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COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held at City Hall, Monday evening, June 7, 1909. His Honor, Henry Lee, Mayor, presided. Present—Aldermen Wilson, Wilder, Gould, McMurrah, Mahoney, Cassidy, Bertelson, Fletcher, Near, Brock, Bullard, Griffin, Carroll, Comer, Finlan, Thomas, O'Connell, Hartley, Primrose, O'Neil, Feyrer, Tague, Meyer and Zink.

On motion the minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading. MAYOR'S MESSAGE. The following message was received from His Honor, the Mayor: In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, it becomes my duty to transmit to you my second annual message relative to the situation, state and condition of the city, its government, finances and improvements, at close of last fiscal year.

FINANCES. The financial affairs of any corporation are, perhaps, the most important, and municipal corporations, like the city of Bridgeport, form no exception to this rule. The following summary of the city's financial condition, at the close of the last fiscal year, will prove interesting to every taxpayer.

STATEMENT OF CITY INDEBTEDNESS—FIRST DISTRICT.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Funded debt, April 1, 1909, \$ 884,000 00' and 'Amount of Sinking Fund on said date, 107,686 95'.

STATEMENT OF FUNDED CITY INDEBTEDNESS—FIRST DISTRICT.

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CONGRESS STREET BRIDGE.

This bridge is in process of construction and if unforeseen obstacles do not arise, completed before winter sets in. The railroad company will contribute towards its cost the sum of \$30,000, as per agreement.

GOLDEN HILL STREET WIDENING.

As matters assume shape it can be seen that the widening of Golden Hill street, from Main street to Water street, is a decided public improvement and the street, when paved with brick, as it soon will, will prove to be of great benefit to the business interests of our city.

PARKS.

I deem it desirable that there should be, in the congested sections of the city, breathing places, to be known as parks or recreation grounds, more especially for the benefit of the women and children of the vicinage who during their leisure hours, might get a change from the air of the crowded tenements to the purer air of the open places.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

The engineer employed by the Sewer Commission, Rudolph Hering, has presented his report and it has been printed and circulated. It is a valuable document and it will prove to be of great service to the city in its future sewer work.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The efforts of the people of Bridgeport, especially the ladies of the city, to aid in exterminating the "Great White Plague" are praiseworthy and meritorious, and deserving of the support of the people.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department is efficient and well maintained. It ought to be kept up to the present high standard. At the present time there are nine engine companies, three hook and ladder companies, and two chemical companies.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Our public library is working advantageously. The changes contemplated and authorized by the recent act of the Legislature are probably work for the good of the department.

SALE OF CITY CREMATORY PROPERTY.

I would recommend that the city sell the property formerly used as a crematory, at the corner of Main and Water streets, if it should be required, not could it be utilized for the purpose even if required therefor by the city.

REDUCED TROLLEY FARES.

I would recommend that efforts be made, by the appointment of a committee of conference, with the Connecticut company, to obtain the consent of said company to the sale of six tickets for twenty-five (25) cents, to all who desire to purchase tickets in that manner.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

I expect favorable action by the legislature on the charter amendments presented by me, the principal ones of which are: 1. The substitution of a street paving and sewer construction commission to take the place of the common council, in awarding contracts for new street paving or new sewers, whenever such are ordered by the council.

POINTMENT OF THE CITY ENGINEER BY THE MAYOR INSTEAD OF BY THE COMMON COUNCIL.

My efforts have been directed, during my administration, to leave matters better at its close than I found them at its commencement, if I could. I have not been able to accomplish all that I set out to do, owing to circumstances beyond my control, but I think some progress has been made, but of that my fellow-citizens can judge.

of the year 1908-09.

This shows, conclusively, that there is no necessity for such deficiencies and that, by the exercise of reasonable care, on the part of city officers, departments can live within their appropriations.

The exception, above noted is the Board of Public Charities. Deficiencies here appear to be the rule, not the exception. We will realize that our poor must, at all times, be adequately and respectfully cared for. No one would desire even if it could be proved that the poor should be either neglected or ill-provided for. But it would seem that the expenses can be more definitely ascertained, from year to year, and not left a matter of guesswork.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. The experience of the past year has clearly demonstrated that the city can, through its Director of Public Works, do its own street paving better and cheaper than it can be done by contractors.

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CAREFUL MANNER AS THE OTHER PARKS OF OUR CITY.

As a beginning in this direction I would recommend that action be taken, as soon as practicable, towards securing land for the purpose of a small park of playground in the southwest corner section of the city, perhaps as congested as any other portion of the city. I think it would prove to be a factor in promoting good citizenship and educating the children of our cosmopolitan population in the elementary principles of good citizenship and right and sane city living.

While on this question of parks, I believe that we should take immediate steps to secure, by the right of the exercise of eminent domain, all of the land south and east of Cedar Creek and west of the Barnum Dyke, so-called, not already owned by the city, as an addition to Seaside Park. No manufacturing plant or other establishment ought to be permitted to acquire this land or to locate there.

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pointment of the city engineer by the mayor instead of by the common council. It ought to be an improvement. CONCLUSION. My efforts have been directed, during my administration, to leave matters better at its close than I found them at its commencement, if I could. I have not been able to accomplish all that I set out to do, owing to circumstances beyond my control, but I think some progress has been made, but of that my fellow-citizens can judge. (Continued on Page 3.)