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**PEOPLE'S RIGHTS PROTECTED.**

The city council granted a gas ordinance Friday night to D. P. Stout that not only covers the grounds set forth by a suggested ordinance published a month or more by parties opposed to granting Mr. Stout any ordinance at all but also goes much farther. In other words it is practically the suggested ordinance with additional features for the city's benefit. These additional features are the provisions for a cash rental one may say to the city every year and the furnishing of gas to the city government for city purposes free of charge. In all it means in the neighborhood of \$4,000 a year, which without the computation of compound interest or any other sort of interest means \$80,000 for twenty years the life of the franchise.

The people will be greatly pleased with such action on the part of the council for the reason that this is an advanced step in the matter of granting franchises. It is true the street car company has paid the city possibly more than \$20,000, but no other company or corporation that has had and have these free privileges to use the people's property and grow rich have ever paid a single copper cent for that privilege, and they are paying nothing today nor will they in the future until their franchises expire. When that time comes the people seeing that there has been a disposition of one to pay and that that one actually does pay the city a good round sum of money every year, will see to it that others who have enjoyed the privilege of using the people's property for years for nothing pay for further privilege.

The pace has been set by the Stout franchise and there is no reason why the city should ever go back to the old order of things. As the years come and the city grows franchises will become more valuable and the price to be paid for them should never fall below that paid by Mr. Stout, or his company. The maximum rate for gas has also been fixed, a principle that will develop into great good and is a protection of the people's rights. It should develop along all lines of franchises and will in the end, if carried out to the letter, prove of great benefit. It is the next thing to municipal ownership and is an idea that has long been advanced and advocated by the Telegram. There are so many good things about the Stout gas franchise that the people certainly may well thank the city council for this action and can now feel assured that the council is looking after their interests.

**Deeds Recorded**

Will E. Morris, special commissioner to Alfred T. Williams, one-half interest in 7 acres, Sardis district.  
 Mary E. Griffin to Juda A. Griffin, 92 square rods, Eagle district.  
 Richard Webb to F. N. Webb, 52 acres, Sardis district.  
 Phoebe Webb to George W. Webb 70 1-2 acres, Eagle district.

**Koblegard Elected**

At a meeting of the directors of the Clarksburg Cemetery Association held last evening P. H. Koblegard was elected president to succeed Charles E. Pride, deceased.

**STOUT GAS FRANCHISE PASSED**  
**--MEANS \$4,000 A YEAR FOR CITY**

the corporate limits of said city of Clarksburg, and it is hereby made an express condition of this grant that if the principal office of said company is ever removed beyond the corporate limits of the said city then all benefits, rights and privileges herein granted shall become forfeited and lapse.

"Section 9. That the rights, privileges and benefits hereby granted to said D. P. Stout, are given his successors or assigns, shall begin upon the further condition that such rights, benefits and privileges shall be void unless the said D. P. Stout, his successors or assigns, shall begin the construction or laying of his pipe lines for supplying gas within ninety days after the passage of this ordinance, and bring natural gas from a well or wells into said city and be fully prepared to furnish to the said city and its citizens, from and through its own pipe lines a quantity of gas sufficient for the demands of said city and its citizens, on or before the 15th day of December, 1906.

"Section 10. Said D. P. Stout shall not be entitled to the benefits, rights and privileges by this franchise granted (but the same shall be null and void and all rights by it granted shall cease and determine) unless said Stout shall before the 15th day of August, 1905, file with the clerk of the City of Clarksburg a notice in writing or if a corporation a copy of a resolution passed by its Board of Directors, certified to be such by its President, accepting this ordinance and agreeing to furnish gas to the city and to the citizens and residents thereof as stipulated in section seven (7) and to comply with all of the requirements and provisions and conditions thereof pertaining to D. P. Stout and all other provisions of this ordinance.

