan, Griggs, Minea, Smith, Sanborn and Mr. President—7.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From his honor the Mayor—

Calling the meeting at request of Ald. Dowlan, Rhodes and Griggs to take action in regard to the vacation of Cedar street.

Accepted.

Pursuant to the petition heretofore filed and which was read by the Clerk, and upon the President asking if there were any one present objecting to the same, and no one appearing, the same was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report by resolution at 7:30 P. M. this day.

Adjourned.

WM. RHODES, President of Council.

THOS. A. PRENDERGAST, City Clerk.

Regular Meeting.

ST. PAUL, June 3, 1879.

President Rhodes in the chair.

Present—Ald. Allen, Bell, Dowlan, Grace, Griggs, Minea, O'Connor, Smith, Sanborn, Mr. President—10.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Comptroller—

ST. PAUL, June 3, 1879.

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the city of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The city charter does not permit the levying a tax for an amount in excess of the $40,000 legislative appropriation for the erection and completion of the contemplated market house at a cost of $58,500, not including painting and glazing, heating, sewerage, plumbing, etc., which will probably cost $11,500 more, making a total excess of $30,000 over the appropriation, which must be provided for before a contract can be properly executed.

In the matter of levying taxes for the "general fund," the city charter is very clear as to the powers of your honorable body, as shown by the following sections of chapter five, viz:

SEC. 3. "To provide a 'general fund' to pay the general current and incidental expenses of the city, including salaries of officers, police, street force, fire department, lighting the city, water department, printing and stationery, and for a contingent fund not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and to provide for the preservation of the health of the city; but the amount of money to be raised for the above purposes shall only be so much as will be necessary, in addition to the amount received from licenses, fines, markets, and other incidental sources, for the economical administration of the affairs of the city, and shall not exceed ten (10) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property of the city; *and the money so raised shall not be expended for any other purpose than above stated.*"

SEC. 4. "The said levy shall be made by the said Common Council on or before the first day of November of each year, etc., etc."

SEC. 26. "The tax to be levied under section four for the 'general fund,' shall embrace the following specific objects, which shall be included and itemized in the annual report of the City Comptroller, as required by section eight of chapter three of this act, to-wit: Salaries of city officers, police department, expenses of city hall, fire department, board of health, water department, street lamp department, contingent fund, and for such other specific purposes or purposes as are prescribed by laws heretofore enacted and still in force, as aforesaid, and the taxes levied and collected for such specific object or objects, shall be applied only to defray the expenditures, together with the arrearages due and unpaid, for such specific object or objects, which arrearages or indebtedness shall be provided for in the next tax levy."

All revenues other than taxes, such as licenses, fines, market collections, etc., are already appropriated by section 3 to the "general fund," to pay for the specific objects mentioned therein—therefore your honorable body cannot otherwise ordain.

The "legal commission," in the revision of the city charter, displayed much wisdom in framing chapter five, relating to finances and taxation, in guarding against the levying of excessive taxes for purposes not prescribed by law.

The city of St. Paul financially ranks with the great cities, and holds the palm of being the least taxed city in the Union—only thirteen (13) mills on the dollar *for all purposes*—including State, county and school tax—based upon $23,000,000, assessed valuation of real and personal estate, at about fifty per cent. of the cash valuation.

Low taxes, without impairing the finances and efficiency of the city government, should be the aim and pride of all having charge of public affairs. Your honorable body has shown a desire to do this in the reduction of salaries—which is exceedingly commendable; similar economy in other matters will be productive of much good.

In place of the ordinance introduced at your last regular meeting—requiring a tax levy of one and one-half (1½) mills for the excess of the authorized appropriation for the construction of the new market house—I most respectfully suggest the passage of an ordinance appropriating so much of the delinquent taxes due from the year 1877 and prior years—applicable to the "general fund," and not otherwise appropriated, requiring a stipulation in the contract that in case the money is not in the treasury in consequence of the said tax or any part thereof remaining unpaid, at the completion of the contract—then the contractor shall be entitled to interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, upon whatever balance may be due upon the contract, from the date of allowance by common council.

