

## OFFICIAL.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

## Regular Meeting.

St. Paul, Feb. 5, 1878.  
President Dawson in the chair.  
Present: Ald. Allen, Cleary, Dowlan, Dreis, Grace, McCarthy, O'Connor, Rhodes, Shepard, Smyth, Mr. President—11.  
On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

## PETITIONS, ETC.

From the City Clerk.  
Office of the City Clerk,  
St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 5, 1878.

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.  
GENTLEMEN: The late grand jury of Ramsey county was pleased in their final report to the district court to arraign me before the bar of public opinion, charging me with such negligence or misdemeanor in the conduct of the office of City Clerk, as to virtually abolish the elective franchise.

As I have no other means of vindicating my official integrity and conduct, I respectfully ask that the Common Council will take the necessary steps for a thorough and impartial examination into the charges preferred by the grand jury.

It is due to the public, as well as myself, that this examination be had. If the charges be true, I am not a proper person to discharge the duties of City Clerk. If false, the public should be so advised, and the City Clerk exonerated from the odium of a charge which, unless disproved, necessarily must do him and his family much harm. Assuring you, gentlemen, that I will afford you every facility in my power to aid you in getting at all the facts, I am very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
M. J. O'CONNOR,  
City Clerk.

Referred to a special committee composed of Ald. Allen, Smyth, Griggs, Dowlan, Dreis and Cleary.

From Thomas Sheedy.  
Presenting a claim for damage done his property by change of grade on Mississippi street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

From Mrs. Catherine A. Hearn.  
A claim for damages by the Sixth street sewer.

Referred to Committee on Claims and Assessments.

From the Butchers' Association.  
Protesting against paying fifty dollars license.

Referred to Committee on License.

From John K. Hildon.  
To be relieved from paying a license for the St. Paul Opera House.

Referred to Committee on License.

From E. H. Mann and others.  
For the extension of the fire alarm telegraph to the Post-office tract, Seventh street.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

From Franz Lambrecht.  
For permission to grade Conway street.

Referred to Board of Public Works.

From J. Schneider and others.  
For lamps on Broadway street.

From S. Nelson.  
For lamps on Woodward street.

Both referred to Committee on Gas.

From Joseph Robertson.  
For the proper construction of sidewalk on Robert street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

From A. K. Barnum and others.  
For the grading of the Public Works.

Referred to Board of Public Works.

From Blodgett & Osgood.  
For permission to pile lumber near their place of business.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department and Ald. Smyth.

From Wm. McKibben.  
For the suppression of houses of prostitution in this city.

Referred to Ald. Dawson, Griggs, Smyth, Rhodes, Allen and Dr. Matlock, to report at next meeting of Council.

BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1878.

Jan. 1. Balance in treasury \$18,378.62

Total \$18,378.62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries teachers \$4,575.50

Salaries janitors 370.15

Salaries officers 238.32

Supplies 50.71

Repairs 473.82

Insurance 15.00

Interest 133.33

Total \$5,537.00

Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1878. \$12,841.62

Respectfully,  
A. G. MARSON,  
Secretary Board of Education.

Referred to Comptroller.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE,  
St. Paul, Feb. 5, 1878.

To the Hon. President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to herewith submit my report showing the receipts and disbursements of the office from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 1878.

First National Bank \$6,891.12  
Farmers & Mechanics \$6,776.56  
In vault 24  
Total \$13,661.92

Respectfully,  
F. A. RENZ,  
City Treasurer.

Referred to Comptroller.

AUDITED CLAIMS.

Of Comptroller.  
P. H. Ryan, judgment against John Butcher, \$200.25. Street force Upper District, \$210.25. Lower District, \$96.13.

John Butcher, Estimate No. 3, Robert street Sewer \$403.37.

Collected and ordered paid.

Of Clerk of Municipal Court.  
Collections for January, 1878, \$611.21.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

From the Chief of Police.  
Receiving receipts \$474.75; arrests, 62; number of lodgers, 122; January, 1878.

Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

From the Captain of Police.  
Reporting lamps lit and not lit in January, 1878.

Referred to Committee on claim.

From the City Engineer.  
Relative to the Sixth street sewer.

Accepted. (See order.)

Relative to survey in West St. Paul.  
Referred to Alderman of Sixth Ward.

