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DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Dads Convene and Transact Their Usual Budget of Municipal Business in a Satisfactory Manner

The council of the city of St. Johns met in their 28th regular session Tuesday evening of last week, all being present except Hunter, absent from the city.

Remonstrance against cement walk on Richmond street was presented, but lacking the necessary two-thirds of the frontage on the street, failed to become active, and the ordinance authorizing the same was tabled three months in order to give the fills on the street time to settle so as to make it favorable for sidewalk construction.

Letters from the O. R. & N. stating that the matter of gutters at the foot of Burlington street had been referred to the operating department of the road for action.

Hartman & Tompson, agents for the surety company on the bonds of Ex-Recorder Thorndyke asked for an accounting of the Thorndyke records. Referred to Attorney Collier.

Petition to cut the brush and trees from Tyler street in the loop, because of the title of the street being in question on motion of Johnson was tabled.

The following bills were read and ordered paid.

V. M. Smith, teamwork at crusher	.....\$ 2.00
H. Tolliver work at crusher	..... 11.00
Geo. Warner, foreman crusher	..... 19.50
J. Longan rod man	..... 12.00
C. Sagert hauling	..... 3.00
Total	..... \$47.50

Special committee on Macadamizing Pittsburg street reported that Remonstrator A.S. Douglas will with-

draw his remonstrance if the city will keep the street in repair for five years.

At 10 o'clock the report of the murderer of Mr. B. utterworth precipitated a recess until after the facts were learned and then the council meeting in the office of chief of police on motion of Davis offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

Adjourned to Thursday night.

Adjourned session met at eight o'clock, all present except Hunter still out of the city.

Communication from city engineer was read stating that Thomas Carroll had been appointed assistant engineer at a salary of \$75 per month and asking the city council to ratify said appointment. This brought up the question of bonds, which after some discussion, it was decided additional bonds were unnecessary; the assistant being under the regular engineer, his bonds would cover the actions of both, and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lind then made verbal application again for permission to unload gravel upon the Richmond street dock promising to make any repairs made necessary by his use of the dock. In consideration of this agreement permission was granted.

A resolution to improve South Jersey street unanimously passed.

The continued absence of Alderman Hunter and the rumor that he did not intend to return brought up a discussion on the matter and in the absence of any communication from him he was granted leave of absence

for 30 days from Oct. 15. After which time other action may be taken.

On motion of Doble the price of rock to contractors was raised from 45 cents per yard to 80 cents per yard at crusher.

An ordinance authorizing the improvement of Tacoma street from the west line of Jersey street to the east line of Hayes passed unanimously.

Ordinance regulating the lowering of watermains was discussed and laid on the table.

Engineer Andrew brought up the subject of purchasing the wood supply for the city hall by bid but the idea was objected to because the city had no place to store a large quantity at a time, and it was decided not to advertise for bids.

V. M. Mason presented a request through the mayor for price of fine crushed rock from the city rock crusher. It was the sense of the council that the city could not enter into competition with private concerns for furnishing this rock and could only furnish it at the same price as could be procured elsewhere.

Alderman Doble suggested that the streets needed a dressing down with the street grader and the matter was referred to the street committee.

Alderman Miller again brought up the question of a house for the city bubble wagon. He said he had been offered a lot 20x50 feet for this purpose outside the fire limit for a rental of \$2 per month. The matter looked good to the council and was referred to the committee on public

buildings for further investigation. Adjourned.

The 29th session of the city council convened Tuesday evening all being present except Hunter and Hunter.

The first matter for consideration was the remonstrance against the improvement of South Jersey street with board walks. It was reported that the remonstrance would be in and that the principal reason for the remonstrance was that board instead of cement sidewalk was to be used. The council, on motion of Davis, held the matter in abeyance until the street committee should investigate and endeavor to harmonize the interests and put in cement walks.

Petition for an arc light on intersection of Allegheny street and Willis boulevard was presented and on motion of Johnson was accepted and placed on file.

A petition was presented to change the names of numerous streets of the city so as to make continuous streets through the city to the limits to avoid confusion and facilitate naming and numbering. The matter was referred to the street committee with instructions to bring in a report of all such changes as may be necessary and make a job lot of it and thus have the streets in proper shape for improving.

