COLD WATER IS THE THEME.

Councilmen Criticise Each Other in a Discussion of the Subject.

AQUA PURA FOR CITIZENS.

Majority and Minority Reports of Waterworks Committee Considered —Executive Meeting Thursday.

The City Council devoted nearly an hour and a half's time at last night's meeting to a further discussion of the water supply question. The Council had what might be termed a warm session. Personalities were indulged in by some of the members, but no one struck out from the shoulder after the manner of a majority and minority report of the waterworks committee, respecting the city engineer's department. The majority recommended that the city engineer be allowed to proceed with his surveys, and the securing of necessary data for a more adequate water supply, while the minority report, signed by Councilman Fernstrom, recommended a further investigation. After the protracted talk it was decided that the members meet Thursday night along with the city engineer in executive session.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The report of the majority committee on waterworks, submitted at the last meeting, and which went over by request, was called up by Chairman Alder, who, after it had been read again last night, moved its adoption.

Fernstrom said he had a minority report to submit which was then read, it is as follows:

"We, a minority committee on waterworks, beg leave to report as follows: In the matter of the extension of increase of the water supply

"We agree with the majority in the necessity for increasing the water supply, but think the question is not yet fairly investigated. Further action on the matter should be deferred for the following reasons:

"1st—The investigation so far made shows the feasibility to connect the big Cottonwood stream below Kimball's mill with the Parley's canyon conduit, so that an independent supply can be made, which would necessitate an outlay of one-half million dollars ($500,000), and increase an indebtedness of Salt Lake City to borrow and more money, unless a constitutional amendment to make water rents revenue, extended to not less than ten years, that would be inportunable.

"2d—The engineer himself, states that the plan he is now working under is neither the cheapest nor the best, in his judgment.

"Therefore, the minority of your committee believe it would be a waste of money to further proceed on these lines.

"We therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole for investigation.

"Respectfully submitted,

"F. E. FERNSTROM."

As soon as Councilor Buckman had finished reading the report Fernstrom was about to move that it be substituted for the majority report and adopted, but Buckle was first on his feet and made the motion for him, much to the disgustment of the other mover.

Allen couldn't understand why Fernstrom wanted the matter referred to the committee of the whole unless it was his object to make information. The surveys, he said, were in the city engineer's office in an incomplete condition and he put it off for another week would not help matters any.

Fernstrom said he regretted the same question as a member of the committee and every member of the City Council ought to thoroughly understand and discuss the question. The city engineer should be invited to attend the meeting. For himself he did not think the survey could be met that would have been made and he did not propose to vote for an increase of the water supply unless he knew what he was doing.

Callister said he favored a plan looking to the furnishing of a good and ample water supply and wanted it adopted in the best possible way. If what Fernstrom said is true, he regretting the city engineer was correct, that Mr. Kelsey should be present at a committee meeting of the whole.

Robertson did not favor the meeting, neither was he going to vote to have the city engineer present. "We know what the city engineer does," he said. "It is bound to meet with the disapproval of some of the members of the Council and should by some here he will only be criticised for something he has done, or something he has left undone; something he has said, or something he did not say.

Siddoway said he signed the majority report believing with all his heart and soul it was for the best good of the citizens of Salt Lake City. Mr. Kelsey had convinced him that he was pursuing the proper course, and that he was in possession of information that would be unwise to make public at the present time. Mr. Kelsey had informed him, as well as the other members of the committee that he would submit everything to his final report to the Council. He did not think the members of the City Council ought to interfere with the engineer in his work. It was important for the sanitarians of Salt Lake that the city needed more water and to stop the engineer now it would be like the end of a man who had started to to build his house, but quit when he got it half finished.

The whole trouble is this," continued Siddoway warming up to his subject, "the city engineer has not the confidence of all the members of the Council, and it's not right. Leave him alone, let him go on with his work and he will give us a plan of procuring water for the thirsty that every citizen will approve of and be pleased with.

Patrick said when he signed the majority report it was never for the purpose of bringing the question before the Council than anything else. Since signing it he never he had talked with Mr. Kelsey in private he had questioned him closely and was now thoroughly convinced that the city engineer was a straightforward, honorable and competent man.

Referring to what Fernstrom credited the city engineer with saying he did not so understand Mr. Kelsey. The Council ought to know what is being done and the city engineer ought to be allowed to complete the work. Mr. Kelsey was not carrying out his orders pure but was following the instructions given him by the Council. The city needed water there was no doubt about that question. Economy was a good thing and he favored economy in that principle and also in all else as any member. He did not believe there is a member who and proud foolish policy. The economy he believed in was the curtailment of all unnecessary expense in the city departments.

Wallace here moved as amendment that both the majority and minority reports be referred to the committee of the whole for consideration in every the session Thursday next. The amendment was accepted by Fernstrom.

DEATH BECAME WARM.

Buckle said when he moved that the minority be substituted for the majority report, he meant it seriously standing by what he had stated. "It is a fact that there are some of us who are decidedly opposed to anything and everything the city engineer does. Some of the members have even gone so far as to spot and spy the engineer.

