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WEIGHTY AFFAIRS GREET COUNCIL

MEETING REPLETE WITH IMPORTANCE LAST NIGHT.

Remonstrances Overruled, New Ones Filed and Other Business Done.

LAST NIGHT'S COUNCIL PROGRAM.

- * Hears complaint against the macadam work on East Adams avenue.
- * Remonstrances against paving Sixth street overruled and denied.
- * Remonstrances against North Fir macadamizing denied and the city given jurisdiction.
- * Bids for fire hose read.
- * City threatened with recovery suit in Davis affair.
- * Echo of Black River Falls horror heard.
- * Second Street pipe line ghost stalks council room.

More than a half dozen momentous matters were given consideration at the regular council meeting last night at which all members excepting Bernard Logsdon, Fourth ward, were present. Passage of a dozen improvement notices and ordinances and reading of voluminous engineer's estimates were only a portion of the evening's heavy program for several other weighty matters came up for final settlement. The meeting was momentous in many respects.

The water committee reported favorably on a petition filed recently to have the water regulations changed in one respect and later on in the session the changes were embodied into an ordinance which was passed by the council. It makes a somewhat radical change in the rules as regards water tolls where there is more than one family in a building. It has been a practice to charge a minimum fee of \$1.00 for every family in any one building but this has been changed by the new ordinance, which is not yet signed by the mayor, to require only a minimum fee for one meter in such instances. All families in one dwelling will therefore pay for what they use plus the fee for one meter. The report was signed by W. J. Church, J. E. Orvis and Claude Mackey.

Will Macadamize North Fir

Remonstrances filed by some property owners on North Fir street against macadamizing that street from the ending of the bitulithic on for a distance of three blocks, were reported adversely by the committee and later on the committee's report was adopted. The council originally took action on the matter after a long list of property owners had requested it and the committee found that less than half of the property interested was opposed. Consequently the city was declared to have jurisdiction.

Hose Bids Read.

More than a half dozen bids for 1-500 feet of 2 1/2 inch fire hose were read last night and referred to the fire and police committee. Chairman Mackey called the committee together this afternoon at 2 o'clock when all the samples of the different companies were inspected and explained. As the city is badly in need of this hose the committee was required to report a week hence at which time the council will meet to transact business. Several fire hose making company representatives were present.

Echo from Stricken City.

An echo of the horror at Black River Falls, Wis. last week was heard in the council room when a communication from the mayor and influential citizens of the stricken city calling for aid were read. The letters and affidavits say that the prosperous little city was damaged to the extent of \$1,500,000 and that assistance is urgently needed. Not only are cities appealed to but the governors of states and the president have been asked to assist the poverty-stricken community. The floods, as readers of the Observer will remember, devastated the entire business section and laid waste nearly all the residence

property. The loss was appalling, caused by the breaking of the La Crosse Water Power dam at Hatfield.

Davis Affair Up Again.

Velled threats against the city were made public in the reading of a letter from Hayden & Langhorn, Tacoma attorneys, who take up the matter of the balance due Contractor B. S. Davis for work done on the sewer project here. The final payment was held up because the work in places was not satisfactory to the mayor and council and has hung fire for some time. The letter says that it is not to be understood as a threat yet concludes with the assertion that unless the payment is forthcoming, the city can anticipate legal proceedings being inaugurated against it. This subject has been one of the knotty problems of the entire summer, the council standing out as flatly opposed to the paying of the balance until the project was O. K.

Sixth to Be "Paved"

Remonstrances and verbal objections heard by the council at various times against the "paving of Sixth street" or rather the re-assessment of the work already done to remedy flaws found by the circuit court in the first instance, were again heard. The specifications already used were re-adopted, and the final ordinance on the matter was passed and signed and is published today. Unless the matter is again blocked, collection of assessments to cover the construction will begin at once.

This is the matter on which the council held a near-court session recently.

Old Job Reviewed.

Property owners on East Adams avenue unfurled another bomb in the council last night when a lengthy petition setting out alleged discrepancies in the macadam work done on that section of the street was read in the council room. Various and numerous "soundings" of the perfection of the macadam work as done by Contractor John Mars and accepted a year or more ago are said to have been made by the people living there. The soundings were made at points where traffic has been allowed to drift and not nearer than three feet to the curbing. The specifications say nine inches of rock, after rolling, must be necessary to meet requirements. The property owners in this instance affirm that the rock often is only seven and a fraction inches deep, some places eight inches and out of a dozen readings taken at various places, not one was up to specifications. The entire affair was turned over to proper committees and a report will be forthcoming later on.

The petitioners want the faults remedied or credit given their assessments to that extent.

Improvement ordinances, notices of street improvements by the dozen and bonding ordinances were read and passed.

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