NATURAL GAS ORDINANCE

Submitted to the Council by the City Attorney Last Night.

VAN HOUTEN EXONERATED.

Officer Jensen Tenders His Resignation. Damage Claims Settled.—Miscellaneous Business.

Mayor Scott called the City Council to order at 8 o'clock last night. Roll call was responded to by Councilmen Spafford, Heath, Pendleton, James, Parsons, Lynn, Anderson, Young, Tuddenham, Hardy and Hyde.

Absent—Pickard, Smith, Folland and Karrick.

PETITIONS

were read and referred as follows:

Arthur Meades asked that he be remunerated for a mule which was killed in Emigration Canyon by an obstruction in the road. Committee on claims.

The Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Company asked for the correction by the city of a certain deed transferring a piece of real estate to that society. Referred to the mayor.

Anna Terry asked that her taxes be remitted on account of poverty and old age. Laid on the table.

T. P. Murray sent in a communication in which he signified his acceptance of the railway franchise recently granted him through certain streets of the city. Received and filed.

A. G. Paddock asked an extension of the lease, to him, of the north bench sand pits upon the same terms as the old franchise. Granted.

Gustave H. Backman and others asked that the Saltair Railway company be not given a franchise over the streets named in the petition of that company. Committee on streets.

A TWO MILLS RATE.

The Board of Education sent in the following communication which was recorded and filed:

We hereby certify that the Board of Education of the city of Salt Lake on December 17, 1891, at a meeting held, levied a tax of two mills on each dollar of taxable property in said city, for the support of schools therein for the school year beginning on the first day of July, 1892.

VEHICLE STANDS.

The Mayor presented the following, which was referred to the committee on streets:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to call your attention to the ordinance establishing a scale for public vehicles. See chapter XXIX, section [illegible], Revised Ordinances of Salt Lake City. Since that law was passed the conditions of our streets have greatly changed, and I recommend that the matter be referred to the committee on streets to report to the council, at an early date, an ordinance to meet the existing conditions.

DAMAGE SUIT SETTLED.

The city attorney reported that in the matter of the action of W. N. Clark and others against the city, a verdict and judgment were rendered against the city for $800 damages and $40.45 costs. He recommended that the amounts named be appropriated to the plaintiffs. Adopted.

FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

The committee on revision of the city charter recommended that they be empowered to employ legal assistance in the preparation of a bill for a new city charter to be submitted to the legislature, and that an amount not exceeding $1000 be appropriated to cover such expenditure. Adopted and appropriation made.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The city engineer reported that he had found it impossible to complete final estimates for brick pavements laid in districts No's 2, 4, 6 and 17, for want of positive information as to the location and extent of walks that were laid by private contract and therefore asked that he be provided with certified lists showing the lots and parts of lots in the districts named where walks have been laid by private contract.

The same officer represented that he was of the opinion that asphaltum pavements should not be laid in grades exceeding 4 per cent., if the grade remained unchanged, and that if the plan prescribed for intersections had been carried out, it would result in a disfigurement of the street. Inasmuch as the ordinances required him to prepare the plans for such improvement, and the public held him responsible for the appearance and effectiveness of the work he asked that the facts be allowed to appear in the minutes. Granted.

WATERMAIN EXTENSIONS.

The city recorder reported that the notice of assessment for extending water mains on Sixth and Eighth South and Third West streets, had been published in accordance with law. Confirmed.

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Street Supervisor Paul reported that in reference to the petition of Robert Smith and others asking that the Rio Grande Western Railway Company grade Sixth West street, between Fifth and Seventh North streets, he had communicated Superintendent Welby of that company who stated that the matter was now in the hands of the company's attorneys.

EXCHANGE MADE.

The committee on public grounds to whom was referred the communication of L. C. Trent, relative to the exchange of land with the city, near Capitol grounds, reported that the final exchange had been made. Adopted.

ANOTHER CLAIM SETTLED.

The committee of claims, which has had under consideration the claim of the administrator of Jacob Ekler, who was killed in a sewer trench in front of the Social Hall, on State street, reported that a compromise had been effected with the claimants for $3525, and recommended that the amount named be appropriated. Adopted.