Chief of Police Black reported several parties burned shacks in the city limits which were nuisances and unsafe to any one passing them and recommended that they be torn down. In this connection the brick building belonging to Mr. McDonald which has the entire front open was discussed and it was decided to request him to close the front with boards until such time as he would finish it, and to make the sidewalk safe for pedestrians. The loose boards which are used to cover the excavation in front of the building at times being shifted so that a child or even a grown person might be injured by their foot slipping through.

Bid from Mrs. E. J. Alrth for \$1000 worth of improvement bonus was read and accepted on motion of Doble at face value with accrued interest, all voting yes.

The following bills were allowed

on motion of Bonham:

D. J. Horsman 1/2 months salary	..... \$17.50
J. Langan, crusher	..... 12.00
Mrs. O. Oman, delinquent ad	..... 2.50
C. E. Andrew, office supplies	..... 1.75
G. E. Cook powder, fuse and caps	..... 30.20
Total	..... \$63.95

Petition to improve Thompson St. between Willis boulevard and Meyers street with sidewalk referred back to petitioners to harmonize their petition some wanting concrete and others board walks.

Ordinance governing the lowering of water mains received second reading.

Alderman Doble proposed the installation of telephone signal for the police similar to that in effect in Vancouver. Referred to the street committee. This signal consists of a red light at the city hall and another in front of the bank on Jersey street, so that when the telephone central has a call for the police the hello girl will touch a button and turn on the redlight, which, when the copper sees it, will hike to the nearest phone and find out what is wanted.

This will be a very inexpensive addition to the police facilities and will often be of great service.

Johnson reported that the result of the conference with Mr. Ayers was a proposition made by that gentleman to the committee to improve Pittsburg street if the city would guarantee to keep the street in repair for five years and that the improvement should not cost more than \$225. This the council did not think equitable and referred the matter back to the committee for further action.

The deed from Mr. Holbrook for certain lots was read and laid over for further investigation.

On motion of Davis the recorder was instructed to purchase four cords of wood for the city hall furnace as per bid of a local dealer. All yes.

On motion of Davis the council decided to erect a house 16x39 with 12-

STATION NAMED ST. JOHNS

The Hill Road Has Made No Tie-Up With the O. R. & N. as Was Stated Several Weeks Ago

We were recently informed, or rather, misinformed, that the O. R. & N. and the North Bank Road had set their plans and commenced the construction of a joint station at Maegley junction, and that the former road will not put in a station at St. Johns. The report came so direct from those in authority that we believed and not having time then to run the matter down we gave it publicity. Since then we have made inquiry and have learned that the Hill road has not made a tie-up with the O. R. & N., and has no intention so to do. In fact, their depot is placed where such an arrangement would be impracticable.

We have also learned further that Maegley junction being the nearest point to St. Johns the company named the station St. Johns, instead of Maegley, North Portland or any other similar name although the station grounds are in Portland territory. The company was led to do this because they anticipated the larger portion of their business would be developed in St. Johns, and would use this station until such time as the business would warrant putting in a side track to the water front. There was some objection on the part of a few at Maegley, who thought the station should be called by that name, but the fact the places are so close together and their interests being almost identical, they did not take the matter up with the company and the station is on the Hill road maps as St. Johns.

This puts a very different phase on the matter. If the North Bank

intends putting a line down to our water front as soon as the business warrants, it would evidently be to our interest to put the heaviest tonnage of freight on that road at our command.

The O. R. & N. who promised us a depot and had the plans all perfected and the switch to the same, seems to have pigeonholed the whole proposition. It is a very poor way to win the patronage of a section of country. If we cannot get the O. R. & N. to put in their depot, the only thing we have left us is to make it possible for the Hill road to come on in. If our business men would get together on this matter they would be able to accomplish a great deal for St. Johns.

BUILDING PERMITS.

92 to J. F. Teeling to erect residence on lot 6 block 2 St. Johns Heights addition, fronting on Stafford between Tyler and Polk for Mary T. Murdock. \$300.

93 to E. R. Ingledue erect residence lot 3 block 9 St. Johns Hts. addition fronting on Jersey between Polk and Buchanan. \$1,400.

Pascal Hill says he has another buck up in the wilds where he got the other one and is going after it this week. Pascal generally gets what he goes after.

B. S. Hoover is spending a few days with relatives at Bridgeport, Washington.

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