THE GRAVITY SEWER

Councilmen Will Not Tell Why They Stopped the Work.

MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS

Condemnation Proceedings to be Commenced With a View to Securing an Outlet.

The special sewer committee sent in the following report to the council last night:

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, to whom was referred the matter of purchase of land near the office of the gravity sewer, now in course of construction, wish to report that the entire committee made a visit to, and inspection of the lands that could be made available for the sewer outlet; we had office from sewers and agents of a number of parcels and parcels of ground.

First—No. 1 is northeast quarter of the northwest quarter section 11, township 1 north, range 1 west, Salt Lake meridian, with a strip west of the Oregon Western railway, in all about forty-eight acres, at $600 per acre. The sewage could be put on to this ground, but is so low that it could not be taken away from it again.

Second—No. 2 is the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 11, township 1 north, range 1 west, forty acres at $200 each per acre. The sewage would be taken on onto a small portion of this land.

Third—No. 3 (McCarrey tract) is the south one-half of the southwest quarter of section 11, township 1 north, range 1 west, eighty acres, at $[illegible] per acre, and at any bottle at far. The sewage could be taken on to all parts of this ground.

Fourth—No. 4 is the south half of the north half of section 11, township 1 north, range 1 west, 80.24 acres, at $175 per acre. This land is about one-quarter of a mile beyond the proposed terminus of the sewer, but could be secured and utilized by similar pipe or earthen ditch—that is, the area could be.

Fifth—No. 5 is in township 1 north, range 1 west, sections 2 and 3, 200 acres, at $[illegible] per acre; this land is west of the Jordan river and could not be reached by the sewage without pumping or tunneling across the river, and is three miles from proposed terminus.

Sixth—No. 6 (Harrison tract) is part of section 10, township 1 north, range 1 west, and part of section 35, township 2 north, range 1 west, 160 acres, at $100 per acre, or 110 acres of the same land at $125 per acre; this land is one mile beyond the proposed terminus of the sewer; pay from by city funds.

Seventh—No. 7 is the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and 14-4, section 11, township 1 north, range 1 west, seventy-five acres at $125.24 [illegible] per acre; this land is one mile west from the proposed terminus of the sewer; the sewage could be taken on to this ground with pipe.

Eighth—No. 8 (Crocker tract) is the west half of the northwest quarter of section 11, township 1 north, range 1 west, eighty acres; proposition is to condemn this land for use and benefit of the city. This ground is not far from the proposed terminus of the sewer; the sewage could be taken on to this ground.

After careful consideration of the whole matter we believe the land mentioned as No. 3, as the south half of the northwest quarter of section 11, township 1 north, range 1 west, eighty acres, to be the most available and best ground on which to discharge the sewage from the trunk line. This is the ground the special sewer committee got on spoke and recommended the purchase of at the time the sewer was located. This ground is high enough to make an available distributing point on which the sewage could be conducted also from which it could be conducted on to hundreds of acres of adjacent lands, and by discharging the sewage at this point it will save the building of at least one-half mile of the trunk line, and thereby save an expense of $2,000 (one an amount between $3000 and $4000 already expended beyond this point in construction, which amount will more than pay for the land.

We therefore recommend the purchase of this eighty acres, the title and survey to be approved by the city attorney and city engineer, provided the land can be bought for $200 per acre, the price being the former option on the same land. Or if the City Council think the price named above too much for this tract, we recommend the city attorney be instructed to commence condemnation proceedings at once on the same. We herewith hand you all offers received by us. We also submit for your consideration a communication from the contractor of the gravity sewer to the city engineer.

M. H. HENDERSON,
A. H. KELLY,
F. O. HOGE,
C. E. WANTLAND,
ELIAS A. FOULGER.

The reading of the report caused a warm discussion which lasted for an hour or more after which Councilwoman Rich the floor and said:

"I move that the part of the report which recommended the condemnation of the price of land mentioned in the report be adopted, and that the city attorney be instructed by this council to at once proceed with condemnation proceedings to condemn, for sewer purposes, the tract of land recommended by the committee, and spoke at length upon the motion. He was of the opinion that the land in question was the best adapted for the purpose, and saw no use in extending the sewer beyond the present terminus until the matter relating to the land was settled.

A MINORITY REPORT.

City engineer submitted the following:

Referring to the committee report relative to land for the proposed sewer north, which was sent to my attention, I beg to say that I cannot conscientiously sign the report in its present form, as, according to my mind, the question as to what is best in the opinion of many upon what we are able to do.

If we are able to build only to the nearest available point, then the McCarrey tract, as the best, I am free to say is not well adapted to take care of a great amount of sewerage. But with the assurance that it will soon be in shape to take in the Oregonian sewer, or other, we are all in the better of extending the sewer further northward.

If we are able to go beyond the McCarrey tract, we can see no good reason why the Harrison tract, that has the Crocker tract back of it, would not be the best place, as the sewer would then be extended to the south end of the Harrison tract, and the tract is sufficiently large to serve us for quite a number of years. It necessary the sewage can be pumped on from this point to a reservoir on the other side of the Crocker tract.

If we are able to build to the Harrison tract we would have an ideal site, as the ground extends from the Jordan river northward for nearly two miles, providing no obstacle—money must be there, if necessary at not far in time. The land is sought and desired well suited for that purpose. In reaching this tract we would continue the land which has been taken in what is McCarrey tract, and which could be used for a park, and be utilized by tapping the sewer at various intermediate points. This, in my opinion, will be the ultimate solution of the sewer, but whether we are able to build to it at the present time, is another question. The tract lies about 600 feet to the east the Crocker tract, and about 1½ miles from the Crocker place. The cost of extending it to this point would be about [illegible] more than to build to the Crocker tract.

To summarize, for answer in accordance with my opinion, three three committees would stand in the order of value for our purposes as follows:

First—The Harrison tract.
Second—The Crocker tract.
Third—The McCarrey tract.

Regarding the Harrison tract for the separate tract, I consider it is each one month beyond the actual market value and worth condemnation rather than purchase at the asked price figure.

As before stated, it seems to me simply a question of what we are able to do, and as this is a matter which I do not feel competent to advise the Council upon I prefer to remain silent unless this minority report my opinion as to the best location on the line, independent of the question as to what we are able to do. In which case you are at liberty to append this to the committee's report, if you think best.

Rich demanded to know why Mr. Dearbidge had stopped the work on the gravity sewer, but he was only laughed at.

Lauhaussen's motion then carried.

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