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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Petitions from the People - The Mayorality Salary Question Got a Frosty Reception.

The regular session of the City Council Monday night was enlivened by an unusually large attendance of interested tax-payers and other citizens, some of whom took part in the discussions over the various measures and petitions which came up for consideration.

Alderman Foster presided. Aldermen Porter and C. L. Smith were absent. The latter is in the State Legislature, and the former was somewhere down the river on a fishing trip.

After disposing of the usual routine business, the Council took up a number of petitions from citizens.

Residents of Midway asked that Bay street be extended on from Ridgewood avenue to the railroad tracks and thence north to Second avenue. Referred to a special committee—Geo. H. Ludwig and E. W. Green.

A petition signed by a large number of leading business men and representative citizens was presented, praying the Council to exercise its power to authorize the payment of a salary of \$400 annually to the Mayor.

This petition was discussed pro and con to some length. Alderman Atwood opposed the step on the ground of general municipal poverty. He said the city had gotten behind financially long before the present charter was granted, and the charter was drawn with an especial view to prevent extravagance.

S. H. Gove, who was mayor when the present charter was drawn, begged leave to differ with Alderman Atwood. He said that the debt the Alderman alluded to was not in reality a debt. The city had simply loaned the taxpayers a sum of money. The sea-wall had been built, and some other imperative improvements made, and the property owners assessed pro rata to meet the expense. All those assessed could not pay promptly, and the City Council advanced the money. In a way, it was assuming a debt, but they were perfectly safe in doing so.

"This is a rich corporation," continued Mr. Gove; "there is more wealth here than in any other city of its size in Florida. We are abundantly able to pay our mayor a good salary, and the progressive and liberal-minded taxpayers want it done, and they will sustain such action."

"What right have we to ask for nothing? It isn't right, it isn't fair, and it is a poor policy. It is a thankless job at best, and the time will come to us when no good man will take it."

Ex-Mayor George H. Ludwig said he could neither see or imagine any reason why a man should desire to serve this town without a salary, nor could he see any reason why any fair-minded citizen should expect such a thing from a fellow citizen. The city clerk, the tax assessor and the tax collector are paid something for their time and trouble, and it is very unreasonable to ask the mayor to give his time and attention to public interests without some compensation.

"There are plenty of men here who do not need the money," said Mr. Ludwig, "but they do not want the office. Our men of wealth, ease and leisure only stay here about six months in the year, and this city don't need a six-months mayor. It needs an all-the-year-round mayor, and a good one at that. The good and capable men who remain here all the year are business men with private interests to take up their time, and we have no right to ask them to neglect their own affairs for those of other people."

"For my part, I think \$1,000 a year little enough, but the charter won't permit over \$400, and I think we ought to give him that, and I am confident that such action by the Council will meet with approval, generally."

W. H. Peters favored paying the mayor a salary. "The Council may not have a right to give a salary for an unexpired term," said Mr. Peters; "but is a question for you to decide. I have talked in this subject in favor of a \$400 salary, and the law allows you to give a mayor."

Acting Mayor Harris opposed granting the petition. He said the same question came before the Council last year, and it was decided then that the city was too poor to take such a step, and he thinks now just as he did then.

After a brief consultation, Alderman Atwood moved to refer the whole matter to the Ordinance Committee, and the motion was agreed to.

The next petition was one praying for the removal of all trash, boats, shanties, etc., from the small island at the South bridge, in order that the island may be improved and converted into a public park.

For some time the Halifax River Yacht Club have had control of the island, and G. H. Ludwig and A. W. Wells have built a couple of boat shanties on it.

Ex-Mayor Gove explained to the Council that several years ago H. M. Flagler presented the island to the city of Daytona with the understanding that it was to be made a public park. Nothing, however, has ever been done to carry out the purpose for which Mr. Flagler gave it.

Mr. Gove stated further that he was in favor of starting a public subscription among the citizens to improve the place and make an attractive park of it. He believed the people would respond generally and liberally.

