

For the Lord our God is with us, and when we are sustained by His Almighty power we need not fear what man can do. May we live so as to secure His sustenance and favor. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem:

O, Father, whose Almighty power.

Benediction by Bishop Jas. C. Watson.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock last evening. Mayor Armstrong being absent from the city, Alderman Sharp was selected to preside.

Superintendent Bancroft and others asked that the water mains be extended from Third South Street north to in front of the Rio Grande Western depot; also that a fire hydrant be put in there. Referred to the committee on water works.

J. C. Conklin and other property owners on J Street petitioned the Council not to move the line fences as decided on at a recent meeting; they stated that it would be a great damage to the property, the line having been established years ago by the city surveyor, and that a change now would necessitate many changes. Referred to the committee on streets, and action of the Council suspended until such time as the Council may learn the amount of fence not now on the line and the amount of fence requiring a change.

The following petition, signed by 524 persons, was presented:

"The Salt Lake City Railroad Company having asked for the right of way along certain streets in the western and northern portion of the city, we, the property owners and residents of said locality, respectfully petition your honorable body to grant said company a franchise for the street railway on said streets."

Referred to the committee on streets.

White & Sons presented the following petition:

"The undersigned respectfully represent that they contemplate establishing in Salt Lake City extensive stock yards, for the purpose of facilitating the handling of live stock for the Territory and surrounding country, together with a packing house in connection with the necessary slaughterhouse and refrigerator for that business. We ask you to sell us the grounds now used by the city for dumping purposes, and will establish the stock yards necessary for the growth of the stock interests of this country, in addition to a packing house and refrigerator business. We would call attention to the fact that we are not asking from the city any bonus for the establishing of these needful industries, and for that reason we would ask you to sell us the above described lands at such reasonable price as your honorable body may deem proper under the circumstances, and if we are granted the purchase of said land at a proper price we will erect buildings and improvements costing about thirty thousand dollars."

Referred to the committee on public grounds.

William B. Preston asked permission to change the location of the weigh scales and house now occupied by him on East Temple Street, north, to a site 100 feet due north of present position. Granted.

John A. Clark sent in a communication thanking the Council for promptness and kindness in placing a water tank or spill near his place of residence. Received and filed.

Elias A. Smith sent in a request to remove his name from a petition which he had signed favoring the granting of a railroad franchise along Fourth West Street, as he had learned that a majority of the residents were opposed to any further grants along said street. Received and request granted.

Simon Noall and others presented petitions, asking to have their names changed to favoring the railroad, all of which were granted. Among these were the directors of the Salt Lake Glass works. A statement of the situation was received from the railroad company, but it was laid over to come up with the franchise.

Parley P. Pratt petitioned the Council not to permit the opening of a four-rod street through his land, he alleging that he had been in possession of the property for many years, and that when he came in possession of the property no street was laid out, as was shown by old maps. He made many citations to show that the Council had no right to open said street. Referred to the committee on streets, with the city attorney associated.

Hyrum W. Kimball and others represented that they had held certain property for thirty years and asked that a perfected title be granted. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

W. W. Riter and John Clark, of the committee on streets, reported in writing in reference to the application for a franchise for the Utah Western Railway Company, that, on June 25, 1889, said company presented a petition asking for a right of way for its road on North Temple Street from its intersection with Fourth West Street, westward on said street to Fifth West Street, thence northward on said Fifth West Street to the city boundary. The report referred to the almost unanimous opposition of the people on said street to granting it, and the effort of the petitioners to get the consent of the people of North Temple to have the road built westward on that street, but encountered the same obstacle. The petition of July 15 was then referred to, withdrawing the former petition and asking a right of way northward on Fourth North Street, showing that there was comparatively little opposition. Remonstrances, however, occurred subsequently.

The report goes on reciting the history of the company in its efforts to obtain the franchise, and showing the final result of a house to house canvass to be that 62 per cent of the frontage opposed, and 38 per cent favored the scheme. Twenty-four

residents had expressed themselves against the franchise, five in favor, and two had made no expression; that is, 83 per cent opposed and 17 per cent in favor of the railroad. In regard to a petition numerous signed by the residents of the north-west part of the city, in favor of a franchise, a large number are residents on streets where it was first sought to obtain a franchise, and where the people are almost unanimously opposed to it; and many of the petitioners signed for fear that the road might be built on their own street. This being the status of the community's sentiments, or that portion of it affected or supposed to be affected by the roads, while the committee are in favor of the building of railroads and the growth and progress of the community, they are not in favor of granting the franchise in question so long as such a majority of the people interested are opposed to it, and until there is greater necessity for a railroad there.

In reply to the argument that a franchise had been granted on the south end of the same street, the report says that it was urged that the petitioner wanted to get in the locality of the other railroads, for the interchange of business; but this argument had no force in the other application. If the commercial needs of the city demanded it, there could be found a way out of the city that would be less objectionable, but for the present the committee recommended that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

After the report was read Councilor Smith arose and said that he was a member of the committee, but did not sign the report because he did not feel assured of the feelings of the majority of the population. According to his understanding 185 rods frontage favored the franchise, 135 opposed it, and 80 rods were neutral. If these are the honest facts they should be heeded. He then said that there were gentlemen present with notarial evidence who should be heard.

Alderman Riter stated that the committee had driven to every house and secured the opinions of the residents, and that the report was correct as presented, and if the petition was signed by other than property owners they had been misled.

B. F. Cummings, Jr., in behalf of the Utah Western Railroad, spoke at some length on the question, stating that there were a number of pieces of property which had either just changed hands or were about to do so, and that all these new owners would favor the road.

Councilor Smith said that he was of the opinion that one side was about as strong as the other.

Councilor Sowles moved that the question come up when the franchise was taken up. Lost.

Councilor Young said he would like to know how the people stood on the question, and he wanted to see whether anyone would change his mind by morning.

The report was laid on the table for one week.

Councilor Sowles offered a reso-