It is probable that a sufficient amount from such delinquent taxes will be in the city treasury, applicable to pay the contract, before the completion of the market house. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN W. ROCHE, City Comptroller.

From T. R. Huddleston and others—

Remonstrance against proposed sewer on Wabashaw street between Iglehart street and College avenue.

Referred to Board of Public Works.

From N. Rosenfield—

Asking to have license transferred to 29 West Third street.

Referred to Committee on License.

From D. W. Wellman for Mary R. Wellman—

Protesting against the proposed change of grade on Marshall avenue.

Referred to Aldermen of Fourth Ward.

From John Schillo and others—

Asking the Council to order a change in the present plan of grading Park avenue.

Referred to Committee on Streets and City Engineer.

From St. Paul Water Company—

Giving notice of having laid street mains and located hydrants as ordered by Chief of Fire Department.

Referred to Comptroller.

From Board of Education, City of St. Paul—

Presenting statement of moneys necessary for support of the public schools.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, City Attorney and Comptroller.

From John G. Hinkel and others—

Protesting against the grade of Holly avenue.

Referred to Aldermen of the Fourth Ward.

From Samuel Mayall—

Asking to have the construction of sidewalks on the west side of Sibley street from Fourth to Fifth streets, delayed for the period of four months.

Referred to the Board of Public Works, with request that prayer of petitioner be granted.

From the German-American Bank, the Savings Bank of St. Paul, and the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank—

Presenting bonds as security for moneys deposited or to be deposited.

Referred to City Attorney.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Of City Comptroller—

OFFICE OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER, ST. PAUL, June 3, 1879.

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

The attached communication of the St. Paul Water Company relative to 2,103 feet of new mains laid is probably correct, but I have no means of knowing. The matter should be referred to Engineer Sewall for measurement, and, at the same time, prepare a map showing the location of all street mains, hydrants, measurements, etc., as the city is paying six hundred dollars per mile per annum to the Water Company for street mains upon about fourteen miles. The said map should also show the location of all street lamps, as the lighting at present costs about $15,000 per annum.

The gas and water bills are probably correct, but a thorough check is necessary and cannot be objected to.

Yours respectfully, JOHN W. ROCHE, City Comptroller.

Referred to the City Engineer.

Of same—

Presenting audited claims, viz.:

James Carr, Estimate No. 2, grading Macubin street, $529.13; Moline & Webber, estimate No. 2, Sixth street sewer, $100.35; James Carr, Estimate No. 3, Western avenue grading, $180.63; Beyer & Lux, Estimate No. 3, Park avenue grading, $552.50; Michael O'Brien, Estimate No. 17, Ohio street grading, $136, C. W. Clark, Estimate No. 4, Lafayette avenue grading, $1,453.50; James Starkey, Estimate No. 11, Fort street sewer, $250.54; Special Engineer's pay roll for month of May, 1879, $162; First District street force pay roll for May, 1879, $770.86; Second District street force pay roll for May, 1879, $873.90.

Of City Treasurer—

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. PAUL, June 2, 1879.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to herewith submit my report, showing the receipts and disbursements of this office from Jan. 1 to June 1, 1879:

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1879	$33,032 93	
County Treasurer	52,950 41	
Proceeds of sale of reserve fund bonds	76,227 51	
Proceeds of sale of Market house bonds	40,654 66	
Proceeds of sale of Fort street sewer bonds	4,142 00	
Municipal court	2,795 53	
Market Master	33 32	
Poundage	55 50	
M. J. O'Connor, rents collected	194 89	
J. S. Sewall, City Engineer, surveying for private parties	295 65	
J. S. Sewall, surplus Rice street sewer contract	11 47	
R. O. Strong, old material sold	34 90	
John O'Connor, rent of West St. Paul town hall and sale of pound stall	35 00	
William P. Murray, City Attorney, old house sold	15 00	
Same, court cost collected	39 00	
City work house stone sold	33 30	
Fire Department, contingent expense fund, city order received	300 00	
Redeemed certificate of sale paid by owners	2,428 58	
		$213,279 65
LICENSES.		
Liquor	$17,565 00	
Beer	875 00	
Dray and wagon	865 00	
Butcher	600 00	
Miscellaneous	1,730 00	
Dogs	502 00	
Permits and licenses to tap sewers	86 00	
		22,223 00
GRADING STREETS.		
Selby avenue	$ 780 87	
Hoffman avenue	2,337 85	
Willius street	1,240 00	
Grading and paving Jackson street	2,527 26	
Bedford and Bradley streets	1,005 80	
Exchange street	385 81	
Charles street	4,825 11	
Fifth street, Maria to Hoffman avenue	268 79	
Grading and bridging East John street	1,321 78	
		15,133 27
SEWERS.		
Ninth street, Robert to Jackson	474 70	
Ninth street, Jackson to Broadway	$ 1,162 21	
Rice, Tenth and Rondo streets	2,808 48	
St. Peter and Tenth street	1,300 89	
East Tenth street	2,224 69	
Summit avenue	525 61	
Sixth street	308 25	
Robert street	783 06	
		9,587 89
SIDEWALKS.		
August Meyer's contract of June 14, 1878	$ 675 16	
Geo. Molitor's contract of Sept. 3, 1878	425 07	
Henry Jensen's contract of April 12, 1878	570 37	
		1,670 60
OPENING STREETS AND ALLEYS.		
Alley in block 27, St. Paul Proper	$ 1,764 00	
Como avenue, less the sum of $5,000 appropriated out of the sewerage bond fund	208 63	
Bluff street	661 00	
Portland avenue	16 31	
		2,649 94
Change of grade on Jackson street	41	41
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.		
Dawson & Co	$ 112 84	
Merchants National bank	104 13	
First National bank	196 62	
German American bank	115 78	
Farmers & Mechanics bank	91 82	
		621 19
Total receipts		$265,165 95
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Interest on reserve and market house bonds refunded	$ 19 17	
City orders paid	87,606 77	
Interest coupons paid	41,200 52	
City bonds redeemed	4,000 00	
West St. Paul coupons paid	15 00	
Expense account	698 87	
Fire department contingent expenses	233 61	
Redeemed certificates of sale paid	2,401 19	
		136,175 13
Balance June 1		$128,990 82
WHERE DEPOSITED.		
Kountze Bros., New York, to pay interest	$13,716 89	
Dawson & Co	23,046 06	
Merchants Nat'l bank	23,046 26	
First National bank	23,040 31	
German American bank	23,047 78	
Farmers' & Mechanics' bank	23,034 15	
In vault	59 37	
		$128,990 82

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RENZ, City Treasurer.

Of City Attorney—

To the Honorable, the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, to whom was referred the bid of Peter Pfeiffer, for the grading of Cedar street, with instructions to prepare specifications and contract for the grading of said street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, and submit herewith a draft of a contract, which has been executed by Mr. Pfeiffer for the grading of Cedar street, from Ninth to Tenth street, in accordance with Mr. Pfeiffer's bid.

They also submit herewith a bond executed by Mr. Pfeiffer, as principal, and Wendelin Weis and John Klein, as sureties, in the sum of five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his contract.

Very respectfully, W. P. MURRAY, City Attorney.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Of City Clerk—

Showing licenses issued to date, viz.:

Liquor licenses	$16,100 00
Vehicle licenses	875 00
Miscellaneous licenses	1,450 00
Beer licenses	910 00
Butcher licenses	600 00
Dog licenses	283 00
Total	$20,218 00

The discrepancy between this and the Treasurer's report is caused by parties not presenting the Treasurer's receipt to the Clerk for license.

Of Clerk of Municipal Court—

Presenting Treasurer's receipt for $278.44, being for fines, costs and fees collected at said court during month of May, 1879.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

Of same—

Stating that there is now due from Ramsey county, for trials and examinations conducted in said court in State cases during month of May, 1879, the sum of $39.45, which has been demanded and refused.

Referred to City Attorney, with instructions to bring suit for same in behalf of city.

Of Chief of Police—

Report for month of May, 1879, showing number of arrests, 186; number of lodgers, 132; amount of fines and costs collected, $204.54.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

Of Captain of Police—

Showing gas-lamps not lit during the month of May, 1879, 17; showing oil-lamps not lit same time, 18.

