

William Beaver asked for license to stand on the street corner at night with buggy and lights. It was suggested that there were plenty of vacant lots and the communication was tabled.

Mr. Smith introduced a petition from the citizens of the Third Municipal Ward asking that, as they were the original owners of the water of City Creek, their rights be restored to them and they be given their water rights.

Mr. Young said he hardly knew how to begin on this question. The petitioners have made a point in their petition which we can hardly disregard. As to their rights, I hesitate to speak. Ten or twelve years ago, when the pipe system was established, I and others challenged this same question. We asked for the maintenance of our rights to the water and there is a question which has not yet been settled and which was liable to come up at any time. On establishing the water system of running machinery, and the waste of water through the livery stables and otherwise, the supply has been nearly exhausted. The city has assumed the right to the water and has held it undisturbed to the present day, and now that the time has come when water is scarce and the original owners ask for their share, something should be done. Some one must be without water, shall it be the original owners? I do not want to answer the question; it should be taken under careful advisement. Shall we turn the water from those who are not entitled to it and give to those who are? We should sell no more water, but give it to those who own it. This is all the answer we can give.

Mr. Riter moved that the question be referred to the committee on waterworks and irrigation, and said he did not intend the motion as disrespectful to the petitioners, for he might be in the same boat. It is not in the province of the City Council to answer the question, as this body can not be made a court. Let the joint committee consult legal and other gentlemen and report to the Council. As to who owns the water, it is the most delicate question in the city. It is utterly impossible for the Council to decide on water rights.

Mr. Dooley—There is a great scarcity of water, as everybody knows, and if we give it to these parties there will not be enough for culinary purposes. I, however, do not pretend to say that after water has run through the pipes, no one above has any right to it. Only one year ago there was a petition asking the right to put in a dam and cut off our supply from the canal. The dam has been put in, but I have never been able to learn by whose authority, as it never was given by the council. I think it would be a good idea to pump our water, as is being done in other large cities successfully.

Mayor—Perhaps the councilor does not understand that the dam was not constructed in the city.

Mr. McCornick—Not being lawyers, we are unable to answer this

water question at once, and need time to consider.

The report was referred to the committee on waterworks and irrigation.

Mr. Riter—In this connection I would like to make a motion. I know a very large quantity of water is needlessly wasted, and that one quarter of the water that now flows in the pipes would supply the city if properly used. I believe the other three-quarters are wasted. The rules are that the sprinklers for lawns can only be used for from twenty to thirty minutes at a time, and a nozzle three-quarters of an inch in diameter is to be used. If properly investigated, I think there will be found an excess of time and of the size of the nozzle used. I therefore move that the proper detective help be employed to look after the matter under the water commission.

Mr. Clark—I think it a good plan to send to every water user a notice stating time and conditions. A number have spoken to me who seem to be under the impression that they have the right to use it any length of time between certain hours.

Mayor—I think that would be quite appropriate.

Mr. Young—Why not put a short-limit on lawns in favor of trees.

Mr. Webber—I see that since notices have been published the watermaster has been watching the water, and I see by the paper that several arrests have been made for unlawful uses of the water.

Mr. Roberts—The water question interests us all. I find that some smaller lawns than mine have three hydrants running. If this is right, I will get a couple more hydrants. Water is used only four hours a day, and I would like to know what becomes of the water during the rest of the day? This water question is a difficult problem, and I would decline to vote on it now.

Mr. Young—I would like to reiterate what Alderman Riter has said. This is an uncommonly dry season and if water is short we can't help it. This is a condition of things we cannot avoid and people should be patient with us. There is only one way for the solution of this problem. You cannot say to the petitioners, "Here, take the water;" and you cannot say they can have none. The only way is to furnish enough water for all. Human ingenuity can devise some means of supplying every one.

Mr. Sowles moved that a time card be issued by the city assessor and given to the superintendent of waterworks, who is to send one to every water user in the city. Carried.

W. M. Bradley asked permission to present the question of the excessive water tax levied for construction of the water main one-half block south of South Temple Street, on Sixth East. Mr. Bradley stated that the tax levied would bring \$800 and only about \$400 were needed. Referred to the committee on waterworks.

The city assessor reported that the city assessment roll for the year was

\$17,076,747. Referred to the committee on finance to fix salary and date of meeting.

The report of the superintendent of streets for the quarter ending June 30 was submitted and referred to the committee on streets. It showed a total expenditure of \$5,661.93, receipts, \$3,000, balance to be appropriated, \$2,661.93.

The city attorney reported that the matter of contracting with the electric light company, which had been referred to him, had not been completed, owing to the inability to learn the number of lights that could be furnished, and what part of the city was to be lighted by electricity. The company would soon be able to determine this, when the contract would be drawn up.

The committee on waterworks, with the city attorney associated, to whom was referred the communication of the superintendent of waterworks in relation to a service pipe to lot 4, block 113, plat A, reported that if T. W. Jennings would pay a four mills tax on the western half of said lot such service be furnished as early as practicable.

Mr. Young then offered a resolution asking that the water commissioner be authorized to ascertain and report to the council at their earliest possible convenience the cost of pumping all water of the springs at Liberty Park and the wells in the Nineteenth Ward, amounting to about four million gallons of water daily, on to the benches east of those localities respectively. Resolution received and adopted.

The council then went into executive session.

The following report was made to the council and adopted on reassembling:

The council in exclusive session has decided to extend the hospitality of the city to Hon. William McKinley, of Ohio; Hon. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia; Hon. J. C. Burrows, of Michigan; Hon. E. D. Hayden, of Massachusetts; Hon. J. W. Stewart, of Vermont; Hon. George W. E. Dorsey, of Nebraska; Captain John S. S. Herr, and Percy S. Heath, who will arrive here in a party on July 19 at 11:30 a.m. The Mayor was authorized to inform the distinguished gentlemen, five of whom, viz, Messrs. McKinley, Burrows, Hayden, Stewart and Dorsey, are members-elect of the Fifty-first Congress. Said action is now reported to the council for approval.

W. W. RITER, Chairman.

The Council then adjourned for one week.

BEAVER STAKE.

Quarterly Conference convened in the meeting house in Beaver City on Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30, 1889, pursuant to a postponement from the 23rd inst., in order to give Apostles Lyman and Smith an opportunity of being present here, after attending the conference at Parowan Stake on the 23rd and 24th. The meeting was well attended and there was present a good representation from the outer Wards of the Stake, including all the Bish-