

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Regular Meeting. St. Paul, Sept. 5, 1882. Vice President in the Chair. Present—Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—10.

COMMUNICATIONS. From John Hamilton—Claims for injuries received on Phalen's Creek bridge at Reany street, etc. Committee on Claims.

From O. Schultz and others—For the removal of oil barrels, etc., situated on Block 7, Mackubin & Marshall's addition. Committee on Fire Department—

From P. Gannon—For the return of money received from sale of his horse by the Pound Master. Committee on Claims.

From Retta White and others—Stating that they have no objection to the storage of oil, etc. on block 7, Mackubin & Marshall's addition. Committee on Fire Department.

From the proprietors of the Union Tank Line—For permission to store kerosene, etc., on part of block 7, Mackubin & Marshall's addition. Committee on Fire Department.

From Libbie J. and C. J. F. Smith—For the return of the amount paid by them for the construction of the Tenth street sewer, etc. Committee on Claims.

From Hiram F. Stevens—For the widening of Pearl street, etc. Committee on Streets.

From Wm. H. Carey and Martin Savage—For permission to erect frame wood office corner of St. Peter and Sixth streets. Committee on Fire Department.

An ordinance granting the permission asked for was read, put on its passage and lost. From the New York and Chicago Electric Underground Conduit Company—

For permission to lay their conduit underground in the streets of this city. Committee on Streets.

From J. W. Bass and Alfred Dufresne—For the erection of a gas lamp at corner of Robert street and Sherburne avenue. Committee on Gas.

From Wenzel Pich—For remission of fine imposed by Municipal court, etc. Committee on Claims.

From H. H. Herbst and Others—Relative to grade of Seventh street. City Engineer.

From R. M. Newport and Others—For the vacation of part of block 71, Dayton & Irvine's addition, etc. Committee on Streets.

From the St. Paul Foundry and Manufacturing Company—In reference to the non-payment of their claim against the city, etc. Committee on Claims.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS. Of City Treasurer—To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to herewith submit my report on the receipts and disbursements of this office from June 6, 1882, to Sept. 1, 1882:

RECEIPTS. Balance received from ex-Treasurer Benn, June 6, 1882, \$25,963 38. H. M. Rio, County Treasurer, 157,815 22.

Municipal Court, 3,219 00. Mayor, 1,081 80. Poundage, 923 50. R. A. Smith, Committee Ways and Means, proceeds of sale of bonds for the amount of \$26,928 88.

Same, proceeds of sale of St. Paul water bonds, 350,478 66. A. D. Roberts' gross sale (Como Park), 25 00. Refund on certificates of sale paid by owners of property, 4,123 31.

R. O. Strong, Chief Engineer Fire Department, 21 35. Liquor licenses, \$2,800 00. Beer licenses, 35 00.

Butcher's licenses, 410 00. Excise licenses, 410 00. Hack licenses, 1,290 00. Miscellaneous (peddlers, circus, etc.), 1,890 00.

Licenses to carry weapons, 25 00. Drain contractors, 2,008 00. Dog licenses, 2,008 00. Interest received on Deposits, \$426 50.

First National Bank, 889 32. Second National Bank, 74 81. Merchants' National Bank, 58 77.

Bank of America, 89 45. Dawson & Co., 106 89. Savings Bank, St. Paul, 16 55. Opening Short street, \$112 84.

Opening Portland avenue, 1,815 00. Opening Grant street, 5,347 59. Opening Jackson street, 23 06. Opening Rosabel street, 32 49.

Opening Sixth Ward levee, 592 50. Sewer on Broadway street, \$227 61.

Savings Bank, 4,227 81. Respectfully submitted, GEORGE REIS, City Treasurer.

Also, Salary and Fee Record. To the Honorable the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to herewith transmit transcript of City Treasurer's salary and fee record for August, 1882.

ASSESSMENTS. 1882. Sept. 1. Grading Ashland avenue, \$7 46.

Grading Burr street, 70 14. Grading Mount Airy street, 4 44.

Grading Laurel avenue, 2 88. Grading Concord street, 12 80.

Grading Susan, Winnefred and Robin street, 3 44. Grading Jackson street, 90.

Grading Bluff street, 24 00. Grading Granite street, 18 08. Opening Portland avenue, 33 20.

Opening Short street, 13 65. Opening Grant street, 85. Opening Jackson street, 8.

Sewer on Canada street, 12 60. Sewer on Fort street, 11 46. Sewer on McNeal street, 9 48.

Sewer on Fourth street, 1 75. Sewer on Temperance street, 5 94.

Fifth Ward sewers, 33 34. Fifth street sewer, 10 48. Wabash street sewer, 18 40.

Change of grade on Third street, 6 00. Sixth Ward levee, 11 49.

Sidewalks, Berkley's contract, 46 83. Grading Otsego street, 8 69.