Referred to Comptroller.

Of Chief Engineer, Fire Department—

Presenting request of E. B. Birge, of steamer No. 4, for two weeks' leave of absence, and recommending that leave be granted.

Granted.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, ST. PAUL, MINN., June 3, 1879.

To the Honorable President and Common Council of the city of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: I herewith present the following appointments which were omitted in report of May 8th, to-wit:

Hook and Ladder. Driver—John Bell. Tillerman—C. Loeffelholz.

The above to date May 8th.

I also herewith present the resignation of M. Imhoff, as driver of engine No. 4, and recommend it be accepted; would respectfully present the name of George Brewer, as driver of engine No. 4, for confirmation; and John Scharffbillig, as hook and ladder man No. 6, in place of Geo. Brewer, appointed to No. 4, to date June 3d.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. O. STRONG, Chief Fire Department.

Report and resignation accepted and appointments confirmed.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Bell, Dowlan, Grace, Grigs, Minea, O'Connor, Smith, Sanborn, Mr. President—10.

Of same—

To the Honorable President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: I herewith report the location of the following new hydrants, to wit:

Northwest corner Mississippi and Mt. Airy on Mississippi.

Northwest corner Mississippi and Glenco on Mississippi.

On Mississippi, "west side," between Glenco and Pennsylvania avenue, on property line between Nos. 151 and 153.

Northwest corner Mississippi and Pennsylvania avenue on Mississippi.

Southwest corner Thirteenth and Canada on Canada.

On north side of Thirteenth between Canada and Temperance on property line between 151 and 153.

At head of Temperance on Thirteenth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. O. STRONG, Chief Eng. Fire Dept.

Report accepted and locations of hydrants confirmed.

Of same—

Presenting Treasurer's receipt for $14.35, being for sale of condemned material and fines for chimney fires.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

Of Market Master—

Presenting Treasurer's receipt for $46.50, being for Market Master's collections for May, 1879.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

Of Special Policeman Jno. Cunniff, acting Pound Master—

Presenting Treasurer's receipt for $18.75 pound collections for May, 1879.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, June 2, 1879.

To the City Council of the City of St. Paul:

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the City Council, approved May 30th, 1879, relative to the matter of the construction of a sewer (with temporary outlet on Fifth street from Kittson street to Trout brook) on Kittson street from Fifth street to Seventh street. On Seventh street, from Kittson street to Neil street. On Neil street, from Seventh street to Grove street. On Grove, street from Neil street to Stillwater street. On Seventh street, from Broadway to Neil street. On Eighth street, from Broadway to Kittson street. On Ninth street, from Broadway to Neil street. On Tenth street, from Broadway to Locust street. On Eleventh street, from Broadway to Olive street. On Twelfth street from Broadway to Pine street. On Olive street, from Eighth street to Tenth street. On Locust street, from Seventh to Ninth street. On Monroe street, from Neil street to Woodward street. On Lafayette avenue and Westminster street, from Grove street to Waverly Place. On Woodward street, from Stillwater street to a point 150 feet east of Monroe street. On Patridge street, from Lafayette avenue to a point 100 feet east of Madison street. On Waverly Place, from Stillwater street to Westminster street, and the grading and surfacing of all of said streets to the established grade, except Seventh street. And having investigated the proposed improvements, respectfully report that said improvements are proper and necessary with the modification that the sewer on Lafayette avenue and Westminster street from Grove street to Waverly Place be extended to north line of lot 4, block 1, in Warren and Winslow's addition, instead of stopping at Waverly Place.

That the estimated expense of the sewers is $10,500, and the grading and surfacing is $10,700, making a total of $51,200, and recommend that the sewers, grading and surfacing be let in the same contract. That one-half of the estimated cost need not be paid into the city treasury before the contract is let, and real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvements, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvements.

Yeas 2. Nays—none.

GEO. L. BECKER, President.

Official: R. L. GORMAN, Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

Accepted and adopted. (See order.)

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, June 2, 1879.

