AFTER THE $13,000.

City Council Wants an Accounting from Treasurer May.

CITY ATTORNEY WILL DEMAND

The Money of Mr. May and Mr. Pratt Now—Waller is Waterworks Superintendent at Law.

The City Council last night took action which all critics will commend in passing unanimously the following resolution of request.

Whereas, This body has received with sincere sorrow things of the county of our respected and distinguished citizen, Abraham H. Cannon, who so ably worked these streets in the perfection of manhood, and whose towering abilities were so earnestly devoted to redemption and promote prosperity which promises to this city and the material good of every citizen.

Whereas, Death, in removing him, has stricken down one who for many years put his own, and was but for his untimely end for many years in the future would have been a resistless force coming those who have and will labor for the advancement of Salt Lake City's material interests; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our sorrow for the dead, and as evidence of our sincere regard and admiration for the late Abraham H. Cannon, that the flag on the city building be carried at half mast for a period of thirty days from this date, and that this Council attend his funeral en masse.

After the City's Money.

Steps were taken by the Council to force Treasurer John L. May and his bondsmen to return to the city treasury the money lost up to the failure of the Bank of Salt Lake, there having been $13,000.56 on deposit there when the bank closed its doors.

The matter was first brought up by the reading of a report from the Bonney committee exhonerating the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city attorney is hereby instructed to at once make a demand upon ex-Mayor W. S. McCornick and J. E. Dooly, sureties and bondsmen of John L. May, city treasurer, to move into the city treasury all money the sum of $13,000.56, being the amount belonging to the city which the treasurer had on deposit in the Bank of Salt Lake at the time of the failure of said bank.

Mr. Romney moved the adoption of the report and he received a prompt second from Dale. O'Meara came to the temporary relief of Mr. May and his bondsmen to an extent for which called upon the treasurer to furnish the Council with an official report of the amount of the city's money involved in the failure. The amendment was carried, but came to grief on the decision of the chair that the amendment was a substitute for the original resolution. The Council did not take kindly to the ruling and the Council refused to sustain the chair, so the amendment was lost.

After some debate as to the form of resolution to be passed and a motion by Mulvey to table the whole matter, Callister presented the following substitute:

Resolved, That the city attorney be and is hereby instructed to notify the city treasurer and his bondsmen to replace into the city treasury the sum of money held on deposit by the city treasurer in the Bank of Salt Lake at the time of its failure.

On a vote of 8 to 4 the resolution was adopted, the negative votes being cast by Clinton, Mulvey, Wilcomb and LeFebon.

TIME CHECKS.

Stewart presented a resolution ordering the city auditor not to issue any more warrants and authorizing him to issue a series of time checks to amounts not to exceed $5,000. The first series was to be paid on September 1st and the remainder every five days thereafter. The resolution was referred to the city attorney for an opinion as to the city's ability to issue such time checks.

SUPERINTENDENT WALLACE BOND.

Mayor Glendinning submitted to the Council the appointment of H. C. Wallace as superintendent of the waterworks. The nomination was, on motion of LeFebon, referred to committee on waterworks, which later in the evening unanimously reported recommending the confirmation of Mr. Wallace's appointment, which the Council did.

DOREMUS AGAIN.

The Mayor also submitted the following communication, which was referred to the finance committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting:

I again invite your attention to a communication to the Council of date June 9, 1896, in reference to an increase of salary for the chairman of the board of public works. The necessities of the situation are such that unless the salary of the office is placed at a sufficiently figure as will enable me to secure the services of a person in all respects competent to fill it, that the public work now in progress will be embarrassed, if not, in some instances, for the reason that such work can only be carried on under the supervision of the chairman of the board. Mr. Doremus has asked to be relieved from the duties of his office. Hence I urgently request that the council take action in the premises. In this connection I suggest that the services of the deputy collector of special taxes may be dispensed with, and the duties of their position assigned to the treasurer. This will enable the Council to apply the salary of said collector to the office of chairman of the board of public works, and obviate any additional expense to the city.

Concerning a communication from the fire and police board in regard to appointing special policemen to serve without pay, the city attorney reported that if, as was his opinion, the board has no authority to make such appointments, an ordinance be prepared conferring such power, and that no compensation in the form of pay be allowed.

That it has no authority to make the appointments referred to I am of the opinion that all appointments upon the police force must be made after appointment and examination, as prescribed by the act passed by the Legislature of 1896, creating said board, and that neither the board nor the Council can confer police power upon persons not appointed in accordance with the act. After appointment made the only legal way in which an officer may be taken from the force against his will is that prescribed by the statute, viz.: Either upon charges preferred, or by an examination to be held by the board of three examiners, and search for discharge those who pass the poorest examination, or by being discharged by the concurrent action of three members of the board.

Under the law as it now stands it seems impossible to secure the services of competent officers without pay. The communication will not a point (this) and the statute seems to be on the side of the communication.

A copy of the report was ordered sent to the police and fire commission.

Mulvey offered a resolution, which was passed on division, authorizing the fire and police commissioners to appoint a special policeman for Liberty park for one month.

WATER RATES.

The waterworks committee asked further time to report on the petition of Dr. S. H. Young and others for a reduction of water rates. The committee promised to submit at an early day amendments to the water ordinance. In the communication the committee says:

In petition before your committee there appears the notion which is misleading and which the Council cannot impose by without consideration. We refer to the percent in the petition which mentions Emigration canyon water. In a former report this committee has stated for the information of the waterholders we here repeate it, that not a drop of water came from emigration canyon. The water now Emigration canyon flows out of a tunnel run about one line through solid rock from the mountain from Mount Olympus to the mouth of the Emigration canyon. The Emigration street receiving tank and from there into the several laterals supplying the whole southeast part of the city with clear water. The tunnel and main to the tank cost the city about $60,000.

In this connection we may be permitted to state further and again, for the information of the water takers, that Parley's canyon water was bought by the city, and that it and the mountain through which it flows is the property of the city, and that it and the mountain through which it flows is the property of the city, and that it and the mountain through which it flows is the property of