

GAS VETO SUSTAINED

Democratic Inspectorship Applicants Both Turned Down.

NEW JAIL AND FIRE STATIONS.

The Committee on Public Grounds Step Down and Out—Policies and Other Matters.

The city fathers met in adjourned session last night. For three quarters of an hour before the meeting was called to order the members indulged each other and talked upon the same and that until it appeared that they had forgotten the object which brought them together. Councilman Boardley was called to the chair in the absence of President Lambourn. The members who responded to roll call were: Ilich, Fulland, Harly, Harlick, Moran, Evans, Kelly, Heise, Horn, Westland, Lawson, Bell, Simmond.

The Proceedings.

The proceedings opened by the recorder reading the veto message from the Mayor, disapproving the "resolution granting certain privileges and franchises to the Salt Lake & Ogden Gas and Electric Light company," passed by the City Council May 15, 1903. His honor gives his reasons at great length, makes a logical and straightforward argument in support of his position, and concludes:

After careful inquiry I am satisfied that the cost at which gas is produced in this city by said company is less than \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet. The price fixed in the proposed charter is \$2.10, which leaves a profit of 75 per cent, or 60 cents per thousand cubic feet. Most of the large plants in the city, for considerations of economy, and in disregard of the rights and convenience of the general public, habitually consume slack coal. I think in this case, and in all others that may hereafter arise of a like character, there should be inserted in the charter a clause requiring the company to adopt such means as the City Council may at any time direct, to prevent the smoke from disfiguring the inhabitants. There should also be inserted in the charter the ordinary clause that in case of any violation of the provisions of the charter, or in case the company should charge in any case more than the limit or amount fixed by the Council, it should work a forfeiture of the charter.

Moran—I move that the veto lay on the table until miscellaneous business is reached.

Westland—I second the motion.

Lawson—We should, Mr. President, dispose of this matter now.

Horn—I, too, am in favor of laying the matter on the table temporarily, because there are statements in the message which I think (necessarily) will bear investigation.

On a vote being taken the paper was laid on the table as per the motion.

SEWER BLOCKS OMITTED.

The city recorder reported that three blocks had been unintentionally omitted

from the sprinkling district recently created. They were Sixth street between Fifth and Seventh East, Sixth South street between First and Second West, Second West between Fifth and Sixth West. Committee on sprinkling.

SPRINKLING INTENTION.

The same official reported that the notice of intention to sprinkle district No. 1 had been published and that the only protest against carrying out of such intention was by William Ajax and Joseph R. Walker, which were not enough to defeat the same. Adopted.

THE CITY JAIL PROPOSITION.

City Building Inspector Hamilton sent in a communication in which he said:

In making a further report on the new jail I will say that I find that some of the specifications submitted to bidders call for three-quarter inch flat plates or boiler iron, while others call for one-quarter inch plate or boiler iron, which would make considerable difference in estimating for the same. The plans for the general construction, also specifications, are in nearly every particular complete. With a few exceptions, such as foundation stone or footing, which are called for on through some full size of wall and should be at least eight inches wider on either side than the wall next above, also the thickness of the walls, they constitute a very important part of the building. In the specifications there is in my opinion too much room for the discretion of the architect, which would in many cases cause the bidders to bid higher than they should. It is desirable that the specifications be made more complete, in order that they might not be at a loss on the decision of the architect and all committees.

High made one of his characteristic speeches in which he said he was tired of the delay in the building of the jail and moved that the communication be filed. Carried.

ONE FOR EACH ARCHITECT.

The committee on fire department in the matter of the building of the new fire stations recommended that one contract be given to Manheim, Bird and President, one to Ware and Curran and one to Van Kracker.

Actions deferred until the plans and specifications are passed upon by the Council.

POLICE MATTERS.

The committee on police recommended that George Hill be appointed night watchman without cost to the city; that S. Horan be made a special policeman under similar conditions; that the petition of Wm. McGrover to be appointed special policeman on Franklin avenue be not granted; and that the request for a permit for the month of April be filed. Adopted.

PAVING DIRT.

The committee on streets recommended that the street supervisor be directed to place the dirt taken from the lower portion of the paving street to fill the low places on Sixth South street between Second and Fourth West. Referred back.

STARBUCK'S KINGDOM FOR A HORSE.

The committee on fire department reported they had bought a horse for the fire department at a cost of \$175. Adopted.

PAYING THE FIDELITY.

The committee on finance reported recommending that the council appropriate \$125 to assist in defraying the expense incident to the entertainment

of the Trans-Mississippi congress delegates. This was signed by Bell and Harly.

WANTLAND A MEMBER OF THE SAME COMMITTEE SENT IN A MINORITY REPORT IN WHICH HE SAID: "It appears in the above report as to the amount which I recommended be placed at \$250." Laid on the table until Tuesday night next.

SHAVEL PIER.

The committee on public grounds reported recommending that the committee be empowered to have exclusive jurisdiction regarding the leasing of all gravel beds. Carried.

THE VETO HOLDS GOOD.

The Mayor's veto of the Salt Lake Ogden gas and electric light franchise was then sustained on the following vote:

Ayes—Boardley, Bell, Evans, Fulland, Horn, Kelly, Moran, Simmond, Heise—3.

Noes—Harly, Harlick, Lawson, Bell, Westland—5.

THE INSPECTORSHIP MATTER.

The report of the board of public works regarding the inspectorship question was again taken up. It was read in George Olsen being appointed chief inspector and Terry Hainsden, assistant.

Moran, Cushing and Evans, Democrats, were turned down, the first on a strict party vote, except as to Harlick, who cast his ballot with the minority. Evans' appointment was defeated on a vote 5 to 0.

QUIT LATE.

At the last moment before the Council adjourned the following was handed in and the resignation accepted in less than thirty seconds:

To the President and Members of the City Council:

We, the members of your committee on public grounds, desire to and do hereby tender our resignation from said committee, and ask that it take effect at once. Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WILSON,
H. E. EVANS,
M. H. HARRISLEY,
T. H. BIRD.

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