Acting on the suggestion of Mr. Gove, and responding to the petition of citizens, the Council rescinded the privileges heretofore enjoyed by the Yacht Club, and ordered everybody concerned to vacate the island in a reasonable time.

Alderman Atwood remarked to his colleagues that these sort of petitions were continually coming up before the Council, and it was well enough to make some disposition of them, or the people would feel hurt over it.

He then moved the appointment of a select committee of citizens outside the Council to devise ways and means to get the park scheme into operation.

The chair appointed S. H. Gove, J. G. Brown, and Dr. H. H. Seelye.

Ordinances relating to livery stables and milk dairies, and privies and closets, within certain city limits, were taken up, amended and passed on second reading.

The special committee appointed some time ago to consider ways and means to best secure fire protection and a sufficient water supply for the city made its report, which was read and passed for a future consideration, and the committee discharged with thanks.

The committee's report in full will be found elsewhere in this paper.

AFTER BETTER ROADS

The Road Question Discussed at the Auto Club Meeting Held Last Week.

A meeting of the Florida East Coast Automobile Association was held in the rooms over J. C. Pettepher's building on Orange avenue Friday evening of last week, and was called to order with the following members present: President Seelye, First Vice-president W. H. Peters, Secretary J. B. Parkinson, Treasurer S. H. Gove, E. T. Conrad, F. N. Conrad, J. W. Wilkinson, F. J. Niver, Louis Adler, Edw. Fitzgerald, Edw. G. Harris, C. M. Bingham, Jr., J. A. Hendricks, G. H. Clark and Father O'Boyle.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at the Hotel Ormond, were read and approved. A letter was also read from Dr. Julian P. Chase, President of the American Automobile Association, acknowledging receipt of the \$10 membership fee and notifying the F. E. C. Association that on April 14th it was admitted to membership in the American Automobile Association, and with congratulating it upon the success already achieved. A letter from W. J. Stewart, chairman of the Racing Committee of the American Automobile Association, was read, granting a sanction for a race meet under the auspices of the F. E. C. Association, to be held under the official rules of the American Automobile Association, on the Ormond-Daytona Beach, Feb. 1 to 7, 1904.

A letter from Mr. Morgan to Mr. Peters was read in which he stated that twelve large automobiles had already been secured for next year's meet.

The subject of good roads was discussed and especially the condition of the Ormond and Port Orange roads during the past winter, and it was decided to use every effort toward getting these roads and all other roads in and around Daytona in first class condition before the opening of the tourist season.

Upon motion it was decided that the Association attend the meeting of the City Council in a body and urge that roads be built by skilled labor and under contracts by competent contractors. Messrs. Gove, Parkinson, Clark and Hendricks were appointed a committee to investigate thoroughly the condition of the county roads in this district, to report how much money is appropriated each year for same, how and where it has been expended for the past three years, and to devise means toward securing better county roads.

Frank E. Bond's name was proposed for membership and, upon ballot, he was unanimously elected.

Upon motion the President appointed Messrs. Adler, Parkinson and Wilkinson a committee to examine the rooms offered to the Association by J. C. Pettepher, with power to secure a club room and have a proper lease drawn.

Upon motion the room committee was authorized to provide a Yale lock for the Club Rooms and furnish keys to all members.

It was decided that some member of the Association be endorsed for member of the City Council to fill the vacancy which will be caused upon the resignation of Charles L. Smith, and that the Association heartily co-operate with him in his efforts to secure better city roads. After a thorough discussion of the wisdom of such a course W. H. Peters prevailed upon to accept the nomination. The meeting then adjourned subject to call.

AS TO WATER-WORKS AND FIRE PROTECTION

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA: GENTLEMEN—We, your committee to whom was referred the matter of investigating Water-works and fire Protection, beg leave to report as follows:

We have gone over the ground quite carefully. We have examined the systems in other cities in Florida, and find as follows:

DeLand has a volunteer fire department which does efficient work in case of fire. It is rated as a third-class town, and gets rates fully 25 per cent. lower than Daytona rates.