To the City Council of the City of St. Paul:

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the City Council, approved May 30th, 1879, relative to the construction of a sewer on Eighth street, from Broadway to Temperance street, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is $5,600; one-half of which is not necessary to be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let, and real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement.

Yeas 2; nay none.

GEO. L. BECKER, President.

R. L. GORMAN, Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

Accepted and adopted. (See order.)

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF SAINT PAUL, May 30, 1879.

To the City Council of the City of Saint Paul:

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the City Council, approved May 9th, 1879, relative to the grading of the alley in block 27, St. Paul Proper, and having investigated the proposed improvement,

Respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is $680, one half of which is not necessary to be paid into the city treasury before the contract is let, and real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement.

Yeas, 3.

GEO. L. BECKER, President.

R. L. GORMAN, Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

Accepted and adopted. (See order).

Of same—

In the matter of the petition of Alois Neuer, for damages caused by the opening of extension of Western avenue.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of same—

Presenting and approving of the following bills, viz.: John Martin & Co., $467.92; A. Low & Co., $5.50; Ramsey county, $21.30; F. Knauft, $38.20. Estimate No. 11 and final, Wabashaw street sewer, J. M. Evenson, contractor, $1,001.50.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Present—Alds. Smith and Dowlan, City Engineer Sewall and Mr. President—4.

Health officer reports deaths for May 1879, 37.

Reports of Sanitary Inspectors for months of April and May read and accepted.

The following bills were presented and allowed, viz.:

R. O'Conner, $27; John Trotter, $3.50; Thomas Brady, 50 cents; A. Ritcher, $25.

A resolution was introduced and passed allowing John Patterson $25 for services as assistant sanitary inspector from the 15th to the 30th of May, 1879.

Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That an additional sanitary inspector be employed from June 1, 1879.

Passed—yeas 4.

The President nominated John Patterson as additional sanitary inspector, which nomination was approved by the Board.

Adjourned.

BREWER MATTOCKS, M. D., President.

THOS. A. PRENDERGAST, Secretary.

Report accepted.

Claims referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Report of Board of Directors of Alms House and Hospital—

Showing expenditures for May, 1879, $1,250.34; receipts, sale of produce, etc., $473.65; excess of expenditures, $776.69.

Vouchers accompany report.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Of Committee on Ways and Means—

Presenting and approving of official bond of S. V. Hanft, Justice of the Peace.

Amount of bond, $1,000.

Sureties H. Damkroger and Geo. Presley.

Approved.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Bell, Dowlan, Grace Griggs, Minea, O'Connor, Smith, Sanborn, Mr. President—10.

Of same—

On claim of Jno. W. Sheehy for damages caused by water, at corner of Commercial and Third streets.

ST. PAUL, MINN., June 3d, 1879.

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the city of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: The committee on Ways and Means to whom the within claim of John W. Sheehy for damages, was referred, report that they submitted the same to the City Attorney, who advised your committee that he was of the opinion that there was no liability upon the part of the city.

Your committee therefore recommend that the claim be disallowed.

Very respectfully,

PASCAL SMITH, THOS. GRACE, C. W. GRIGGS, Committee on Ways and Means.

Accepted and adopted.

To the President and Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the papers in relation to the straightening of Cedar street, report the same back to the Council with a resolution which they ask may be adopted.

Very Respectfully, PASCAL SMITH, Chairman Com. Ways and Means.

Accepted and adopted. (See resolutions.)

Of Committee on Claims and Accounts—

Presenting and allowing the following claims, viz:

Thos. Hanley, $8.89; Jno. Butler, $10; Fred Oliva, $10; J. H. Denton, $10; W. F. Mason, $10; Joseph Guion, $10; H. S. Saroni, $423; W. Densmore, Estimate No. 1 and final, sidewalks, $2,228.50; H. S. Saroni, $120; J. King, $269.58; Daily Globe, $378.47; St. Paul Foundry, $12; J. & E. Warne, $153; W. Carpenter, $8; F. Dufour, $1; J. R. O'Farrell, $10; J. Martin & Co., $71.93.

Allowed and referred to Comptroller.

