THE MAYOR'S VETO MESSAGE

He Gives His Reasons for Disapproving of the Eight Hour Ordinance.

MORE POLICEMEN APPOINTED.

Detective Title Work to be Referred Back for Correction.—Complaints from Taxpayers.—Abatements.

The City Council met in regular session last night. President Lorenzo Snow was again late in putting in an appearance in the Council chamber, and on motion of Horn, Hardy was chosen chairman.

The members in attendance were: Hills, Folland, Morgan, Horn, Bell, Lawson, Evans, Heim, Dearden, Woolland.

MAYOR'S HONORS OF SHORT DURATION.

The roll call had just been completed when President Lorenzo Snow entered, and Hardy immediately vacated the chair for him.

The minutes of the regular meeting of one week ago were read and approved, after which the most important business of the meeting was taken up for disposition.

POLICE APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Eardley sent in the following:

To the President and City Council:

Gentlemen—I have appointed R. G. Conner, Fred. M. Schaler and F. H. Fitz Harris on the regular police force and respectfully ask their confirmation.

Moran moved that the matter be referred to the committee on police. Carried.

VETO MESSAGE.

The following from the Mayor was read:

To C. E. Stanton, City Recorder:

Sir—I herewith return, unapproved, bill 126, entitled "A bill for an ordinance making eight hours a legal day's work on all public contract work," for the following reasons:

Every man should be left as free and unencumbered in making contracts for the disposal of his services as he is in the disposal of his chattels or his land. It is a matter which concerns no one but that right honest per day he should not be interfered with in making an arrangement with his employer to do the work for the by ordinary legislation is to take from him a natural right, which the legislative power cannot in justice do.

In the execution of contracts, especially by the construction of sewer, sanitary work and paving, unexpected emergencies frequently arise of such urgency as can only be practically met by working the regular force on extra time. In such of such emergencies, it may be practically only can be the exigencies of the subject between of $100.

I cannot understand why this bill should imply the employment of laborers a eight hours, between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., and give the balance of day's labor to contractors. Night labor, as is well known, is much more wearing on the constitution of man than day labor.

The bill requires all contracts with the city for the "erection, building or the repairing of public buildings, bridges or viaducts, sewer pavings or grading and all waterworks and sewerage," in addition to the regulation restriction as contain a clause providing that in the event of any contractor violating the provisions of the contract, he shall forfeit to the city one for each and every day he shall violate the provisions of the contract.

By reason of the complex nature of the work covered by contracts of the nature referred to in the bill there may be occasions when the only violations of the bill by every contractor violations of minor importance working little or no damage to the city yet under the bill the contractor would nevertheless be liable upon each lesser act to forfeiture under the bill. I know whether any prudent business man would be found who would enter into any such contract.

The clause of the bill which provides that eight hours of labor shall be a legal day's work meets my approbation.

Laid on the table to come up when called for.

DEFECTIVE TITLE WORK.

Recorder Stanton read the following which was referred to the city attorney:

To the City Council:

In the matter of the plats and abstracts of lands, the title of which is vested in the city of Salt Lake, as instructed by ordinance, I have to say that the work was performed by an experienced man of attainments, so far as number of instances the titles were shown to be defective, and it was our opinion that the work would be submitted to the City Attorney in order that the titles might be perfected and that the abstracts might be made to show a clear title to the corporation, at which time we intended to compare the work with our records and verify the title and make a report and recommendation to that effect in the time the work was delivered.

It appears that we were misled, as the work has been delivered to us, which leaves it in your hands in an imperfect condition, it not having complained. The work was done by a firm in Salt Lake City and while there may be errors they are merely clerical and should have been corrected long before delivery of the work before delivery. We therefore respectfully request that the work be returned to us for completion, as it will be impossible to make the corrections outside of our office, for the reason that the whole work must be compared with our records. We discovered the errors discovered by City Engineer Dougherty, but as there may be others, it will be necessary to have the whole work be compared. Respectfully submitted.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were then made:

Deseret Evening News	$ 8 00
W. H. Rogers	10 00
Salt Lake Tribune & Co.	10 00
Barry Foundry	4 10
Salt Lake Herald	10 00
Salt Lake Times	5 00
Tribune Job Printing Co.	4 00
Deseret News Publishing Co.	5 00
Salt Lake Herald Co.	5 00
Salt Lake Times Co.	5 00
Tribune Job Printing Co.	5