"Section 11. That any corporation, partnership, firm, person or association acquiring the rights, benefits and privileges herein granted by this ordinance to D. P. Stout from the City of Clarksburg shall take the franchise of said D. P. Stout subject to each and every provision contained herein, and shall receive such rights and only such rights as are herein granted to said D. P. Stout.

"Section 12. That said D. P. Stout, or any corporation, partnership, firm, person or association acquiring the rights, benefits and privileges granted by this franchise shall before beginning the construction or laying of pipe lines, file with the treasurer of the City of Clarksburg a bond, guaranteed by some good Security and Guaranty Company and approved by the council of said city, in the penal sum of \$25,000, which bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance by said D. P. Stout, his successors or assigns, of all the provisions of this franchise, and the same shall be kept on file by said council.

"Section 13. This ordinance shall be in effect and force from and after the filing with the clerk of said city of the notice or copy of the resolution named in the 10th section hereof, provided the same shall be filed before the 15th day of August, 1905.

"Section 14. As a further consideration for the granting of this franchise the said D. P. Stout, or his assigns, shall pay annually to said city of Clarksburg the sum of \$2,500, payable in advance during the term of this franchise.

"Section 15. This franchise is granted for a period of twenty (20) years subject to the above provisions.

"Section 16. The said Stout, or his assigns shall furnish gas free of charge to the Fire Department, Mayor's Office, Crematory and Water Works, during the term of this franchise."

An ordinance giving the Empire Building Company the privilege of excavating and using the pavements at it buildings for lighting purposes passed at its first reading.

Bills were allowed as follows:  
 Dan Henry .....\$ 186 41  
 Clarksburg Supply Co ... 6 00  
 G. M. West ..... 9 90  
 D. F. Reed ..... 6 80  
 B. & O. R. R. Co. .... 236 41  
 Tate & McCune ..... 140 71  
 Mrs. F. D. Smith ..... 12 00  
 Bollinger Bros. .... 11 10  
 Star Rig, Reel & Sup. Co. 21 86  
 D. A. Godfrey Carpet Co. 3 50

E. R. Davis & Co. .... 4 63  
 Williams & Davison Co. 7 00  
 Oil Well Supply Co. .... 43 93  
 J. A. Batten & Co. .... 19 38  
 Street Pay roll ..... 320 10  
 Water works pay roll ... 132 35

Councilman McAndrew inquired about the price of meals for prisoners. When told that it was 25 cents he remarked, "I want to go to jail." Chairman Hess reported that the finance committee had fixed the annual rate of levy at 88 cents. The action of the committee was ratified.

Patrick McGovern was granted a saloon license on corner of Factory and East Pike streets.

The petition of G. M. Kyle, J. M. Garrett and Mariah Littleton for the repair of Second street pavement at their properties was referred to the street committee, as was also the Locust street pavements.

The saloon license of E. W. Davis at the Metropolitan was transferred to Loyd Duff.

The offer of Mrs. J. H. Stuart and Dr. J. B. Payne to carry city vouchers for three years for the paving of West Main street from near South Chestnut to West Pike asked for by them was tabled.

The matter of putting in an extra sewer at the property of J. A. and E. A. Batten, on West Pike street, was referred to the street committee.

Permits were granted to John J. Joyce for a two-story frame on Factory street, and W. S. Siers for a three-story brick, where Theodore Reichert's barber shop is on West Pike street.

The petition of C. L. Hickman and others that the awning and sign ordinance be enforced was read and Councilmen McAndrew and others called attention to the fact that it was the duty of the police department to enforce and that it should not be referred to the street committee. The mayor promised to enforce the ordinance.

The street committee was directed to notify the custodian of the federal building to put the grounds there at grade and make proper repair.

Councilman Smith's motion that all persons paying taxes from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1 at the mayor's office be allowed a discount carried without opposition.

The street superintendent was directed to place some crushed stone on Locust street per order of council.

The mayor appointed a committee to look after the survey to locate corners in the East End, consisting of D. D. Britt, C. C. Fittro, M. G. Sperry and Councilmen Cork Smith and Kearns.

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