Of Committee on Fire Department—

On the petition of Chas. A. Morrill and others for the use of the alarm telegraph poles. Recommending that prayer of petitioners be not granted.

Accepted and adopted.

Of same—

Presenting and approving of the following bills, viz.: St. Paul Broom Co., $3.35; O. C. Macklet, $7.65; Irvine & Co., $4.75; C. Meyer, $1.50; Kingsbury & Draper, $1.75; Prendergast Bros., $1.54; Pollock, Donaldson & Ogden, 50 cents; Harnisch & Schindeldecke, $2.40; St. Paul Foundry, $1.00.

Referred to Comptroller.

Of Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges—

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Public Works in regard to the opening, widening and extending Dale street from Minnehaha street, to the city limits, respectfully report that they concur with the Board of Public Works as to the necessity and propriety of the improvement, and recommend the passage of the order submitted by the Board, June 3, 1879.

Very respectfully, JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman.

Accepted and adopted. (See order.)

Of same—

To the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom the within report of the Board of Public Works in regard to the opening of Louis street was referred, report that after an examination they recommend the adoption of the annexed order to the Board of Public Works for the grading of said street.

June 2, 1879. JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman of Committee.

Accepted. Order lost, yeas 6, nays 4.

To the Honorable, the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom the within communication from the Board of Public Works was referred asking for a corrected order for the opening and extension of Decatur street, respectfully report in favor of granting said request and submit herewith an order for that purpose. JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman.

June 3, 1879.

Accepted and adopted. (See order.)

Of same—

To the Honorable President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of A. K. Barnum and several others, asking that all obstructions in the streets in Robertson's, Fuller's, and Warren & Rice's addition to the City of St. Paul, be removed, respectfully report

That after a personal examination of the several additions referred to in said petition, they are unable definitely to locate or ascertain what obstructions the petitioners refer to or whether there is any obstructions in the streets in said additions or not, your committee recommend that said petition be referred back to said petitioners to particularize the obstructions they refer to so that the Council can act intelligently in the premises. Very respectfully,

JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman.

June 3, 1879.

Accepted and adopted.

Of same—

On report of City Engineer Sewall, presenting Treasurer's receipt for $118.50, being for money collected by Engineer Department for work done.

To the Honorable, the President and Common Council.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the above report, find the same correct, and recommend that it be referred to the Comptroller.

JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman Committee on Streets.

Accepted, and referred to Comptroller.

To the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph M. Pottgeiser and thirteen others, in regard to the change of grade on Park avenue, respectfully report that they went over said street, between Martin and Viola streets, it being between these points where the objection to the grade is made, and made a personal examination of said street, and, while it is evident that it is a very unsatisfactory grade to very many of the property owners, your committee are unable to devise any way to relieve the petitioners, as prior to the presentation of the petition to the Common Council the grade of said street had been definitely established and the street placed under contract for grading. There can be no change now without rendering the city liable for damages, under the grading contract. It may be possible that when the street is graded the petitioners will not be so badly damaged as they now think. At all event, your committee do not recommend any action at this time.

JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman.

June 3, 1879.

Accepted and adopted.

Of same—

In the matter of opening Iglehart Street, between Mackubin and Kent Streets:

To the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom the within petition was referred, respectfully report;

In favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and submit herewith an order to the Board of Public Works in furtherance of said recommendation.

Very respectfully, JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman of Committee.

June 3rd, 1879.

Accepted and adopted. (See order.)

Of same—

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom was referred the within petition of E. T. White, asking for the removal of certain obstructions in Jay street, respectfully report:

That they have personally examined Jay street and find the obstructions to exist as stated in said petition; they therefore recommend that the Chief of Police be instructed to cause said obstructions to be removed without any unnecessary delay.

Very respectfully, JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman.

June 3rd, 1879.

Accepted and adopted, and Chief of Police to be so ordered.

Of Committee on Police—

To the Honorable, the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the annual report of the Chief of Police, report that after all examination of the same they deem it of sufficient importance, giving as it does a detailed history of the police force for the past year, to be printed in full—and the committee so recommend.

JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman.

June 3, 1879.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Printing.

