

pose themselves to a force which is greater than their own and do great damage to their cause. Such has been the outcome of the lawless doings at Homestead and the outrages at Cour d'Alene.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, July 12, President Loofbourov in the chair. The councilmen in attendance were: Rich, Folland, Hardy, Moran, Bell, Lawson, Evans, Simondl, Beardsley, Heise, Ewing.

Absent—Wantland, Karrick. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, amended and approved, the following

PETITIONS

were read and referred as specified:

William Langton and others renewed their request for an extension of watermains on First North street as far west as Ninth West street. Committee on waterworks.

John Cook and others asked that Second West street be sprinkled. Committee on sprinkling.

H. P. Nielson and 122 others protested against the Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs Railway Company being allowed to amend its franchise. Committee on streets.

C. Driscoll and others protested against paying for water main extension. Committee on waterworks.

S. K. Hooper and others sent in a communication calling attention to a petition presented to the Council recently, but which they represented had not been acted upon. Referred.

The Salt Lake Stradament Asphalt Co. asked the Council to examine and formally accept the pavement it had laid at the intersection of First South and State streets. Committee on streets, board of public works and city attorney associated.

A DANGEROUS GRAVEL PIT.

George Osmond and others asked that steps be taken to prevent further blasting in the gravel pit in the eastern part of the city between First and Second South streets. The place, they state, is a dangerous and unsightly one, and the continued use of explosives in loosening gravel was damaging their residences. Committee on streets.

WANTS TO BE A POLICEMAN.

G. M. Bridwell asked to be appointed to a position on the police force. Committee on police.

RELIEF ASKED.

Robert McLaughlin sent in a communication in which he represented that on the 17th of July, 1890, his son Robert, aged nine years, was killed at the intersection of First East and Fifth South streets, by being run over by a city team which was employed in hauling rock. He further stated that himself and wife were very poor and without work and asked that he be granted such relief as might be deemed just and equitable. Committee on claims.

MORE REMOVALS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Baskin sent in a communication appointing Samuel Paul as city jailor in place of Ex-Chief of Police Janney. Also appointing John J. Gleason as policeman at Liberty Park in place of Daniel Cammonille. He asked the Council's confirmation of his action. Committee on police.

GAS ORDINANCE VETOED.

The following was read by the recorder:

E. C. Stanton, City Recorder:

Dear Sir—I hereby return disapproved ordinance No. 212, entitled "An ordinance for the construction and maintenance of street mains and services for utilizing and distributing natural and manufactured fuel gas in the city of Salt Lake," passed by the City Council July 5th, 1892, for the following reasons:

First—The New American Gas & Fuel Co., its successors and assigns, are granted the right and privilege of using any and all streets, avenues and alleys of the city in which to lay and maintain mains and service pipes. The only restrictions placed upon this sweeping grant are in the following proviso to wit, "That all streets, avenues and alleys shall be speedily repaired and put in as good condition as they were before the excavations were made; that not more than one main pipe shall be laid in any one street without the express consent of the City Council, and that in the construction, maintenance and operation of said mains and service pipes, the said grantee and its successors and assigns shall at all times conform to such ordinances, rules and regulations as may hereafter be adopted by the City Council in relation thereto."

In my opinion the general grant quoted is not sufficiently limited by these provisos. If but one pipe be laid in each street, it follows from the grant itself that the company would have the right to lay service mains across the street wherever it chooses. Some of the streets are already paved with asphaltum, others will soon be, and within twenty years granted in the proposed charter the streets in most parts of the city will be paved. It is impossible to make these pavements by repairs, when cut through by trenches, anything like as good as they were before; therefore, in place of requiring only one pipe to be laid in each street, a pipe on each side of the street should be required when the gas is used on both sides, and the company prohibited from crossing the streets by service mains except by permission of the Council.

