

ROAD BED MUST BE REPAIRED AT ONCE

City Fathers Say Hampton Roads Railway is Ruining West Avenue Paving.

MAYOR CALLED UPON TO ACT

Various Matters of Importance Discussed and Acted Upon by Board of Aldermen in Adjourned Session—Mr. Walker Wants to Muzzle the Dogs—New Market Ordinances.

A resolution directing the city engineer to notify the receivers for Hampton Roads Railway and Electric Company to repair its road bed on West avenue at once, adopted by the common council, was passed by the board of aldermen last night. In addition to this a resolution offered by Alderman Robinson, calling upon the mayor to take steps toward having the Hampton Roads Company put its road bed in proper condition, was adopted.

It seems that the road bed of the line on West avenue is in such a condition that the macadam paving is being damaged considerably, and unless something is done without delay the result will be serious.

Adjourned Session.
The board of aldermen met in adjourned session last night to dispose of the business on the calendar for the regular meeting Tuesday night. President Jones was in the chair and the members answering to their names were: Robinson, Mugler, Gayle, Walker, Marrye and Harwood.

A lengthy message from the mayor was read and its various sections will be referred to the proper committees by the president.

The action of the common council in sustaining the mayor's veto of the "Dog ordinance" was concurred in. The new ordinance, which is the old measure with several amendments to meet the objections of the mayor, was adopted. This measure imposes fines against persons allowing their dogs to run at large without collars and tags, provides for the taking up of untagged and collarless dogs by the police force and regulates the keeping of dogs in the city generally.

Money to Pay Judgment.
The action of the common council in transferring \$5,500 from the street improvement fund to the general fund, was concurred in. This money is to be used in paying the judgment

recently secured against the city by Scott's administrators.

An ordinance appropriating \$1,000 to be used in compensating the suits of Phillips, Womble and others against the city, adopted by the common council, was adopted. These suits were brought as the result of the changing of the grade on Thirty-fourth street and Phillips has already secured judgment in the Corporation Court for \$750 damages. City Attorney Massie recommended the compromise.

Costs Paid for Mr. Green.
The action of the lower branch in adopting a resolution providing for the payment of \$200, the amount expended by City Electrician W. S. Green in defending the suit for damages brought against him by T. E. Atkins, was concurred in after some discussion. Mr. Green applied to the council for the money on the ground that Atkins sued him for slander because of statements made by him in performing his duty as city electrician and inspector of electrical work.

Pure Milk Ordinance.
The ordinance prohibiting the sale of impure, adulterated or skimmed milk in the city and imposing fines for violations of the provisions, adopted by the common council, was unanimously passed. The ordinance requires the health officer to make inspections and tests, to keep records, etc. The milkmen are required to be licensed by the health officer and to pay \$2 for each stall or place where milk is sold and 50 cents for each cow they maintain.

An ordinance, offered by Mr. Harwood, permitting farmers to sell their produce to merchants and hotels in the market district during market hours and to sell to anybody anywhere, after market hours, was adopted under a suspension of the rules, after much discussion. Mr. Walker strenuously opposed the "hotel" clause and Mr. Mugler favored placing no restrictions whatever on the farmers.

The report of the conference committee, recommending that the ordinance appropriating the police appropriation be laid upon the table, was adopted.

Another Dog-Muzzling Act.

Mr. Walker started another heated discussion over the dog question by introducing a resolution imposing a fine upon any person allowing a dog to run at large in the city without a muzzle. Mr. Robinson spoke at length against this measure and after an argument it was referred to the ordinance and police committee.

Mr. Harwood created a mild sensation in the chamber by introducing a resolution imposing a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 upon any person allowing chickens or other domestic fowls to trespass upon other people's property. This ordinance was referred to the ordinance and police committee.

MESSAGE TO COUNCIL

Mayor Buxton Makes Numerous Important Suggestions.

EXAMINERS FOR PLUMBERS

State Law is Not Being Complied With Here—Market Ordinance Should Be Changed—Top For the Police Patrol Wagon.

Mayor Buxton sent to the board of aldermen last night the most lengthy and important communication he has addressed to the city fathers since his first message after the new administration assumed control of the city government last fall.

The message contained many important suggestions, which will be considered and acted upon by the council committees as soon as possible.

Following is the communication: Newport News, Va., May 9, 1905. To the City Council, Newport News, Va. Gentlemen:

I respectfully call your attention to the provisions of sections 1743-D, Code of Virginia, 1904, relating to and providing for the appointment of a board of examiners of plumbers in all cities within the State of Virginia having a population of 8,000 inhabitants, and defining the powers and duties of said board. The purpose or intent of the section seems to contemplate the promotion of the public health, and I respectfully suggest that you give the section your consideration and that you take such action as may seem to you best thereunder.