DeLand has an iron tank about 20 x 30 feet, and 45 feet above the ground. From this the city derives a revenue of \$1,600 per annum above all operative expenses.

Miami has a stand-pipe erected at a cost of \$5,000.

We would recommend the following as a good system for Daytona:

An iron tank 20 x 30 feet, placed 80 feet above the ground, or a stand-pipe 125 feet high, to be placed on Ridgewood at or near the North canal. A line of 8-inch pipe along the three streets running north and south, with 6-inch laterals. Hydrants be placed 350 feet apart.

We estimate the cost of the apparatus needed as follows:

Pumping station house (brick).....	\$ 500
Two pumps.....	900
Two boilers.....	1,500
Tank or pipe.....	4,500
Hydrants.....	1,500
Hose, 2 1/2-inch, 2,000 feet.....	1,200
Hook and ladder trucks.....	750
Hose carts, 4, (to be built here).....	160
Sundry equipments.....	100
Total.....	\$11,110

We find the cost of pipe per ton to be \$26.80, delivered at Daytona, and estimating the cost of laying the lines one mile north and south, and placing hydrants in Waycross and Midway, we find the approximate cost to be \$20,000, making a total of \$31,110.

The cost of laying the pipe lines would be small, as compared to locations having rock to go through. The cost of pipe is at present high.

We feel that this matter is one of vital importance to our city, and believe it is only a question of whether you put it in now or later. The saving in insurance and the net profits from the water supplied would pay the entire cost of the plant in a few years.

We find it impossible to give you any but an approximate estimate, as only a capable and experienced engineer could make exact figures.

We attach correspondence on this matter, with estimate of expense of going over the ground by a capable man, which is estimated at \$200. Also the rulings of the Tariff Association, giving information as to the requisites regarding insurance. We also attach catalogue of fire apparatus, and a valuable book on the subject from R. D. Wood & Co.

We would ask that you simply consider this as a preliminary report, and that you take such action as you deem best. We recommend that you erect a large fire bell at the city hall, to be operated by the telephone operator, and divide the city into fire districts with a code of fire alarms.

While we were appointed a committee on this subject only, we would call your attention that a system of sewerage is becoming of vital importance. The cases of typhoid fever in our city are directly traceable to the system we have at the present time. We would recommend that a sewerage system be put in now, even if the water system has to go till later, though we think both should be put in at once.

Your present committee ask to be discharged, and that a new committee be appointed. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. LUDWIG,
S. H. GOVE,
C. M. BINGHAM, JR.,
Committee.

PORT ORANGE NEWS

Mr. Cochran and his daughter, Mrs. Needham, left last week for their summer home in Sullivan county, New York. Mr. Needham will follow them as soon as the carpenters and plasterers get through, so he can close up the cottage they are building at the corner of Herbert avenue and River Boulevard.

D. Dupont is having repairs made on his dwelling, and W. Johnson is adding a new kitchen to his home in town.

J. A. Tedder, W. L. McDaniel and J. H. Carrow attended the sale at Mount Arrarat and made several purchases.

Wm. Jackson drove down from Daytona Sunday afternoon.

C. M. Milburn made a flying visit to our town last week on his way to Miami. Gust Johnson has painted L. W. Karn's residence on Dunlawton avenue.

Some of Mrs. Bradley's friends gave her a very pleasant surprise party last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morford and the children left last week for Orange Heights, where they will visit with Mrs. Morford's parents.

U. S. Robertson and Fred Johnson left last week in Mr. Robertson's yawl to fish in Banana river.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley left last Tuesday for their summer home in Ohio. Mr. Bradley has sold his grove property to J. A. Tedder.

Mrs. DuBois and Mrs. Lulbery left last Sunday afternoon for New York, where they take one of the Hamburg-American steamers for France, where they expect to spend some time at the Lulbery home. They will visit England and other European countries before they return in the fall.

E. J. Mills has received the loving cup awarded him by the Florida East Coast Automobile Club as winner of the auto-yacht race. The delay in the delivery of the cup was caused by sending it to New York to have it engraved.

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