

CITY COUNCIL.

The Utah Manufacturing and Building Company asked permission to purchase a portion of the bed of an abandoned canal in ten acre plot A, which they are now using for making brick. Referred to the canal committee.

Residents in the neighborhood asked the city to accept a fifty-foot street through block 13, plat B. Referred to committee on streets.

G. W. Reed asked to have the street committee report on the matter of removing obstructions from J Street, which had been referred to that committee of the old council.

Phillip H. Schubert wanted to be a policeman, and his request was referred to the mayor.

Messrs. Collum and Skinner asked to have certain streets repaired so as to provide a drive through Poppleton Place to Fort Douglas. Referred to the committee on streets.

J. E. Busby asked to have a sewer laid on Busby Avenue. Referred to that committee.

Clarence Bean drove his back into a ditch at which there were no warning lights, and asked \$50 damages. Referred to committee on claims.

The Rio Grande Western asked to have the earthen sewer pipes laid to drain their depot grounds, instead of waiting for iron pipes, promising to make good all defects or losses. Granted.

E. E. Darling et al. asked to have the watermains laid on B Street. Referred to the committee on waterworks.

L. D. Kinney asked for a street railway franchise on May Street in North Salt Lake. Referred to committee on streets.

The Sun Vapor Light Company offered to furnish the city with 100 street lights and to care for the same at \$23.50 each per annum. Referred to the committee on improvements.

James Jensen et al. represented that many persons had laid in feed enough to keep more than three cows through the winter, and they asked that the ordinance forbidding the keeping of more than that number be made to take effect May 1, 1891. Later, Pendleton introduced a resolution to make that ordinance take effect eighty days after its passage, which was referred to the committee on municipal laws.

Lambourne & Perkins proposed to lease the Warm Springs. Referred to committee on public grounds.

At this juncture Recorder Hyams took up a great bundle of manuscript, announcing that it was the tax petition. It was as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Salt Lake City:

Gentlemen—We, your petitioners, taxpayers of this city, earnestly petition your honorable body to reduce the rate of taxation for this city to two and one-half mills on the dollar for the current year. This rate would produce a revenue about sixty-five per cent greater than that of last year, and as an unusual amount of improvement is going on which the citizens have to pay for through the means of local taxation, in the way of

sewers, sidewalks, water mains, sprinkling, etc., and as there is a large increase in the Territorial, Territorial school and local school taxes, the aggregate of all these taxes, even if the city rate is reduced to two and one-half mills, will be a burden very heavy for many to bear, and any greater amount collected from the citizens would operate against the welfare of this city. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

The number of signatures appended was not stated, but it ran up into the thousands.

The Mayor—You'll have to refer that to the committee on ways and means.

Parsons—I move that it be so referred.

Pembroke—I don't see what good it will do to refer this petition. We didn't go blindly to work in determining the amount of money we would require for contemplated improvements. We went to work methodically, found out how much we would want and fixed the rate accordingly. I move to table the petition.

City Attorney Merritt—At the mayor's request I have furnished him with a written opinion upon this matter. I don't think the Council has a right to change the rate of taxation, now that it has been fixed. The law says that at a given time the Council shall fix the rate of city tax, after which it shall sit as a board of equalization. It has done all this, and in my opinion cannot rescind its action. If it can reduce the tax at this stage, it can raise it. As a board of equalization the Council might raise or lower the assessment, but that belongs to another branch of the statute.

The Mayor—I think the petition should be referred to the committee on ways and means, that the reasons governing the action of the council may be clearly stated.

Pembroke—I withdraw my motion to table.

City Engineer Doremus—Mr. President, I request permission to withdraw the names of myself and wife from the petition. When we signed it we did not know that the council had determined what amount of money it would need before it fixed the rate.

The desired permission was granted, and the mammoth petition went to the committee on ways and means.

The city engineer presented certain recommendations in regard to the setting of telegraph and telephone poles, etc. so that they would not interfere with water and sewer mains. Referred to committee on municipal laws with instructions to draft an ordinance on the subject.

The committee on police reported adversely on the petition of the members of the police force asking the city to purchase for each of them a suit of clothes.

The committee on streets made the following recommendations upon matters submitted to them:

That the petition of Ricketts and others to have First East Street, between South Temple and Fourth South Street paved with asphalt, be granted; that the petition of the Home Coal

Company for permission to run a switch to their coal yard be granted; that the petition of L. J. Williams and others asking that electric lights be established at the corners of Seventh South and first and Second West, and Eighth South and First and Second West streets, be granted; that the petition of the West Side Rapid Transit Company for permission to operate their steam motor over the track of the Rapid Transit Company on Seventh South Street, between Second West and Main Street, for thirty days, be granted; that the proposal of Jennie D. Thompson to sell the city a certain tract of land at the head of State Street for \$10,000 be accepted. Adopted.

The committee on streets reporting on the petition of the residents of First Street, protesting against a double street railway track upon it, stated that franchises had been granted to two companies and the council could not very well compel both to use one track. The committee recommended certain measures to prevent unnecessary obstruction of the street. Adopted.

W. H. Ryan wanted another light wagon for his department. This request was referred to the committee on waterworks. He also wanted \$5,000 which was granted.

The dog tax collector reported success to the amount of \$225.

John Lawrence and others represented that a large iron tank, holding 240 gallons, was being used by the gas company to boil tar in. This was a nuisance and the petitioners asked that it be abated. Referred to the board of health.

The board of health asked for \$125.53 to pay its expenses. Granted.

The ordinance regulating the practice of medicine, was read at length, amended and passed, only Hall and Armstrong, voting in the negative.

The ordinance amending the ordinance creating paving district No. 1 came upon its third reading and passed. The ordinance fixes the boundaries of the district as follows: On the north by South Temple Street, on the south by Fourth South, on the west by First West, on the east by Second East.

The building inspector ordinance was taken up, discussed and deferred.

The following appropriations were made:

Waterworks.....	\$5000 00
Evans & Ross.....	30 00
Mount & Griffin.....	1200 00
James F. Brim.....	265 00
Board of Health.....	125 53
Total.....	\$6630 53

The council then adjourned until next Tuesday evening at 7:30.

CLERKSHIP CONTEST.

The following document was filed in the Third District Court, Tuesday, September 2nd.

In the Third District Court of the Third Judicial District, Territory of Utah, County of Salt Lake.

Fergus Ferguson, plaintiff and contestant vs. Clarence F. Allen, defendant and contestee.

Now comes said plaintiff and files this, his statement of contest and