Of same—

To the Honorable, the President and Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Police to whom was referred the petition of Thomas L. Kerr, asking for a policeman at Lake Como; of D. W. Ingersoll and others asking for a policeman in the Third precinct of the Fourth Ward, as also the resolution of Aldermen Dowlan for the appointment of five additional policemen, report that they find a large extent of territory not covered by any detail of police. Lake Como, Third precinct of the Fourth Ward, Rice street, Mississippi street at the railroad machine shops, on Seventh street beyond bridge, and Fifth Ward, all require to be patroled by the police, at least during the night, and Rice street and Lake Como especially on Sundays.

Notwithstanding the increase in population in the last five years and necessity for additional policemen, the force has in fact been decreased in numbers, besides assignments to special duty as in the case of the work house.

Your committee, while they realize the importance of an increased force, hesitate, when the public demand seems so urgent for low taxes and further economy upon the part of the municipal government, yet they feel warranted in recommending an increase during the summer months when it is so necessary to have a larger force. They therefore ask for the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Very respectfully, JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman Committee on Police.

Accepted and adopted.

Of Committee on License—

The Committee on Licenses recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That subject to approval of Chief of Police, and without change of location named in original license, liquor license No. 47, to John Heber, be transferred to John Thill; liquor license No. 5, to Feise & Rose, be transferred to Feise & Bentley; liquor license No. 61, to August Knauft, be transferred to Patrick Connelly; liquor license No. 119, to H. B. Smith, and pool license No. 31, to H. R. Smith, be each transferred to Emily C. Smith.

June 3d, 1879. CHAS. N. BELL, Chairman Committee on Licenses.

Adopted.

Of same—

WHEREAS, John H. Reimer has applied for a a rebate on beer license, issued to him in 1878,

Resolved, That the Chief of Police is hereby requested to inform this Council, at its next meeting, at what time in 1878 said Reimer opened his saloon on Hall avenue in the Sixth ward.

Adopted.

Of committee on Ordinances and Public Accounts—

On report of Chief of Police for April, 1879.

On report of Board of Directors of Alms House and Hospital for April, 1879.

On report of clerk of Municipal Court for April, 1879.

On report of Police Officer Mitchell, accounting for poundage collections for April and up to May 10, 1879.

All of which have been examined and found correct.

WALTER H. SANBORN, Ch'n.

Of same—

On petition of Robt. A. Smith and others, asking to have all streets and alleys South of Fort street, in Scheffer's addition to St. Paul, vacated.

To the Honorable Common Council:

GENTS: The committee on Ordinances to whom the within petition was referred, respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

WALTER H. SANBORN, Ch'n.

Accepted and adopted, (See order.)

Of same—

On contract with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company, in regard to crossing Fort and other streets.

Reported by resolution. (See resolution.)

Of same—

Reporting on the ordinance entitled An Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale of Impure and Adulterated Milk.

The Committee on Ordinances, to whom the above was referred, respectfully recommend the passage of the said ordinance.

WALTER H. SANBORN, Chairman.

Accepted.

The ordinance was then put on its second reading and passed. (See publication below.)

Of Committee on Gas and Water—

Report asking to have gas lamps ordered on southwest corner of Douglas and Ramsey streets, in Fourth ward, and one on corner of Goodhue and Fifth streets in Sixth ward.

Recommitted.

Of Committee on Parks—

Allowing the Great Union band the use of Rice park Wednesday evening of each week, for musical concerts, during 1879.

Adopted.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of John Warner and others, relative to grade on Harriett street, reports that upon investigation it finds that prior to the presentation of the petition the grade had been established, the contract for grading the street let, and the work of grading the street commenced. It also finds that the grade can not be lowered to any extent without so lowering the grade of Aurora avenue as to make the use of that avenue substantially impracticable. The committee also finds that the petitioners still have an opportunity to recover through the Board of Public Works any damages to their property arising from the change to the present grade. For the above reasons your committee does not recommend any action at the present time.

CHAS. N. BELL, THOS. GRACE, Special Committee.

June 3d, 1879.

Adopted.

FIFTH WARD.