Of City Clerk.  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,  
St. Paul, Feb. 5, 1878.

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

I have the honor to submit a report of licenses issued from this office since the 1st day of January ultimo.

M. J. O'CONNOR,  
City Clerk.

Amount.

Peter Mueller \$100.00

Griffith & Albrecht \$100.00

F. X. Le Clair \$100.00

Frederick Le Clair \$100.00

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Of Wood Measure.  
Receipts for January, \$52.65.  
Of Chief of Fire Alarm Telegraph and Committee on Fire Department.  
All referred to Committee on Fire Department.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

By Mr. Rice.  
Resolved, That the attention of the Common Council of the City of St. Paul be called to the manner in which the men employed on the street force are paid; also,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Public Works, the men thus employed should be paid in the same manner as other employees are paid.

Adopted by Board of Public Works February 2, 1878.

Official: Clerk of Board Public Works.

Of the Comptroller on the above.  
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,  
February 5, 1878.

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: I present for your consideration the accompanying pay-rolls of the 1st and 2d districts for the month of January, 1878, with a resolution of the Board of Public Works is attached, calling the attention of your honorable body to the manner (without stating the manner) in which the men employed on the street force are paid; also, resolving, "that in the opinion of the Board of Public Works the men thus employed should be paid in the same manner as other employees are paid."

Messrs. Timme and Rice, and occasionally the Board, have approved as correct, the monthly pay-rolls of the street force, furnished by the Street Inspectors, after which the rolls are referred to me to check and present to the Common Council for their further allowance—city orders then issue to the Street Inspectors, who are then to pay the men.

Very Respectfully,  
JOHN R. ROBERTS,  
City Comptroller.

Accepted and adopted.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL,  
January 10th, 1878.

FIFTH STREET SEWER.

To the City Council of the City of St. Paul.

The Board of Public Works has under consideration the Resolution or order of the City Council, approved January 16th, 1878, relative to the construction of a sewer on 5th street, from Cedar street to Minnesota street, and having investigated the proposed improvement.

Respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is \$916.00, one-half of which should be paid to the City Treasury before the contract is let, and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and report.

First—Is this improvement proper and necessary?

Second—Give the Council an estimate of the expense thereof, and state whether one-half of the cost thereof is to be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let.

Third—Can real estate to be assessed for said improvement, be found benefited to the extent of a majority of the property to be assessed?

Fourth—Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be assessed?

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Sixth—Send the Council a proper order directing the work to be done.

By Ald. Allen, Cleary, Dowlan, Dreis, Grace, McCarthy, O'Connor, Rhodes, Shepard, Smyth, Mr. President—11.

Approved Feb. 6, 1878.

By Ald. O'Connor.  
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REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On claim of S. D. Lord.  
The claim of S. D. Lord against the city of St. Paul, for rent of building for election purposes in 1874, is a debt belonging to the town to pay to the city; therefore, I report adverse to the claim. J. C. MCCARTHY, Ald. Adopted.

Of claim of Patrick Nash for extra rock excavation in grading Hoffman avenue.

Your committee to whom the claim of Patrick Nash for extra rock excavation in grading Hoffman avenue was referred, report the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that the Common Council is precluded by the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Patrick Nash, from paying for extra work in grading Hoffman avenue.

WM. RUDOLPH, Chairman.

Adopted.

CLAIMS PRESENTED.

St. Paul Gas company, \$659.50; Farwell Brothers, \$5.55; Prendergast Brothers, 38 cents; Strong, Hackett & Chapin, \$1.50; Thomas Hanley, \$1.37; J. Martin, \$44.73.

Referred to Committee on Claims and Fire Department.

An order for lamps on Stillwater street and Lafayette avenue.

Referred to Committee on Gas.

An order for fire alarm telegraph on Post's side street.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

An order for legislation to elect the City Engineer by the people at large.

Referred to Committee on Legislation.

An order to permit Franz Lambert to grade Conway street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

[For resolutions see annexed official publication.]

Adopted.

WM. DAWSON, President of Council.

M. J. O'CONNOR, City Clerk.

Official Publication of Resolutions Passed by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul, February 5, 1878.

It is hereby ordered by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul, that the matter of the construction of a sewer from Wabashaw street to Minnesota street, along Sixth street, be referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and report.

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