Robert street sewer, 5 16. Granite street, 6 28. \$894 12 \$241 66.

EMPLOYEES IN CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE. Monthly Salary, Net Income. P. M. Korst, deputy, \$90 00.

J. J. Walker, 10 00. Theo. Park, 15 00. \$510 78. STATE OF MINNESOTA, ss. George Reis, being first duly sworn, deposes and says he is the City Treasurer of the City of St. Paul, in said county and State;

and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the "Salary and Fee Record" of his said office, and shows the money receipts thereof, and of charges uncollected from salary, and from fees and all services whatsoever; also the salaries actually paid to employees, and all other items of expenditure paid for out of the salary of the said City Treasurer, for the month of August, 1882, as provided and required by an act of the Legislature of said State, entitled "An act relating to the duties of certain officers of Ramsey county and of the City of Saint Paul, approved March 7, 1881."

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of September, A. D. 1882. THEO. E. PARKER, Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn. Sept. 1, 1882.

Committee on Public Accounts. Of City Comptroller—Audited claims, viz: Timothy Reardon, estimate No. 5, City Workhouse, \$3,570; L. Burnham, \$195; Kenny & Hudner, \$117.59; Bridget Burke, \$4; D. L. Curtice, \$27.50; Chas. Lambie, \$5.76; E. C. Scribner, \$5; Louis N. Scott, \$0.75.

McCarthy & Donnelly, \$80.85; St. Paul Elk & Stry Co., \$35.19; August Ohmann, \$74.10; Ramsey & Hodgman, \$5.50; Register of deeds, \$14.50; Crawford Livingston, \$630.00; Pioneer Press Co., \$21.60.

Allowed and ordered paid by the following vote: Yes—Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—10.

Statement of licenses issued by him since January 1st, 1882, as follows: Liquor licenses, \$36,300. Beer licenses, 140. Butcher licenses, 1,950. Vehicle licenses, 2,585. Peddlers, 645. Miscellaneous licenses, 3,785. Carrying concealed weapons, 18. Dog licenses, 2,040.

Total, \$47,463. Comptroller. Also, Salary and Fee Record—The Clerk reports the net receipts of his office for August to be \$166.48.

Public Accounts. Of City Attorney—Agreements—The Attorney submits an agreement between the City and Wm. C. Oastler, relative to the purchase of team road roller. Approved. Year—10.

Of City Engineer—Asking instructions as to the course to be pursued in reference to the stream of water crossing Fort near James streets, etc. Committee on Streets and City Attorney. Of Clerk of Municipal Court—Report for the month of August, 1882, as follows: Amount collected in criminal cases, \$948 00. Amount collected in civil cases, 27 90.

Total, \$975 90. Treasurer's receipt accompanies for \$975.90. Public Accounts. Of Chief of Police—Report for the month of August, 1882, as follows: Total amount of fines and costs collected, \$948 00. Total number of arrests, 272. Total number of lodgers accommodated, 42.

Public Accounts. Of Captain of Police—Lamps—A report showing the number of gas and oil lamps not lit during the month of August, 1882, as follows: Total number of gas lamps not lit, 15. Total number of oil lamps not lit, 58.

Comptroller. Of Market Master—Report for month of August, 1882, showing the collections to be \$455.90, and accompanied by Treasurer's receipt for said amount. Of Pound Master—Report for month of August, 1882, showing the poundage collections to be \$117.25, accompanied by the Treasurer's receipt for said amount. Public Accounts. REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Fuller Street Grading—To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council Approved August 30th 1882, relative to the grading of Fuller street, from Western avenue to Kent street, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is \$2,600, one-half of which need not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, and 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; nays, 2. JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk of the Board of Public Works. Sept. 1, 1882.

Also, Sewer Fourth tree—To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved August 20, 1882, relative to the construction of a sewer on Fourth (4th) street, from point fifty feet east of Robert street, to Jackson street, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper; that the estimated expense thereof is \$940, one-half of which need not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, 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, 4; nays, 6. JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk of the Board of Public Works. Sept. 4, 1882.

Adopted. (See order to Board of Public Works.) Also, Pleasant Avenue, Forbes and Ramsey street sewer—The Board transmit communication of the City Engineer, "Stating that he had taken possession of the construction of said sewers in accordance with instructions of the Board, and asking that an appropriation of \$200 be made to pay labor, etc.," and recommend that the request be granted. Adopted. (See resolution.)

Pay Rolls—The Board transmit, approved by them, the following pay rolls, all for the month of August, 1882, viz: Street force, \$8,259.35. Sewer force, 280.45. Inspectors, 828.13.

Allowed and referred to Comptroller by the following vote: Yes—Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—10.

