DESERET EVENING NEWS

Wednesday, June 10, 1896.

# CITY STREET LIGHTS

## Will be Taxed On Monday Evening of Next Week.

### CONTRACT WITH BIG COTTONWOOD.

### No Bicycle Police—Lloyd Seated—Carnival Petitions—Auditor's Report—Fire Department Additions.

Commencing with next Monday night there will be street lights in the city, the Council having unanimously made a contract for use per with the Big Cottonwood Power company at the rate of $6.50 per lamp.

LLOYD SEATED.

After the reading of the minutes, Mr. O'Meara moved that inasmuch as E. T. Lloyd had been a judge of the State supreme court as entitled to the seat in the Council formerly occupied by W. M. Elliott, Councilman Ben Jamin T. Lloyd be seated, and that he be declared a member of all committees of the Council on which Mr. Elliott had served.

On a motion by Stewart to strike out the portion relating to committees O'Meara withdrew it and the first part of the original motion, seating Mr. Lloyd, was unanimously carried.

THE LIGHT CONTRACT.

The improvements committee, consisting of Callister, O'Meara and Marvey, reported an agreement upon a contract with the Big Cottonwood Power company from June 15, 1896, to June 14, 1897, to light the city at the rate of $6.50 per lamp.

On motion of Callister the report was filed and the contract read.

The city attorney objected to the feature in the contract permitting the Big Cottonwood company to rent or lease from the Salt Lake & Ogden Gas & Electric Light company the poles, poles, wires, etc., with which to furnish the lights and to have employes of the old company keep the lines and apparatus in order. He attributed to the former was liable to injuries to the city which would accrue a loss to the city which would be prevented by the employes of the old company being in charge of the plants. Councilman Marvey was then elected to read that the Big Cottonwood company would have the necessary electric lights "from any other company."

DESERTED VACATION.

County Assessor Lynch made a report, in which he stated that the assessed valuation of real estate and personal property within the city of Salt Lake for the year 1895 would reach $15,000,000, and that the increase over 1894 is about $3,000,000, an amount "some scores of more angles having been made possible by the last Legislature." Mr. Lynch also stated the County Court had ruled in his favor that assessors should not be allowed to make the rounds of the city property, as it would take too long to do very little revenue is derived from such visits."

REPORTS FROM BOARD.

City Attorney McKay submitted an opinion on the power of the police board in connection with reference to the erection of a building for fire department purposes. Mr. McKay held that the statutes provided that it was the duty of the board of public works to make all contracts for public works or improvements, and that up to October of 1895 the board is required to execute such contracts.

As to the duties of the fire and police and police committees, the city attorney expressed the opinion that the committees may properly exercise any duties connected with the department which the Council may impose upon them and which do not conflict with the jurisdiction of the fire and police boards. Both opinions were filed.

INCREASE OF SALARY WANTED.

The Mayor submitted a communication in which he stated the salary of the chief clerk of the board of public works be increased to $1,800 per year. The grounds for the request were that the term of Chairman Dickson would expire on June 15th and that it would be impossible for get a competent man to fill the position at the salary—$150 per month. It was also stated that the contract now under the supervision of the board aggregate $17,000.11. The communication was referred to the finance committee.

SEWER FARM DITCHES.

The board of public works reported that four bids had been received for ditching at the sewer farm. The lowest was $1,870 and came from Frank Hatfield. The board, however, recommended that the work be done by day labor, because Hatfield refused to sign a contract and in view of the fact that the other bids were unsatisfactory. The board was instructed to proceed with the work with an expenditure limit of $1,500 unless the Council otherwise orders.

STREET LIGHT CONTRACT.

J. H. Griffin was successful in securing the contract for sprinkling Liberty Park and a lower street outside of districts 1, 2, 3 and 5. His bid was $109 per month for one, two or three months. Higher and unsuccessful bids were received from Scotty & Perry, E. F. Richards, R. C. Chamberlain and H. O. Beach. The city attorney was instructed to draw up a contract with Mr. Griffin for two years.

DEPARTMENT CHANGES.

On a resolution by Stewart the office of plumbing inspector was removed from the engineering department to the sanitary department and the salary thereof was fully transferred. An ordinance in conformity with the resolution was referred to the city attorney.

ADDITION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Wilcomb introduced a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the board of public works to advertise five days for bids for the construction of an addition to the fire department in place of the old structure, which has been condemned, and that the contract be let with the understanding that payment for the same be made in six months and the cost not to exceed $3,000.

MUST BE FILED BEFORE 8 P. M.

A resolution by Odell was adopted which rules that all petitions to be presented to the Council must be filed with the city recorder before 8 o'clock p. m. of the day of meeting, otherwise they will not be considered until the following week.

FOR PAVING.

The ordinance for the paving of Second South street, between West Temple and First West streets, was read the third time and passed.

JOSEPH M. WATSON, DECEASED.

On motion of O'Meara a committee of three was appointed to present to the heirs of Joseph M. Watson, deceased, a set of engraved resolutions in memory of the departed fireman. O'Meara, Buckle and Martin were named as such committee.

WHERE PLACE.

The finance committee reported that it did not feel justified in making an appropriation for a special mounted officer to patrol South Temple street to enforce the bicycle ordinance. A recommendation was also made that the Westminster be notified to pay $500 into the city treasury to defray the expense of enforcing the ordinance, otherwise they would be denied the use of the sidewalk on the south side of said street from the Eight Gate to L. street. The report and recommendation were adopted.

FOR THE CARNIVAL.

A petition was received from H. F. Mackrille and others requesting permission to erect lattices on each side of State street from Fourth to Fifth South streets for the accommodation of the public during the parade of the Carnival. Permission was asked for exclusive power for the committee—not to be kept up but attached to the entirety of the joint building.

The committee on control of the joint building and the street committee will act on the petition.

F. Auerbach & Bro. asked permission to erect a vestibule in front of their store for protective purposes during the Carnival. Referred to street committee.

GANT FIFTH WEST GRADED.

Hyrum Thompson et al asked that Fifth West be graded between First and Sixth South streets. Referred to committee on streets.

DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES.

The following department reports of expenditures for the month of May were received and filed:

Engineer department, $827.10; street department, $7,08.85; waterworks department, $3,904.39.

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

City Auditor Swan submitted the following financial statement for the month of May:

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance Nov. 1, 1895 | $[illegible] |
| Legal licenses | [illegible] |
| Miscellaneous licenses | [illegible] |
| Sanitary licenses | [illegible] |
| Water rents, 1895 | [illegible] |
| Water rent | [illegible] |
| City tax, 1895 | [illegible] |
| Interest | [illegible] |
| Water rents delinquent | [illegible] |
| Fines and forfeitures | [illegible] |
| Sold | [illegible] |
| Tax sales | [illegible] |
| Waterworks | [illegible] |
| Fire tax | [illegible] |
| Water rents over payments | [illegible] |
| Supplementary water rents | [illegible] |
| Dockets | [illegible] |
| Water pipe sold | [illegible] |
| Sundry licenses sent in per cent [illegible] | |
| R. C. Bailey, Treasurer, Harris Agt. | [illegible] |
| Sundry licenses, Agt. | [illegible] |
| Liquor licenses, Harris and Agt. | [illegible] |
| R. C. Bailey, Treasurer, and Agt. | [illegible] |
| R. H. Valentine, Treasurer and Agt. | [illegible] |
| W. H. Dunn, Agt. | [illegible] |
| Total | $[illegible] |

DISTRIBUTION.

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|---|---|
| Salary department | $[illegible] |
| Waterworks | $[illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] |
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