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: The Aldermen of the Fifth Ward and the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Public Works in the matter of the grading of Sixth street from Kittson street to a point within twenty feet west of Olive street, respectfully report

That they concur in the opinion of the Board of Public Works, that nothing be done with said street until the property owners and the Common Council are prepared to open and complete so much of it as lies between Kittson street and Broadway. They therefore recommend that said report be laid upon the table for the present.

Dated June 3, 1879.

WM. RHODES, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Claims presented: A. Decker, $18.87; J. Lawton, $5; H. Brady, $2; The Wanderer, $3.20; St. Paul Water Co., $4,155.52; A. Ohrmann, $27; Die Volkszeitung, $27.22; Prendergast Bros., $2.55; E. McKinney, $9; C. H. Williams, $2.75; H. L. Madden, $8; Kingsbury & Draper, $3.95; H. S. Saroni, $9; F. Guion, $1.50; J. Martin & Co., $8.75;

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Claim of Hon. James H. O'Brien, $56; Associate Judge Municipal Court.

Allowed and referred to Comptroller.

An ordinance was read entitled "An ordinance to change the name of a certain street."

On motion of Ald. Bell the rules were suspended so as to allow said ordinance to pass to its second reading.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Bell, Dowlan, Grace, Griggs, Minea, O'Connor, Smith, Sanborn—9.

The said ordinance entitled "An ordinance to change the name of a certain street" was read a second time and passed. (See publication below.)

An ordinance was read entitled "An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 141, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 34, an ordinance in relation to impounding animals, pound and poundmasters."

On motion the rules were suspended so as to put said ordinance on its second reading.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Bell, Dowlan, Grace, Griggs, Minea, O'Connor, Smith, Sanborn—9.

The said ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 141, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 34, an ordinance in relation to impounding animals, pound, and poundmasters," was read a second time and passed.

An ordinance was read, entitled "An ordinance to authorize D. M. Robbins to raise stable on lot 8, block 21, St. Paul Proper."

On motion the rules were suspended so as to put said ordinance on its second reading.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Bell, Dowlan, Grace, Griggs, Minea, O'Connor, Smith, Sanborn—9.

The said ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to authorize D. M. Robbins to raise stable on lot 8, block 21, St. Paul Proper," was read a second time and passed.

(See publication below.)

An ordinance was read, entitled "An ordinance to amend sections one (1), and two (2) of Ordinance No. 84, an ordinance in relation to the fire limits."

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

By Ald. Bell—

An order rejecting all bids on proposed market, and to invite architects and builders to furnish plans and specifications for a market house to cost, when completed, not more than $40,000.

Referred to Committee on Markets.

In the matter of the change of grade of the following streets, viz.:

Ashland avenue, from Dale to Arundel street.

Marshall avenue, from Mackubin street to Western avenue.

Western avenue, from Summit avenue to Ashland avenue, as indicated by the red lines on the profiles dated April 12, 1879.

Sixth street, from Kittson street to Willius street, and Neill street, from Fifth street to Seventh street, as indicated by the red lines on the profiles dated April 14, 1879.

Referred to Aldermen of Fourth Ward.

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In the matter of the report of the Board of Public Works, dated June 2d, 1879:

It is hereby ordered by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

That the Board of Public Works of said City of Saint Paul, cause the following improvements to be made, to-wit: Construct a sewer on Eighth (8th) street from Broadway street to Temperance street. That said Board cause said work to be let by contract, as provided by law, without one-half of the estimated cost being first paid into the City Treasury, and after said work shall be placed under contract, said Board shall proceed without delay to assess the amount as nearly as they can ascertain the same, which will be required to pay the costs and necessary expenses of such improvement upon the real estate to be benefited by said improvement, as provided by law. It being the opinion of the Council that real estate to be assessed for such improvement can be found benefited to the extent of the costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Bell, Dowlan, Grace, Griggs, Minea, O'Connor, Smith, Sanborn, Mr. President—10.

Approved June 5, 1879.

By Ald. Grace—

Resolved, That the petition of William Dawson and others for the vacation of the streets and alleys in Scheffer's addition to St. Paul on the south side of Fort street be filed of record with the city clerk of this city, and