FROM A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The special committee to which was referred the report of the city engineer, submitting a statement of the cost of constructing sidewalks, recommended that the city pay one-half of the cost of grading and that the balance of the cost of such construction be paid from the taxes levied and assessed against the abutting property and that the assessor and collector be directed to proceed to collect such taxes accordingly. Adopted.

NATURAL GAS ORDINANCE.

The city attorney submitted the following ordinance for the construction and maintenance of works and pipeage for utilizing and distributing natural or fuel gas for fuel, in the city of Salt Lake, Utah:

Section 1—Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah: That the said City of Salt Lake hereby gives and grants to the American Natural Gas Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Utah Territory, and its assigns, as hereinafter specified and provided, for the term of twenty years from and after the passage of this ordinance, the right and privilege of constructing, maintaining and operating works and pipeage, for the purpose of distributing and utilizing natural or fuel gas for heat and fuel only, in the city of Salt Lake, provided, that the rates for such natural or fuel gas shall not exceed the charge of one dollar per thousand cubic feet to the various consumers; and for the purpose of furthering and sustaining said American Natural Gas Company and its assigns in supplying said natural or fuel gas, the said American Natural Gas Company and its assigns are hereby granted and given the right and privilege to use any and all streets, avenues and alleys of Salt Lake City, necessary in which to lay and maintain mains and service pipes for conveying and distributing said natural or fuel gas, as aforesaid throughout said city; provided, that all excavations in said streets, avenues and alleys be speedily repaired and put in as good condition as they were before such excavations were made, or as near as may be.

Section 2—This grant shall be void: First, if said American Natural Gas company or its assigns shall fail within one year to commence in good faith to lay mains and pipes from their gas wells to, and into Salt Lake City, for the purpose of distributing such natural or fuel gas; and

Second, if said American Natural Gas company or its assigns shall fail within one year to lay in the city of Salt Lake [illegible] miles of main pipe not less than five and five-eighths inches in diameter; and

Third, provided, however, that any delay caused, or time consumed by injunction, or any order of court, or any unavoidable accident or delay or malicious interference, shall neither be counted nor work a forfeiture herein.

Section 3—Said American Natural Gas company or its assigns shall use only the best and most approved system of pipeage for their mains and service pipes.

Section 4—That this franchise shall take effect, and the rights and privileges therein granted and given shall be acquired, whenever said American Natural Gas company shall have laid its gas mains or pipes, and conducted therein natural or fuel gas in sufficient quantities to the consumers in and within the limits of Salt Lake City. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not hinder or prohibit said American Natural Gas company, at any time after the passage of this ordinance, from entering upon said streets avenues and alleys, and laying and constructing therein said gas mains and pipes as hereinbefore provided in this ordinance.

Section 5—This ordinance shall take effect from its passage.

Committee on streets.

THE VAN HOUTEN CHARGES.

In regard to the charges preferred against Superintendent Van Houten by the grand jury, the committee on sewerage made the following report:

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen—Your committee on sewerage, to whom was assigned the duty of investigating the alleged irregularities in the management and conduct of the sewer department of this city, beg leave to report that, with the intention of making our investigation as searching and thorough as possible, we have examined all such witnesses as we had any reason or information to believe would throw any light upon the subject of our inquiry. We have held six meetings and have personally examined, under oath, the following named witnesses: Peter Van Houten, superintendent of sewer construction, Messrs. Giles, Dull and Maloney, who have served as foremen and timekeepers in the sewer department during Mr. Van Houten's superintendency, Thomas Van Houten, teamster, Andrew Bone, and Mr. Jensen, Mr. Carlson, formerly an employe in the sewer department and the person who made the affidavit charging that Mr. Van Houten had retained his son upon the pay roll for a period of four or five months during the present year while the latter was working for his father in American Fork canyon. We have also examined the books and vouchers in the offices of Mr. Van Houten and the auditor. We find that for a large part of the time during Mr. VanHouten's incumbency two teams have been employed by the department to haul pipe and cement, to fill in, to remove waste earth and in the flushing of the sewer pipes; that both of the teams were the property of Mr. VanHouten, one of them being usually driven by Thomas VanHouten, a son of Mr. VanHouten, and the other by a young man named William Dull. These teams were carried on the time books and pay rolls as "team," or William Dull, or Thomas VanHouten, "teamster," and the compensation allowed was the sum of $3.50 per day for each team and driver. Young VanHouten was driving during the earlier part of the year, but about June 11, went to work at his father's mine in American Fork canyon, where he continued until the middle of November, at which time he returned to the city. He had never signed a pay roll previous to his departure for the mine as above stated, his name having been signed in each instance by his father. After his departure the team continued in the service of the city and the roll was signed by the father as before, on each pay roll between June 11 and November 11, and the compensation allowed to the team was during that period as before, the sum of $3.50 per day. Inasmuch as some other employes of the city were during that period taken from other work and put to driving, it appeared that Mr. VanHouten was charging the city for a team and driver, and receiving pay therefor, while, as a matter of fact, the city was furnishing and paying the driver. Prima facie, the case looked very unfavorable to Mr. Houten. The explanation offered by him and sustained, we believe by his books, is that he desired to continue the team in the name of his son, since it was designed to reemploy the latter on his return to the city; that while it is true that he earned the team on the rolls at $3.50 per day, yet it is also true that the apparent overcharge in the rate per diem had been equalized by reducing the number of days for which compensation had been allowed.