The city has already expensive systems of water and sewer pipes. These systems must in the near future be greatly extended, for this reason should be so limited as to prevent any interference with these systems or their future extension. This can be easily done by reserving to the city the right to require the company to change the locations of its pipes and mains as necessity may require and the right to designate the location of the pipes and mains in the first instance.

Second—As it is very difficult to prevent the escape of natural gas and as fatal accidents are liable to occur in case of its escape, the right of inspection ought to be reserved to the city with authority to require the company to make such repairs as it may find necessary and adopt such appliances as experience has or may hereafter point out as conducive to safety in the use of gas.

Third—The maximum price, 30 cents per 1000 cubic feet, which the company may charge consumers at present I do not think exorbitant, considering the great cost and hazard of the proposed enterprise. Nor do I believe it will be exorbitant for several years to come, but it may become so before the expiration of the charter. The city is rapidly increasing in population and business and the consumption of gas must correspondingly increase, and as it increases the profits of the enterprise must also increase, and while I recognize the fact that a practical use of the natural gas discovered by the energy and enterprise of the principal promoters of the proposed company is of great value to the community, and the

parties who have developed this important element should be granted liberal opportunity to enjoy its fruits, yet if in the future the profits should reach a point as to render the price fixed exorbitant the city should have power to reduce the price to a reasonable amount. I therefore recommend the insertion of a clause allowing the City Council, after the lapse of say three or four years to fix the price within the limit between thirty cents and some reasonable sum less than thirty cents.

R. N. BASKIN, Mayor.

Lawson—These points are all fully covered; they were thoroughly discussed before the passage of the ordinance and the Mayor's recommendations are therefore unnecessary, and I now move that the ordinance be re-passed notwithstanding the Mayor's objections.

The ordinance passed over the Mayor's veto on the following vote:

Ayes—Beardsley, Evans, Ewing, Folland, Hardy, Heise, Horne, Karrick, Lawson, Moran, Rich, Simondl. Noes—Loofbourov, Bell.

CONSIDERED A NUISANCE.

Robert J. Jessup, of the Salt Lake Tribune, and others represented that "one Peter Nielsen, of Sanpete, has for the last two seasons been afflicting this patient and long-suffering community with a wild, screaming hand-organ, playing some eight soul-destroying airs. This distressing person, with a persistence born of innate depravity, starts in at 8 a. m. and whoops it up until after 11 p. m. daily, in the principal thoroughfares of the city, to the public disgust in general and the destruction of the tempers of nervous people in general. This Niels Peter Larsen is a public nuisance of the most woesome kind, and your petitioners respectfully but urgently ask that he be abated without delay, and shipped back to the wilds of Sanpete."

Committee on finance.

THE BOND CONTRACT.

The mayor, treasurer, and finance committee reported that the contract with Blair and Company for the sale of \$300,000 bonds had been entered into as provided by law. They asked that the contract be ratified. Adopted.

MAJOR STANTON'S REPORT.

Chief Stanton of the fire department sent in his quarterly report ending June 1st. The total expenditure amounted to \$10,988.59. Received and filed.

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Auditor Raybould presented the following account of receipts and disbursements for the month of June:

Paving tax.....	\$12,535 41
Liquor license.....	12,400 00
Watermains extension tax.....	8,373 64
General license.....	4,026 66
Fines.....	1,626 00
Water rates.....	886 29
Tax sales.....	727 67
Sidewalk tax.....	494 92
Dog tax.....	414 00
Cemetery.....	360 90
Engineering department.....	382 78
Police tax.....	278 00
Curbing and guttering.....	126 66
Rent.....	160 00
Sewer tax.....	73 60
City tax, 1892.....	65 60
Interest.....	61 97
Street department.....	42 40
Waterworks.....	14 88
City and County building.....	9 00
Sprinkling tax.....	4 95
Fire department.....	2 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Waterworks.....	\$ 28,294 72
Interest January, 1891, bond.....	12,070 00
City and county building.....	10,829 45
Street department.....	8,948 70