CITY COUNCIL WORK.

The First Step to Redistrict the City for Political Purposes.

PIONEER PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Bell Says the Condition of the City Treasury Will Appall the Council by July 1st.

The City Council met in adjourned session last night. President Lodbourne was again absent the first part of the session and Councilman Morris was called to the chair. The members present were: Fulton, Hardy, Kerrick, Horn, Beatley, Hales, Bell, Kelly, Woodard, Lawson, Evans.

Absent—Schmidt.

The minutes of the previous session covered twenty-three pages of closely type written matter and it was 8:30 before they were disposed of.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The committee on police reported recommending that the application for public aid by the Rescue Home for women be referred to the city attorney for his opinion on the legality of granting the request of the petitioner. Adopted.

SEWER MAIN EXTENSION.

The committee on sewerage recommended that the extension of sewer mains on both sides of Second South street between Second and Fifth East streets. Adopted.

A CITY CENSUS.

The committee on ways and means reported as follows:

A majority of the committee on ways and means recommended the adoption of a resolution offered by Hales some time ago to the effect that an official census be taken of the city at an early date, for the purpose of arriving at a definite idea as to the city's population.

Foland submitted a minority report as follows: "I concur in the above, only the original resolution authorizes the mayor and recorder to supervise this work, and the report where a committee of three, I think the committee should consist of five members, one from each precinct.

Harsy—I don't see why we should order a census to be taken at this particular time. I move that the report be received and placed on file.

Rich—I want to know what the object in view is to take a census of the city. It is a sort snap for some one and is it the intention to keep enumerators at work until September? Another thing I would like to know the approximate cost of this proposed work?

Hales—About $800.

Kelly—Yes, my, that is too high by twenty-five per cent; it will not cost more than $400.

Foland—The census to be a volume and is wholly unnecessary by law and I am opposed to it.

Harsy—I, too, think there is a mistake as to the cost. If my recollection serves me rightly the last city census cost over $2,000. I shall oppose the report on account of it being reckless political expenditure of public funds.

Hardy's motion was defeated.

Rich—I now move the adoption of the minority report because it is a fair one. Each precinct should have a representation on the committee. If you don't want a member from the third, say so. We want to place you on record. Remember, gentlemen, we are watching your votes. Some of you intimate that the work can be done in two weeks. If you put a member on the committee from the Third precinct we will see that it is done in that time. But if you go along on your own hook it will probably be kept dragging along until next September or October. (Laughter.)

The motion was defeated and the majority report was adopted.

WAYS AND MEANS.

The committee on ways and means recommended in the matter of the request of the auditor that the council place valuations upon the various city properties, that the council act as a committee of the whole at some early date that the list of properties may appear in the annual report. Adopted.

PIONEER PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The committee on public grounds reported: We find that Pioneer Square and other public grounds, after carefully looking over them, are in such a condition as to necessitate immediate attention. The trees in this square are in need of trimming and several dead ones should be removed. The fences are in a most dilapidated condition and should be repaired or removed and the grounds cleaned up. We therefore recommend that your committee on public grounds be empowered to have the work done.

Bell, chairman of the finance committee, opposed the recommendation, saying that the finances of the city were in such a deplorable condition that by July 1st the members would hardly be appalled.

Hardy said he was getting tired of members who had not inquired into matters, appose what they knew nothing about. He wanted to see Pioneer Park improved. At present it was a disgrace to the city. Unless something was done with the public grounds he would wash his hands of them.

Woodard announced that he was always noted by a weary feeling. It was time too much to get too city to improve Pioneer square and give it the title of "Spark." That same case it might be difficult to dispose of.

The report was referred back to the committee for an estimate of cost.

SPRINKLING ARRANGEMENTS.

The committee on sprinkling reported that they had arranged with Brown & Fitzhugh to furnish the necessary men at $1.50 each per day, and in case of wet weather that he teams be employed by the street department at $4 each per day. This arrangement to continue until the sprinkling contract goes into effect. The street supervisor has on service and will report the number of days the carts are employed and the number of days his teams are engaged at street work. Adopted.

LICENSES.

The committee on licenses recommended renewals to retail liquor dealers as follows: Poor Bunn, R. K. Bloss & Co., G.W. Carter and Wm. Cherkite. Adopted.

The same committee recommended that renewals be granted to P. T. Nystrom and J. W. Elliott and that James Johnson be allowed to transfer his license to Joe Egger. Adopted.

WARM SPRINGS LEASE.

The committee on public grounds reported adversely on the extension of the Warm Springs lease as petitioned for by Barnes & Byrnes. After considerable discussion the matter was laid until next meeting.

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

The committee on sewerage and quarantine reported as follows in the matter of the communication from the health commissioner asking that a sanitary inspector be appointed to complete the sanitary census: We recommend that one inspector be appointed for each precinct to do all the census work and to act under the direction of the health commissioner, at a salary of $60 per month, such inspectors to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council.

WATERMAIN EXTENSION.

The committee on waterworks reported recommending that the petition of J. W. Jenkins and others asking for an extension of water mains on First North street be granted. Adopted.

A SEWER MILL LEVY.

