DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, June 8, 1898.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Unusually Quiet Session of the City Council Last Night.

THE EXPOSITION GROUND NUISANCES.

Pioneer square to be Made into a Park—Reports of City Officers—Mrs. Wolfe's Complaint.

Last night's meeting of the City Council was an unusually quiet one. Very little talk was indulged in by the members, but considerable business was transacted, the most important of which was the question as to the power of the Council in the matter of compelling the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing society to abate certain nuisances, complained of by numerous persons living in the vicinity of the exposition grounds. The nuisances complained of is the presence of cattle sheds. The issue of the guest from the city to the State requires that the fertilizer should be given the grounds as a public park. The question as to the power of the Council to compel the removal of pollutants is greater, but the question does not seem to affect the city half so much as it affects its contract requiring the improvement of the grounds. At the request of Councilman Calliham, the matter was referred to our week.

Councilman Alex moved the adoption of the report of the committee on public grounds, relating to Pioneer square, which was first reported March 2. The report recommended that favorable action on the suggestion in Mayor Clark's first message that Pioneer square be permanently set apart and improved as a public park, and advised that the city attorney be directed to submit a bill for an ordinance dedicating the square to public use. The committee's report was adopted, and the city attorney was instructed accordingly.

A. B. Sawyer, attorney for the successors in interest to the Montague-Economy, requested, as the attorney for the city, as defendant, contracted for to pursue the litigation, that the city attorney be requested by Hiscox to be in motion for a new trial, presuming that the city attorney will be so instructed. Mr. Sawyer offered to buy the lower 10 gold, near the south of Parleys canyon, at the rate of $50 per acre, or to lease it for ten years at $5 per acre yearly rent. The committee on public grounds, with the city attorney associated.

Mayor Clark submitted appointments of the following gentlemen as special policemen to serve without compensation from the city: Thomas Tobias, David Nelson, George F. Troughton, Benjamin A. Taylor, Oscar Ensign and George H. Brooks, the latter doing duty on City Creek canyon. The rules were suspended and the appointments confirmed.

The report of City Auditor Penn of receipts and disbursements for the month of May, is as follows:

Balance on hand May 1	$69,624 17
Liquor license receipts	1,250 00
Miscellaneous receipts	2,120 47
Merchants' license receipts	1,000 00
Water rates, 1897-8	1,122 46
Fines and forfeitures	1,136 35
Cemetery	1,043 75
Special taxes and sundry receipts	1,459 57
Total	$74,956 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Waterworks department	$1,038 76
Street and irrigation department	3,805 78
Police department	3,652 49
Street lighting	2,000 00
Fire department	2,757 16
Salary	2,171 66
Street sprinkling	1,000 00
Health department	832 75
Cemetery	816 20
Engineering department	1,000 00
Parley's canyon water	280 00
Treasury department	408 90
Library room	1,000 00
Joint building expense	331 40
Rock street paving	400 00
Sewer	1,000 00
Police	331 40
Fire	331 40
Street sprinkling	331 40
Rock street sewer	331 40
Miscellaneous expense	331 40
Total disbursements	$19,312 14
Bal. on hand May 31	$55,644 43

Total $75,956 57

Balance of amount to the credit of funds as follows:

Treasurer's hands	$3,500 00
Bank of Salt Lake deposit	52,144 43
Total	$55,644 43
Less outstanding warrants	4,344 43
Auditor's balance	$51,300 00

The report of City Treasurer Morris for May showed a balance to the credit of the various funds of that date, as follows: Sinking fund, $72,000; general tax fund, $1,000; interest fund, $1,000; special sewer paving fund, $500.12.

Clerk Hall, of the police court, reported that the police court had had jurisdiction of 1,000 cases during the month of June, yielding $1,000 in fines and forfeitures.

The report of Fire Chief Sutter for the fire service of the year showed that the fire department had 1,000 calls, the loss from fire for the year being $1,000, of which there was insured for $1,000. The report showed that the cost of the work was $1,000, and the cost per capita was $1.00. Fire plugs were increased to 1,000. Fire's recommendations were adopted.

The report of the committee on water works, which was first reported March 2, was adopted, the committee having reported that the water rents for the month of April, $1,000, were too low to afford the revenue required for the ensuing year, and recommending the adoption of the following schedule of rates: For a family of five or less, $1.00; for each additional family, $1.00; for each additional person, $1.00; for each additional room, $1.00; for each additional water closet, $1.00; for each additional bath room, $1.00; for each additional water closet, $1.00; for each additional water closet, $1.00; for each additional water closet