

The bill for an ordinance relative to private sewers was read at length, and passed.

The Mayor was authorized to advertise for bids for the gas stock owned by the city; also to advertise for the purchase by the city of gas stock, in order to determine the real value of the stock. The city owns nominally about \$100,000 worth.

The sum of \$209.05 was appropriated to meet expenses of the city session.

The finance committee were instructed to report a list of official salaries at the next meeting.

Adjourned till next Friday evening.

A special meeting of the City Council began at 7:30 March 19th, Mayor Scott presiding.

Two petitions were read, asking that the Council grant to the Salt Lake Rapid Transit Company a franchise on First East Street. The signatures were Chas B. Jack, J. K. Gillespie, L. P. Kelsoy, M. Fitzgerald, Wm. H. Rowe, H. J. Grant, Angus M. Cannon, Spencer Clawson, N. W. Clayton, James Jack, and twenty-nine others, thirty-nine in all.

A petition was also presented asking that the Salt Lake City Railroad Company be granted a franchise on First East Street, and be allowed to lay a double track thereon, to be operated by electricity. This document bore the signatures of T. W. Ellerbeck, Spencer Clawson, N. W. Clayton, Wm. Naylor, M. Atwood, J. W. Eardley, and one hundred and twenty others, residents of and doing business on the State Road, the total number of signatures being one hundred and twenty-six.

The three petitions were filed to come up later in the session.

When the petition favoring the street railroad company was being read Mr. Hall wanted to know if it was not an old one, as some of the names on the other petition were also on this.

Mr. Rawlins, attorney for the street car company, stated that the petition had been circulated and signed during the day.

J. W. Jenkins asked permission to pile building material on the street in front of his premises on Fourth South, between Fifth and Sixth East. Granted under the usual restrictions.

J. W. Carrigan and others, residents of Ninth East, between Second and Fourth South, asked that the water mains be extended on Third South to Ninth East. Referred to the committee on water-works.

J. K. Gillespie and others protested against granting a franchise to any street railway company along the East Boulevard, at Liberty Park. Referred to the committee on streets.

John Tingey and other residents of Second West Street, north, represented that the condition of the street on which they lived was a disgrace to the city, and that it was almost impassable. They believed that the street railroad company was partially responsible. They asked that the street be put in good con-

dition as early as possible, as it was the main road leading out of the city northward. Referred to the committee on streets.

City Attorney Merritt reported a corrected deed from the city for the property of Isadore Williams, and recommended that the mayor be authorized to sign it. The recommendation was adopted.

The committee on public grounds recommended that the sandpits be leased for one year to J. W. Campbell, whose bid, \$232.50, was the highest. Adopted.

The committee on public grounds offered a resolution requiring the surveyor to report a plan for improving Washington Square as a public park. Passed.

Mr. Anderson presented the following resolution:

Resolved, By the City Council of Salt Lake City, that hereafter no franchise shall be granted to any street railroad company, or electric light or telephone company, or any other person, persons, company or corporation whatever, asking any privileges from Salt Lake City corporation, except there shall be inserted and become a part of such grant or franchise a provision that such companies, persons or corporations shall pay a part of their gross earnings into the city treasury of Salt Lake City.

Mr. Noble moved its adoption.

Mr. James wanted the words, "This condition shall apply to all existing franchises heretofore granted," added.

City Attorney Merritt said the Council could not add any conditions to franchises heretofore granted.

Mr. James said it would be well for the council to find out what it could do. He was not in favor of any discrimination, but desired all companies to be put on an equal footing. He would not say he wanted the resolution passed at all; he would like it referred to a committee and considered.

The amendment was incorporated in the resolution, which was passed, notwithstanding Col. Merritt's warning that the council was exceeding its powers. The vote was: Yeas—Pendleton, Anderson, Heath, Wostenholme, Armstrong, Noble, Cohn, Hall, Karriek, James and Lynn. Not voting—Spafford and Pembroke.

Mr. Pembroke moved a reconsideration of the vote on the point raised by the city attorney, and wanted the resolution to go to the committee on municipal laws. His motion was defeated.

Mr. Anderson offered a resolution requiring the city attorney to furnish a written opinion regarding the rights of the Salt Lake City Railroad Company to First East street. Passed.

Col. Merritt asked that the street car company be requested to show what franchise it was working under.

Mr. James wanted to know if the council would like some other attorney associated with Col. Merritt.

Mr. Pembroke thought the whole matter should go to a special committee of seven, associated with the city attorney, with power to call in other legal advice. He understood

the old street railway corporation had a franchise for at least two blocks of the street, but he was in favor of letting other corporations come in, and thought the point of what the franchise amounted to should be settled. He moved the appointment of the committee he had suggested.

Mr. Noble said the committee on streets could handle it, and he opposed the special committee, as did also Mr. Hall, who said the question was a legal one, and should be left to the attorney.

The motion for a special committee was lost.

Mr. Cohn moved that Messrs. Dickson and Baskin be associated with Mr. Merritt in considering the matter. Upon being informed that Mr. Baskin was not in town, he submitted the name of Mr. Van Horne.

Mr. Noble thought the city attorney should be enough to deal with the question.

Mr. Cohn's motion was carried by a vote of 7 to 4.

Two retail liquor licenses were granted.

Mr. Anderson—I move that we adjourn.

Mr. James—What did we come here for? The meeting was called to consider the salaries of city officers, and shall we go home without doing anything at all?

The motion to adjourn was carried.

The members of the council then met in caucus. It was the prevailing impression that the street railway franchise topic was to be discussed.

IN A SERIOUS SITUATION.

THE Washington dispatch in relation to Assistant District Attorney McKay which appears in another part of this paper contains some very serious and apparently damaging charges against that official. There are always at least two sides to every question, and it may be that Mr. McKay will be able to explain these alleged transactions in a satisfactory manner. As they stand on the official report of the Examiner, they appear very formidable, and whatever may be the facts they call for further investigation. If the next grand jury shall act upon the recommendation of Examiner Fisher, the accused will have full opportunity no doubt to vindicate himself if possible before the court at the bar of which he has so often appeared as a prosecutor.

Two Englishmen have invented a water cycle—that is not what they call it, but that is about what it is. It looks something like a catamaran. It has four drums, or paddle wheels, and is worked by a treadle and steered just like a tricycle is. The speed is about equal to that of an average walking gait, and it will carry six persons.—*Ex.*