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Crisis Was A Particularly Serious One

At the adjourned meeting of the council on Monday evening H. W. Brice was the only absent member—and Mayor King presided.

Because of a clerical error in the records of a previous meeting 37 minutes were required to adopt them—but this merely served to kill time of which there was plenty. It also gave opportunity to discuss things in general. Records of the following meeting required but four minutes to read and adopt.

Attorney W. R. McGarry offered a bond for the St. Johns Hotel Company in the sum of \$5000—and asked its approval by the proper authorities; this matter was laid aside till other business had been completed.

A number of bills previously O. K'd by the finance committee were allowed by proper vote. Among these were A. C. Lashbaugh, \$3.50; Acme Lumber Company, \$45.75; Peninsula Feed and Fuel Company, \$3.25; D. D. Woods, \$4.00; Potter & Gould, \$6.50; Shields & Moon, \$5.00; Filing case and freight, \$90.90.

A petition to grade, gravel and sidewalk Philadelphia street from Iva-lhoe to Bradford streets was presented. It was signed by the majority of owners of abutting property. The city engineer was instructed to prepare proper plans, specifications and estimates for the same and present to the council for immediate action.

W. R. McGarry here introduced again the matter of the bond for the hotel company—also asked that an order be had prepared authorizing the issuance of the license be read.

Mr. McGarry said he had listened to the reading of the minutes—and laid stress upon the final disposition of the ordinance. According to Jefferson's Manual—accepted as great authority—when the motion to "place upon its final passage" was so heavily carried it made the ordinance a law—valid and irrefutable. There was no necessity for a motion to "adopt"—nor had that been the custom in this council as decided by the rules of the body.

"But, your honor and gentlemen of the council," continued Mr. McGarry, "allowing if you please (for the sake of an argument) that the ordinance did not pass; bar all reference to it from this argument; and I tell you that you have made a contract with the St. Johns Hotel Company which cannot be abrogated. Your body by a legal vote adopted a resolution to grant my client a license; your body accepted by vote the sum of \$1000 for this license, and on the strength of that resolution my client commenced to invest and improve his property."

"By verbal agreement there was to be invested from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in this enterprise—and I desire to say that when the doors of the hotel shall be open for business there will have been fully \$15,000 invested. This resolution became, as soon as your body had authorized the acceptance of the money and my client had commenced to carry out his part of the agreement, a contract; a contract that was indisputable, and a contract which no member of the council has a legal or moral right to attempt to break. No member of the council should interfere with any officer in his attempt to work in his official duty."

"By the terms of that resolution my client has been induced to make a large expenditure—and I am bound to protect him. I do not make any threat—but I do declare that if the council does not see fit to carry out its part of the agreement when my client has carried out his part then the law must be invoked."

Several minor remarks were made by Attorney Greene, E. C. Hurlbert, C. D. Edwards and J. H. Shields; then Councilman Leggett desired to hear from the city attorney. Mr. Greene said:

"If you want me to talk, gentlemen, I shall tell you some facts—and show you just what you are up against. In the first place there are many who believe there is an existing ordinance (No. 11) which prohibits the sale of liquor. This is not a fact.

"Ordinance No. 11 is upon the record book—but there is no date

of its passage or approval—nor is there the signature of any official affixed to it. Farther than that the journal of the city does not show that it ever became a law; and, while it may be that these omissions are mere clerical errors there is nothing upon which to base any legal issue. That is why the license ordinance I prepared does not contain any revocable paragraph as is customary.

"The straw vote taken last May bears not at all upon this matter. In no case was the council bound by the result; it had made no agreement to abide by the decision of that vote—and the vote was as if never taken. The original resolution was for the sale of 'malt, brewed and vinous' liquors—but was later corrected to read 'malt, spiritous and vinous' liquors—and the resolution is a binding one.

"Now, if the action of the council in adopting that resolution was a legal one the city in itself is legally responsible; if it was not a legal action then the individual members of the council who voted for the resolution, and thus induced the St. Johns Hotel Company to invest its capital, are legally responsible. Frankly speaking, the council is in a box.

"Without doubt there will be trouble over the matter. If the council shall deny this license there will be a fight against the city—and on the best of grounds. If it grants the license I understand the other side will commence a fight. It will then be up to the hotel company."

This is a portion of Mr. Green's talk—and he faced conditions as they stood—seemingly showing no favor to the one or the other. The council seemed to take to the position very kindly—and there was apparently no antipathy shown against the granting of the license. Regarding the "final passage" it was suggested that some voted upon it not understanding the meaning of the motion; but Mr. Leggett who voted "no" and Mr. Shields who voted "yes" each believed they voted right.

Mr. McGarry then asked the council by vote to authorize the mayor and recorder to accept the bond and issue the license. He thought it only legal and just to have it done. He had done his best to show the legal status of the case. Accordingly the following motion was put:

"Moved that bonds of J. B. Nye, manager of the St. Johns Hotel Company, be approved by the mayor and filed by the recorder, and that a license be authorized by the mayor and issued by the auditor."

Upon rollcall the following vote was received: Leggett, Edwards, Shields, "aye." Thompson, Peterson, Lindquist, "aye." The mayor voted with the affirmative—and the motion prevailed. There was some question as to whether the 20-day limit of the ordinance would be demanded—as well as of appointment of the "license committee," but these questions were not pushed to any definite decision.

A ten-minute recess was taken to allow the council to smoke and get its second wind.

The matter of a gas franchise was then discussed. The projectors of this enterprise had the nerve to ask the council when it granted the franchise to advise a site donation from the board of trade—because the move would not be a very paying one from the start and the projectors believed in getting all they could!

This request did not meet with the glad hand anticipated. As a general thing the council members believed that a gas service in St. Johns would be a good thing for every householder—but believed that no bonus should be requested. Mr. Peterson frankly stated that he was against corporations who came here, asked for a franchise—and then desired a bonus; and that seemed to be the general idea. The matter was finally carried to the next regular meeting.

The sewer improvement ordinance passed second reading; improvement ordinances for Pittsburg street, Crawford street, and Salem (Continued on Page two, column four.)

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