There a decided stand which caused President Turner to rap briefly for order, and the matter passed over as the morning business was done.

Robertson moved to strike out the words "executive session," stating that the public was entitled to know what was being done, through the medium of the newspapers.

Fernstrom said he made little difference to him whether the meeting was public or private. He had no secrets but thought the engineer had intimated that he was in possession of information that he did not feel like to make public at the present time, and it was out of respect to his wishes that he favored an executive session.

Callister said the waterworks committee had held an executive session and he did not consider anything said was any better than the consideration of the whole and was entitled to no more consideration. The public should know whether the city engineer was pursuing the proper course, and as the waterworks committee had received enlightenment in executive session must be and the other members of the Council ought to receive the same thing by adopting similar means of feeling out.

Hooper wanted to know what had been accomplished by the discussion thus far. Nothing, he said, but talk and the display of bad blood. It would be far better to discuss the question in private and let the public know what was done afterwards. He was for the Council, as it has the members sworn, but better not to make public. His friend Fenton had threatened to make the matter of an executive session, he might change his after Thursday night.

Patrick thought there would be no harm in an executive session if it was only to hear the report of the city engineer, adding that he favored a public meeting.

Hardie said a fellow member told him that the city engineer had imparted information to the waterworks committee that had left an impression on his mind he wished had what the city engineer was pursuing the proper course. He felt assured that the speaker would have given him the same information had he asked for it. But he didn't ask for the reason that he had felt sure he was in the confidence of the committee who told him, and to the other members of the committee as well.

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Rees said that as an individual member of the City Council he was not satisfied with the majority report. He was in the office of the engineer Thursday night and was refused admission to the meeting of the waterworks committee.

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Rees—I have never yet refused a councilman admittance to any meeting I have had anything to do with.

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The motion to meet Thursday night as a committee of the whole carried.

BUSH-HAMMERING SIDEWALKS.

The committee on streets in the matter of the Communication of Mayor Clark, to prohibit the bush-hammering of the paved sidewalks, reported as follows:

"We have investigated the matter and find that when the pavement was improperly laid, bush-hammering does not injure the surface of the stone, but when the pavement was imperfectly laid that the hammering breaks it up. We find that there is about $750 invested in bush-hammering the paved walks that will stand it without being injured, and we recommend that that portion of the pavement shall be hammered, and that the balance of the $1,000 appropriated be used in the need in putting a coating of sand and cement on the walks that are defective and cracked, under the direction of the city engineer, at a cost of one and a half cents per square foot."

After some discussion the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

TO REMOVE HACKS.

Herbert Pembroke, in behalf of himself and other property owners on West second South from East Temple to West Temple streets, called attention to a petition of a year ago asking for the removal of the hacks, express wagons and the large furniture vans in front of the residences on that street. Mr. Pembroke says the petition was referred to the committee on stands and it was decided to recommend favorable action.

Mayor then, however, says Mr. Pembroke, "nothing has been done until the nuisance has become an absolute infantile, and we no longer to be prevailed to endure." Referred to committee on streets.

WANTS FRANCHISE REVOKED.

Dooke introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, The Salt Lake Rapid Transit Street Car company, having abandoned a portion of its tracks located on Fourth South and Tenth East streets, be it resolved that its franchise be revoked on the streets named and the street superintendent be instructed to remove poles and wires on said streets. Referred to committee on streets.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Ex-Policeman Chris Lund and P. L. Sullivan filed a petition asking to be reinstated in the positions from which they were removed in March, 1898. They claim their dismissal was unjust. Referred to committee on fire and police.

The committee on finance in the matter of evening up records in board of public works office reported as follows:

"We recommend that the records be in future to be by the present clerk of said board, and that the records for the previous three years be written up by the office work in the officer's office, and that additional expense to the city."

Morgan Bruce's firm requested the purchase of piling building material in front of the Navoo block, on Plat street, between First and Second South, for a period not to exceed sixty days (Grant).

George Arbuckle, Frank Y. Taylor, O. C. Lawrence, Jesse A. Ball, Wesley Roll, A. F. Cummings, and Arthur Stayner Jr., petitioned the City Council of the place on street light at the intersection of Seventh East, and Eleventh South streets. Referred to committee on lighting.

The city attorney in the matter of the petition of S. Hays offering to sell to the city the interest of Mrs. Ford and lots 1 to 28, Peterson subdivision of block 10, plat D, Salt Lake City survey, recommended that the petition be not granted. The city attorney further recommended that the city open payment of the interest, and that Mr. Hays deed the property to Mr. Hays (Adopted).

The city attorney recommended that the petition of A. T. Moss agent, asking for rebate from tax sale be granted, because of the excessive costs, fees, costs and interest, at the rate of eight per cent, from April 20th, 1891. Adopted.

The committee on finance recommended the approval of a compromise settlement for $50 between E. T. Beveridge against Salt Lake City, in accordance with the recommendation of the city attorney. Adopted.

Attorneys C. F. and F. C. Loofbourow asked for the appropriation of $474.36 to pay the judgment recently rendered in the case of "H. Griffin vs. Salt Lake City." Referred to committee on claims.

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