

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday night, President Loofbouro in the chair. The councilmen in attendance were: Karrick Hardy, Horn, Bell, Lawson, Beardsley, Wantland, Helms, Simondl, Kelly, Evans, Folland, Moran—13.

Absent—Rich—1.

In the absence of City Attorney Hoge, his assistant, Mr. Coad was present and acted as legal adviser.

After the usual preliminary business had been disposed of the consideration of pending matters was commenced.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

Fritz K. Morris asked that an electric light be established at the intersection of Third and S streets. Committee on improvements.

B. S. Markham and others asked that the Council annul the franchise granted to the West Side Rapid Transit Street Railway company.

J. Gabbott sent in a bill for \$50 for services rendered as water agent in Parley's and Emigration canyons. Committee on claims.

The Board of Education asked that it be allowed to connect the Lincoln school premises with the sewer mains.

George Sheppard and others asked that Plum street be put in a passable condition. Committee on streets.

J. W. Haddock and others asked that an electric light be placed at the intersection of Third West and Fifth North streets. Committee on improvements.

E. J. Doray & Company and others asked that Joseph Brown be appointed a special policeman without pay. Committee on police.

R. E. McConanghy sent in a bill for \$150 for the breaking of one of the legs of a valuable horse owned by him at the corner of Third South and Second East streets. Committee on claims.

Elias Morris complained that his road to the lime quarries was being destroyed by contractor Harkins and asked the city to inquire into and remedy the matter. City engineer and attorney associated.

The Brigham Young Trust company sent in a communication in which it represented that the private cemetery left by the late Brigham Young to his family and descendants had been assessed by Mr. Leonard. The claim was set forth that the lot had never before been assessed and that under the general revenue act of the Territory it was not assessable, and petitioners therefore asked that the collector be instructed to cancel the tax assessed. Referred to the city attorney.

The Pacific Paving company asked that the 10 per cent. retained by the city for three and five years on the contracts for paving in 1891 and on State street this year be placed in city bonds to be held by the treasurer, and the interest coupons delivered to them. Committee on claims.

Byron Groo and others asked that an electric light be placed at the intersection of State and First streets.

FIREPROOF PROPOSITION.

City Recorder Stanton, secretary of the joint committee on city and county building, reported the following resolution passed by the committee on the

25th inst: "That it be the sense of this committee and they recommend to the City Council and county court that the third and fourth floors of the joint building, with the ceilings of said stories and roof trusses, be made fireproof, providing the cost does not exceed \$33,000."

Considerable discussion followed and Karrick moved that an expert be employed to investigate and see if those figures were correct, also to see if inferior rock and other materials were not being put into the building.

Bell said if that was done perhaps it would be well to employ an expert, but his opinion was that the work had progressed so far that if anything was wrong, the city would be obliged to come back on the bondmen for the contractors.

President Loofbouro said the basement was not fire proof. It was not necessary to have it so. It could easily be reached by the fire department in case of a conflagration. The first and second stories were fire proof. The third and fourth stories were not. Architects say that in case of a fire if the third and fourth stories were made fire proof nothing but the roof could possibly be destroyed. He was in favor of making the roof fireproof also, but other members of the committee were not. The bid of Contractor Bowman for fireproofing the two upper stories was \$33,094, and for fireproofing the roof \$18,864.00. He thought prompt action should be taken. He favored referring the matter to a select committee. Two members of the committee were in favor of fireproofing throughout; one was not.

Beardsley said he was certainly in favor of fireproofing the entire structure.

Moran agreed with Beardsley. He wanted the report amended so as to include the roof as well as the third and fourth stories.

Wantland said immediate action was not necessary on the roof proposition but it was so far as the third and fourth stories were concerned.

Kelly favored leaving the report just as it was for the present. He was, however, in favor of erecting a structure that was fireproof from basement to garret.

Hardy said he was in favor of fireproofing but he thought it was a little singular that one man only should be allowed to bid on the proposed improvement. If competitive contractors were allowed to bid it might be that the work could be done much cheaper.

Bell, a member of the joint committee, said the city reserved the right to make such investigation as it saw fit.

Moran offered a substitute motion which called for the appointment of a special committee of three with instructions to report back to the council on Friday night.

Wantland said that that would not give the committee sufficient time, and he would therefore vote against the motion.

Karrick said if it went to any committee at all it should go to the old one who was perfectly familiar with all of the details.

Folland said he had heard it intimated that somebody was going to make \$20,000 out of the deal. He was

not a member of the committee, but he knew that such a report was incorrect. He had taken pains to figure on the cost of material in detail and knew that the bids on some of it was below the market price. But that was not the business of the council but that of the bidder. He said he had also heard that there was a collusion between the architects, contractors and superintendent. This he did not credit.

Moran's substitute motion to refer to a committee to report to the council on Friday night then carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

THE USE OF BICYCLES.

The city attorney sent in a report in which he opined that bicycles were vehicles and therefore could not be allowed to run on the sidewalks. The proper place for them was on the streets. He quoted the opinions of Illinois and Indiana courts to that effect.

Laid on the table to come up with the ordinance on the same subject.

WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS.

The superintendent of sewers sent in a recommendation that an ordinance providing for making gas, water and sewer connections on streets proposed to be paved be passed, section 2 of which would be as follows:

"All owners of property on such streets shall be notified at least thirty days by publication in some newspaper printed in the city of Salt Lake before the work of paving any street is begun, and required to make the necessary connections for water and sewers across the sidewalks to the property lines, and in case said property owners neglect or refuse to do the same it shall be done by the city, and the cost thereof shall be assessed upon the property opposite such connections of the parties refusing to make such connections to such depths as the Council sitting as a board of equalization shall deem just and equitable."

He also recommends that the night watchman in the sewer department be sworn in as a special policeman without pay.

City engineer and committee on sewers.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Recorder Stanton reported that the notices of intention to construct sidewalks on the following streets had been published in accordance with law and that no protests had been filed against the carrying out such intentions except for intention No. 27 for which he reported enough protests to defeat the same.

No. 26 on both sides of First South street between Eighth and Twelfth East in sidewalk district No. 2.

No. 27 on both sides of Second South between Eighth and Twelfth East streets in district No. 4.

No. 28 on both sides of Second South street between East Temple and West Temple streets in sidewalk district No. 3.

No. 29 on both sides of First South street between East and West Temple streets in sidewalk district No. 1.

No. 30 on both sides of First South street between East Temple and State streets in district No. 2.

No. 31 on both sides of First South street between East Temple and State streets in sidewalk district No. 4.

Referred to the attorney with orders