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Transacts Business of Much Importance to City's Welfare.

Taking final action on a long list of important ordinances, hearing petitions for extensive improvements in various sections of the city and reaching a decision with the Presbyterian church trustees over the excessive assessments for paving about that church and introducing the reassessment ordinance on Sixth street, the council last evening through a long hatfull of important business with a good deal of results.

A petition for a merry-go-round license to be operative on Sunday, referred to committee, was reported unfavorable and killed.

Mrs. Zuber was present in person and discussed the matter of water rates with the council. Mrs. Zuber is charged with the minimum for each family in an apartment and she said she understood this was not the rule with every one. She was informed that during the past two months the water department had been locating two or more family houses and as fast as found were charged with the minimum for each family.

Reports on petitions for sidewalks on West Adams avenue, Chestnut and Main avenue were favorable and resolutions were later in the evening passed covering these improvements.

Compromise Settles Question.

Chairman Dunn of the street committee who, with the mayor and trustees of the Presbyterian church, held a conference Saturday night reported that the two committees had reached a compromise on the assessment of the Presbyterian church property. The assessment for paving and walks on Sixth and Washington streets amounts to \$3,581.00, considered to be confiscatory and the council last night agreed to ratify the action of the committee and assume the assessments which represent the difference between \$2,000 and the whole assessment.

The order of the fish warden to put a ladder at the park dam was reported to be in the hands of the park association for action. The screens at the head of irrigation ditches owned in part by the city were also reported attended to.

The order passed some time ago creating a sidewalk on Cove avenue will be resurrected and put into action.

The reports of committees showed the month of August to have been a paying one from the water department standpoint. The city recorder's report showed \$2,610.95 collected for water rents; licenses amount to \$18, dog tax sales brought \$2 and fines brought \$216.00. The street, treasury and other department reports were also read.

W. J. Church and W. B. Sargent, the first representing the council and the latter holding power of attorney for J. H. Peare will meet and select a third man, and these three will then arbitrate the claim of J. H. Peare against the city for damages in not being able to reach his tract of land because of obstructions placed in the way by the city sewer system.

An ordinance dealing with the right of way over O. W. property for two sewer pipes was passed.

The Grande Ronde hospital will pave the roadway from Alder to West Adams to a point 200 feet beyond. The preliminary steps were taken last night.

A petition asking for macadam on North Fir from Monroe to U avenue was presented and referred.

A request for curbing on Third from Jefferson to Main was read and referred.

Cement walks were wanted on West Adams from Alder west.

B. S. Davis, the contractor, was reported as working on new phases of his contract but not making any effort to repair the alleged faulty sewer.

The gap between the paving on Sixth street and the walk at the court house will likely be filled with a sidewalk at once. The county is to pay half and the city half.

Bids for construction of walks on H and Second streets and various other small projects about the city were opened and referred to committees. A

charge of 27 1/2 cents per lineal foot board walk was the lowest read.

The bonding ordinance covering much of the paving done this year was read and passed. It, with other voluminous ordinances and resolutions kept the council digging until after 11 o'clock.

The reassessment ordinance on Sixth street intended to correct errors existing in the ordinance under which the street was paved, was introduced and read the second time.

Mayor Richardson opened the proposition of having the city invest the \$8,000 in the sinking fund and the city attorney was instructed to report at the next meeting on the feasibility of such a movement. The money is now lying idle and might as well be bringing interest, the council agreed.

Bench Show at Reading.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 7.—With an entry list larger than ever before the annual bench show of the Reading Kennel club opened today. The show is also said to contain a great variety of breeds than were exhibited in previous shows. The judging began today and will continue until the close of the exhibition Saturday.

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