In view of the several permits which have been granted by the council in the last few months for the erection of frame buildings within that district where frame buildings are, by ordinance, forbidden, I respectfully suggest, though not in any spirit of criticism of the action of the council heretofore, that careful consideration be given to every application for such permit in the future. The case should be exceptional and the reason for granting the permit should be the best, or else the application should be refused. The building regulations as prescribed by existing ordinance should be closely adhered to.

The last codification of the city ordinance was made in the year 1900. Since that time many of the old ordinances have been repealed and amended and much new legislation has been enacted. I believe it would be wise and expedient to have the general ordinances of the city arranged and codified in appropriate titles, chapters and sections and that the amendments thereto, made since the last codification be ingrafted therein. I, therefore, respectfully suggest that the council take suitable action looking to the codification of the city ordinances as above indicated.

In a former communication to your honorable body, I respectfully suggested the advisability of having a covering placed on the police patrol wagon. In making the recommendation, I was prompted by the belief, which I now hold, that it is not in accordance with human instinct, nor conducive to the best interests of the community at large, to have the unfortunate prisoner hauled to the police station along our principal thoroughfares, exposed to public view. The expense would be inconsiderable and well warranted under existing conditions. May I ask that the matter receive your early consideration?

Public safety demands that some provision by ordinance should be made for the protection of persons in theaters, public halls, assembly rooms, churches and schools. Action after some great holocaust would be too late. The protective measures should be such as to minimize the risk to the public in attendance upon such places. Every precaution consistent with reason, should be taken to accomplish this end. No obstructions should be allowed in the hallways or aisles during that time of engagement or gathering; the electrical apparatus and appliances should be constructed and maintained in an improved manner, and especial attention should be given to requirements for proper exits. These are merely some suggestive provisions. An ordinance embracing the entire subject should be drafted with much care and only after mature consideration and study of the conditions and requirements. In its preparation I would suggest that the advice of the chief of the fire department and city electrician be obtained.

There are certain sections of the city in which proper fire protection is not afforded. This is due to two causes. First, the distribution of fire hydrants. The distribution being such in some cases that there would not be sufficient hose in the city to reach a fire were it to start in certain localities. Notably does this condition exist in the Northern portion of the city, where there is no fire hydrant between Forty-eighth street and Fifty-first street. Second, to the fact that there are no water mains along and under the streets on which the unprotected property fronts. I respectfully suggest that provision be made for placing such additional hydrants as may be necessary to properly protect the property of the citizens. As to the second cause, some doubt seems to have arisen as to the right of the water company to lay or establish mains and other water pipes along and under the streets of the city, that is, additional mains and pipes without some action, confirmatory or otherwise, on the part of the council. I respectfully recommend that the matter receive your attention, both as to the distribution of the fire hydrants, and as to the advisability of passing some measure, confirmatory or otherwise, giving the water company the right to lay and establish mains and water pipes along and under the streets of the city, subject to such conditions and restrictions as to you may seem proper.

In a recent resolution, it was declared—
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WHITE FRENCH NAINSOOK—50 inches wide. Yard	WHITE FRENCH NAINSOOK—50 inches wide. Yard
WHITE FRENCH ORGANDIES—2 yards wide. 35c, 39c and	WHITE BOBNET—36 inches wide. 25c, 40c and
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WHITE LINEN LAWN—36 inches wide. 39c, 50c, 65c and	PILLOW LINEN—45 inches wide
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Social-Personal

Arthur G. Lewis Southern passenger agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, with headquarters at Norfolk, was in the city yesterday shaking hands with a host of friends.

Mr. Millard Saunders, who is a student at the Richmond Medical College, has returned home to spend the summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Saunders, 221 Thirty-third street.

Misses Eleanor and Frances Carr will be the hostesses at the meeting of the Fraternity Euchre Club next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. G. E. Newby and little son will leave today for Hertford, N. C., where they will be the guests of Mrs. Newby's parents.

Miss Jennie Timberlake, of Williamsburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. J. Powers, on Thirtieth street.

Miss Nannie Curtis, of Lee Hall, is visiting Mrs. E. W. Milstead on Thirty-fourth street.

Mrs. J. L. Patton entertained at duplicate whist Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Martha Wheatley, of Americks, Ga., and Miss Anne Burwell Jones.

The Bridge Whist Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. W. C. Foley at her home on West avenue.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board Tonight.

The board of school trustees will meet in regular session in the assembly hall of the High school building tonight at 8 o'clock to transact the regular monthly business.

The final arrangements for the commencement exercises of the High school graduating class will be made by the body tonight.

False Alarm of Fire.

A false alarm of fire, turned in from box 114 at the corner of Thirty-second street and Roanoke avenue, called out the East End fire company yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. Owing to the fact that the East End company's engine is out of commission, the engine from the Central station responded to the alarm.

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