Estimates and Claims. The Board submit, approved by them, the following estimates and claims, viz: Estimate No. 3 and final, Third street sewer, A. J. Cooper, contractor, \$730; Estimate No. 6 and final, Westminster street grading, Simar & Morton, contractors, \$1,378.87; Estimate No. 10, supplementary to No. 9 and final, Ramsey street sewer, P. F. Flynn, contractor, \$49; estimate No. 7 and final, Fourteenth street grading, Beyer & Lux, contractors, \$800; estimate No. 6 and final, Forbes street grading, P. H. Thornton, contractor, \$865; estimate No. 2 and final, Maiden Lane grading, John A. Tierney, contractor, \$73; estimate No. 2, supplementary to No. 1 and final, sidewalk contract, Henry Starkey, contractor, \$71.34; estimate No. 7 and final, Robert street sewer, Warne Bros. & Co., contractors, \$512.50; estimate No. 5 and final, Concord street grading, Beyer & Lux, contractors, \$692.22; Bremer & Rhodes, \$34.60; M. Crain, \$6; Robinson & Cary, \$7.65; Brougher & Dillon, \$8.10; L. N. Scott, \$8.50; F. Knauff, \$45.65; L. Burnham, \$195; Capital Iron Works, 2.10; St. Paul Water Company, \$4; St. Paul Foundry and Manufacturing Company, \$3.66; M. Costello, \$67.32; N. W. Telephone Company, \$12.25; DePew & Co., \$6.70.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL. Committee on Claims. Report for month of August, 1882, showing the total expenditure for said month to be \$2,066.24, vouchers accompanying report. Also, Barn on Poor Farm—The Board submit a report showing cost of barn erected on poor farm, accompanied by vouchers, etc. Committee on Public Accounts. REPORT OF BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS. Salary of Superintendent—The Board report that they have appointed John B. Overton, Superintendent of the Water Works, and fixed his salary at \$1,500 per annum, and ask that said action be confirmed. JOHN CAULFIELD, Secretary.

Accepted and action confirmed by the following vote: Yes—Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—10.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. Of Committee on Fire Department—George Mitchell's Petition—Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Adopted. (See ordinance No. 303).

Wm. Kamper's petition. Also, Committee report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner. Adopted. (See ordinance 304.) Of Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges—J. Simmer and others' petition. Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the City Engineer to report what property will be required to be condemned for the purpose of the bridge referred to. Adopted.

Park Avenue Change of Grade—Committee submit a statement of estimated damages for a change of grade on Park avenue. Board of Public Works. Of Committee on Public Buildings—Engine room at Market. Committee submit plans and estimate for engine room at Market house. Recommended, and committee instructed to have such alterations made at once as will protect the building from fire. Yeas—10.

Of Committee on Parks—Jno. Matheis and others' petition—Committee report that it will require about \$600 to make the improvement in Irvine Park asked for by the petitioners, and recommend the improvement, etc. A motion to recommitt was lost. Yeas, 4; nays, 6.

Ald. Smith moved to adopt the report. Lost. Yeas, 7. Nays 3. (Two-thirds vote required.) Of Committee on Workhouse—Sale of Hay—Committee present the Treasurer's receipt for \$26. sale of hay on forty acres where Workhouse stands. Comptroller. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Of Committee on Public Library—To the Common Council of the City of Saint Paul: GENTLEMEN: The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the St. Paul Library respectfully reports that it is of the opinion that the time has come for our city to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, and to that end it reports and recommends the adoption of the following resolutions: Resolved, That the Common Council of the city of St. Paul hereby decides to establish and maintain a public library and reading room under the act of the Legislature, approved March 4, 1879, and it hereby respectfully requests his honor, the Mayor, to appoint the Board of nine Directors by said act specified, and. Resolved, That there be inserted in the next tax levy an item of one-eighth of a mill for its support and maintenance. C. E. OTIS, JOSEPH ROBERT, WM. A. VAN SLYKE, W. D. CORNISH, Committee. St. Paul, Sept. 5, 1882.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Nays—Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor—2. Forgoing resolution approved September 7th, 1882. MISCELLANEOUS. Claims Presented—Daily Globe, \$1,601.47; Good Shepherd, \$295.85; Keating & Foss, 20; Fred Richter, \$537.43; Chas. A. Lamb, \$40; A. P. Wilkes, \$100; Ohmann, \$78.15; Jno. Matheis, \$41.85; Stees Bros, \$88.75; R. O. Sweeney, \$34.45; D. O. Halloran, \$4; R. O'Connor, \$40.50; John Trother, \$5; Jacob Hoffman, \$2.80; Louis Eisenmenger, 90c; Dick Volckzeiting, \$550.96; Fred Richter, \$98; J. Sticks Kahler, \$4.50; J. J. Dunnigan, \$6.50; Robt. Seeger, \$611.50; Prendergast Bros., \$38.29; J. H. Breidert, \$18.70; St. Paul Gas Light Co., \$390; Chas. Bernhard, \$29.61; Dreis & Mitsch, \$3.90; J. F. O'Brien, \$40.

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