The same committee recommended in regard to water main extensions Nos. 104 and 105 that a sewer assessment be levied on property abutting on Hazel street to cover the construction of the main of such extension, and that the extension be made. Adopted.

NOT TO EXCEED $300.

The committee on streets recommended that Tenth South street, between Fifth and Eleventh East streets, be improved at a cost not to exceed $300. Adopted.

NOT TO EXCEED $100.

The same committee reported recommending that Jefferson and Goltz streets be graded at a cost not to exceed $100. Adopted.

THAT LITTLE WAITING ROOM.

The same committee reported adversely on the petition of the City Railway company for a waiting room at the corner of East Temple and First South streets. Adopted.

PAVING OF ALLEYS.

Rich introduced the following:

Resolved that the city engineer be instructed to estimate the cost for paving all alleys leading into or out of blocks in paving districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, as required by the ordinance governing the same, and report to this Council as early as possible, so that the money can be placed in the hands of the board of public works.

The resolution was adopted.

NEW PAVING DISTRICTS.

The same committee reported that the city attorney be instructed to prepare ordinances establishing new paving districts to cover the following streets:

State street between Fourth South and Eighth South street; South Temple between West Temple and Fourth West street; First South between West Temple and Fifth West street; Second South street between West Temple and Sixth West street. Adopted.

TO PROTECT THE CITY.

Upon recommendation of the city attorney, section 907 chapter 5 of the consolidated ordinances was repealed and a new section substituted. The recommendation was brought about by a ruling of the Third district court recently in the case of George Naylor vs the Mountain State Company and Salt Lake City, in which the city was held for damages resulting from the negligence of the company referred to. The amendment is as follows:

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, that section 907 of chapter VI of the compiled ordinances of Salt Lake City be and the same is hereby repealed and the following adopted as section 9 in lieu thereof:

Section 9. It shall be the duty of all contractors, corporations or persons who shall contract or agree to do any work in any of the streets, avenues or alleys in Salt Lake City, or shall undertake any of said streets, avenues or alleys in any manner, or perform any work therein, to cart and maintain proper guards, signals, barricades and lights at all such places, to replace all earth, paving or other material removed from any of the streets, avenues or alleys in a proper manner, and that all earth so removed be solidly tamped where replaced and left in a safe and good condition so it was before the same was removed, and to be then maintained in such condition for six months; that the paving material is removed that the same is kept properly separated from the soil, and that the same shall be replaced in as good and substantial condition as before such removal and that all deficiencies in such paving material are made good when the when the paving is replaced; that all surplus material shall be taken off the street by such person, contractor or corporation, and said street, avenue or alley placed in a good and safe condition for the use of the public immediately upon the completion of the work on said street, avenue or alley. The any contractor, corporation or person failing, neglecting or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall, on conviction, be subject to a fine in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars, and shall pay all damages which may be sustained by any person by reason of a failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section, and judgment obtained against this city, by reason of the neglect, failure, or refusal on the part of any contractor, corporation or person, together with the costs taken against said city in the case, together with 10 per cent in addition thereto, shall be a lien in favor of the city and such corporation, contractor or person, for any such neglect, failure or refusal.

Sec. 2. This ordinance to take effect ten days from and after its approval.

ALLEGED GUN $3.95.

The mayor, president of the council and city attorney reported as follows: We to whom was referred the proposition of compromise of the case of P. H. Allen et al. vs. Salt Lake City has leave to report as follows: After due consideration of the conditions with which we are surrounded, the difficulties and expenses of the case for appeal. We make a counter proposition for settlement of the case which is that the city pay the plaintiff the sum of $500 and the fees of the officers of the court which amounts to $95. The proposition has been accepted by the plaintiffs. We therefore recommend that the amount of $595 be placed on the appropriation list in the name of Evans & Rogers, in settlement of the case. Adopted.

SIDEWALK GRADES.

Prop. on sidewalks and curbing in various streets, commencing with Second street and between the following streets were approved: Along the north side of South Temple street between First and Second streets; along the south side of South Temple street between Eighth and Twelfth East streets; along both sides of First South street between Eighth and Twelfth East streets; along both sides of First South street between State and West Temple streets; along both sides of Second South street between State and West Temple streets.

WATER AND LAND COMPANIES.

Hardy offered the following:

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to appoint a land and water committee of five members, and that the salary of City per month, said commissioner to have power to commission only in the name of the city to attend and represent the council against all trespassers on city and land and water rights.

Adopted.

STREET GRAVELING.

Lawson offered the following:

Resolved, That the street supervisor be instructed to gravel Fifth South east, commencing at Fifth East, running from Fourth East to Second East, also Second East street, beginning at Third south, running from house to Sixth South street.

Referred to the supervisor of streets.

SHADE TREES.

Woodard offered the following:

Resolved, That the city engineer be instructed to report estimate of cost of planting shade trees on all streets within the sidewalk districts throughout the city.

Lost.

APPROPRIATIONS.

A appropriations were made as follows:

William Glover	$ [illegible]
A. J. Gault [illegible]	[illegible]
Deseret Evening News and Herald	[illegible]
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