The following table, covering the period of the son's absence, will indicate Mr. Van Houten's method of adjusting the matter from time to time:

PAY DAY.	Actual time worked, as per time book.	Compensation allowed, per day.	Time credited on pay roll.	Amount paid.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

It therefore appears that the amount paid was substantially the amount earned. The question is, therefore, was the rate correct and unchanged and was the time correctly taken.

These rolls were signed on the several dates given; their bear no evidence of having been corrected by erasure; the time worked by the foremen of the gangs in which the team worked was a total of one hundred and thirty-four days as against one hundred and thirteen for the team, the time worked by the other team was one hundred and twenty-four and one-half days during the same period; and the several foremen testified that the time books appeared to be unchanged since they left their hands, and that the time there given was correct.

Your committee find further that in the month of August of this year Mr. Van Houten purchased a mowing machine for the purpose of cutting weeds and grass on Pioneer square at a cost of $75, which he paid for with his own money, this amount he subsequently reimbursed himself by charging a sufficient number of extra days for his team to cover the amount expended. Mr. Van Houten's explanation of this transaction is that in 1890 it cost the city $75 to cut the grass and weeds on the square, which, he considered was too much, and that when the necessity occurred this year he determined to do the work with one of the teams regularly employed and to buy a machine for the city that might be used from year to year for this purpose. The work was let, including machine, this year, as against the amount above stated for 1890. The machine is now on the square in possession of the custodian there.

While your committee must condemn as extremely irregular and improper the methods of procedure under which payrolls are made to show a condition of things not existing; under which the time paid for was different from the time served, and the rate of compensation reported, and under which the head of a department make a purchase with his own money assumes to reimburse himself by crediting time not served, yet we express it as our sincere conclusion, from a contemplation of the evidence, that Mr. Van Houten has neither defrauded, nor has endeavored to defraud, the city of a single dollar. While his methods of bookkeeping has opened his management of the department to suspicion, yet, we feel in the light of the facts, that suspicion is unfounded, and that coupled with the censure of this committee for the irregularities named should be the expression of its opinion that Mr. Van Houten has been an honest official and in all other respects than those mentioned, so far as has come to the knowledge of your committee, proven prudent and efficient in the discharge of his duties.

Adopted.

HE RESIGNED.

Officer Jensen who was recently charged with drunkenness while on duty, sent in a communication in which he tendered his resignation. Accepted.

HIS SUCCESSOR.

The mayor reported that he had appointed Christian Lund as police officer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Officer Jensen. Committee on police.

POUNDKEEPER AND WEIGHMASTER.

An ordinance creating the office of city pound keeper and weighmaster was read and passed under a suspension of the rules.

MATION APPOINTED.

Spafford introduced a resolution appointing John O. Mation city weighmaster and poundkeeper. Adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were made:

W. N. Clark, judgment	[illegible]
Ekler claim	[illegible]
Revision committee	[illegible]
J. F. Ellison	[illegible]

PRESIDENT HARRISON

Forgot to mention the Art Bazar in his message—but let you should the No. is 12 and 14 Main Street. Holiday Goods are going fast; reason, the prices sell them. Grand Opening Daily. Come Early and Often.

C. R. SAVAGE, Gen'l Manager.

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