DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, February 20, 1895.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Appeal in Behalf of the Unemployed Workingmen.

STREET LIGHT TAX ORDINANCE.

Commissioners Appointed to Make the Assessment—Waterworks Expenditures—Other Matters.

At last night's session of the City Council President McCrackin occupied the chair with all the members present except Councilman Cohn.

John Hubbs was present and being given permission to speak, he spoke to the Council in behalf of the unemployed workingmen, who numbered, he said, between 1,000 and 1,500, some of whom were almost on the verge of starvation. They demanded that the gravity sewer be opened up and work provided.

N. R. Dooser endorsed the remarks of Mr. Hubbs and it was then decided to take up the matter in committee of the whole tomorrow night, with the sewer contractors, chairmen of the board of public works and the representatives of the unemployed.

CLAIM PAIDSOVER.

A. B. Gibon asked that he be permitted to redeem certain land. Referred to the city attorney.

H. W. Alexander asked for free licenses as second-hand dealer. Committee on licenses.

The claim of William R. Jones demanding damages in the sum of $5,000 for injuries done his property in the construction of the gravity sewer, was referred to the committee on sewers and city attorney.

Isaac Hunter asked $500 for damages sustained by his property caused by the removal of levees constructed by him along the canal in blocks 32 and 33. Committee on sewers.

PETITIONS.

A petition was received from the Wasatch Mineral Springs, asking to be allowed to extend sewer mains from Warm Springs to Ninth North. Committee on sewers.

Petition of T. G. Webber and others, asking that a board fence east of the E. C. M. I. be removed, was referred to the committee on streets.

Petition of John H. Lawrence, setting a rebate on his water taxes owing to his inability to use the water for some six months, was referred to the committee on waterworks.

FROM THE MAYOR.

A communication was received from the Mayor enclosing a letter from Mr. Charles Ballantyne, of the Citizens' Electric Light company, which notified him that the mine would be ready for operation by July 1st, at which time they would be ready to compete for lighting of the city.

Upon the recommendation of the city attorney, Alice M. Harris was allowed to redeem property in block 24, and A. B. Gibon to redeem property in block 8.

FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The board of public works recommended the prompt removal of snow from the slippery walks and the application of sand or sand and salt. Adopted.

The same board submitted, with its approval, an estimate in favor of the Pacific Paving company in the sum of $204.56. The estimate covers 10 per cent of the building, payable in two years after completion of the work. Adopted.

A similar recommendation was made in favor of the Western Asphaltum company, and $8.88 entered placed to their credit for paying on Hermosa street.

It was also recommended that $111.60 be appropriated in favor of Steve Ross, for Sale gates in the gravity sewer. Adopted.

The same board reported that Contractor Sullivan had consented to establish a weekly pay day and employ none but resident laborers on the First South street sewer extension, and the contract was thereupon approved.

CHAISE WANTED.

The street and irrigation department joined in demanding chairs for their respective boards, fighting that which they had been using in common. They also asked that they be allowed a telephone. Referred the committee on irrigation, with power to act.

AS TO EXPENDITURE.

Chief Pratt, to whom was referred a resolution by Mr. Young, asking a statement showing the amount in which the giant power and other city officers were being handled in the city, reported that he had found frauds having to do with giant powder, and that the only source of danger was in the transportation of the article through the city. After some discussion the matter was referred to the committee on municipal laws with instructions to draft an ordinance covering the matter.

A communication calling attention to the fact that the Council meets now at the old City Hall, was referred to the committee on improvements.

The bill of Dr. Benson, in the sum of $25, was referred to the committee on prisons and city physician.

COST OF PRINTING REPORTS.

The committee on enrollment, to which was referred the annual reports of the Mayor and other city officers, reported that the printing of the reports could be procured at a cost of $60, with 100 copies containing the reports of the police and the departments, city engineer's and health department for $50, and recommended that they be printed.

Mr. Clawson thought an expenditure of this sum was needless. The recommendation was adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The committee on improvements, reporting on petitions from William E. Fudger and others, Olin Miller, and George Hinkley, asking for electric lights, submitted that in the latter petition the light had already been provided, and that the petitions of Miller and Fudger referred to locations outside the town limits. The committee suggested that if any officer desirable, how, that arrangements could be made to meet the petitioners' consideration on the same terms as the remainder of the citizens will enjoy. Adopted.

SEWER DEBENTURE.

The consent of an owner, regarding an the petition of John Smith, recommended that an contracts include a clause providing for the employment of Salt Lake workmen, who shall be paid wages. Adopted.

WATERWORKS EXPENDITURES.

Mr. Clawson called attention to what he alleged to be a fact that the water works department had in two months exceeded its appropriation $7,000.

Mr. Lynn volunteered that this sum was for waterworks extensions, and that the amount being borrowed by the property owners, it simply behooved us all without to say any affecting the allowance of the department.

RETURNS OAS.

The ordinance affecting the time of the Vacuum Gas company from three to five months from the date of beginning to lay its mains into the city was passed under a suspension of the rules.

A resolution by Mr. Mason, that the sewer contractors meet with the committee on sewerage on Thursday evening to discuss matters relating to the resumption of work on the gravity sewer, prevailed.

DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES.

Mr. Lynn offered a resolution providing that no more than one of each department shall expend any money in excess of the sum to be reported by the finance committee August 1, 1894. Adopted.

SEWER ASSESSMENT.

The ordinance confirming the assessment for the sewer extension to Sunset Temple, between Ninth and Seventh East, was then taken up and passed.

GENERAL LEVY FOR LIGHT.

The ordinance estimates providing for street lighting was called up, the reading of it causing an interesting spin from part of the members of whom, for which it was considered for two nights, to assume the original rate of eighteen hundred seventeen, and to levy a tax of $1 per $1,000 for night before 12 pay for it out of the general fund.

Mr. Young declared it the plain law of the land, and if the Council was uncommitted by the south, then it was in favor of the Council.

Mr. O'Meara desired to know if the sewer and sewerage would be called upon to share the assessment. Mr. Young was unwedded. The method of proceeding, he said, would be as mentioned by the commission provided for in the law.

Mr. Hardy and Mr. Clawson opposed the ordinance.

Mr. O'Meara was opposed to conferring the power upon three men to make the assessments and the Council made responsible for whatever blunders they might commit.

After further discussion the ordinance was adopted. Ayes, 8; noes, 3.

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED.

The Mayor then announced the following as the commission to make the assessment under the ordinance: A. F. Dotson, Adam Ritter and Jesse Hess.

Mr. O'Meara urged that Mr. Dotson, as a member of the board of public works, was disqualified, and being sustained by Mr. Van Horn, assistant city attorney, the name of City Engineer Young was substituted and the commission confirmed.

A resolution by Mr. Burbe, that crossings be put in at Fourth North and Fifth South and State, the same to be constructed of boards thick, was adopted.

GRAVEL ON THOROUGHFARES.

Mr. Hardy invited attention to the fact that the contractors on the gravel work were failing to pay for the gravel, and requested to pay a farthing, and demanded that the contract be annulled.

Mr. Clawson volunteered that they had no contract, and the chief of police was instructed to arrest any person found removing gravel from the pit.

SEWER ORDINANCE.

The Mayor announced that Mr. O'Meara desired to be heard in the matter of the sewer ordinance, and Mr. O'Meara was recognized.

Mr. O'Meara said he was in favor of