

Supplement to the St. Johns Review March 22, 1912

Council Proceedings

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members including the mayor present. Two more meetings and the present council will be through with its labors.

Robinson & Foster asked for an extension of 60 days' time on the improvement of Tioga street. Granted on motion of Ald. Muck; all yes but Alderman Bredeson, who voted no.

Eight or nine property owners asked that action on the proposed hard surfacing of Fessenden street from Buchanan to Oswego be delayed for the present, claiming the improvement to be premature and unnecessary at this time. Considerable discussion followed. Alderman Perrine's motion that the request be honored and the present proceedings annulled was lost on a four to three vote. Aids. Valentine, Bredeson and Perrine voting yes, balance no. Ald. Hill then made a motion that matter be referred back to the remonstrators in order to give them an opportunity to secure, if possible, the two-thirds necessary to frustrate the improvement. Motion carried without a dissenting vote.

Communications were received from the Commercial club and Ladies' Auxiliary asking that the clean-up ordinance be enforced, and if same is inadequate to make it more sweeping in effect, also that the mayor issue a proclamation setting aside some certain day as clean-up day. Mayor Couch stated that he would be glad to issue such proclamation, and gave as the reason for the non-enforcement of the clean-up ordinance that heretofore the city had nowhere to deposit its debris accumulations. That being the case, it was incongruous to enforce removal of rubbish unless a place was at the same time provided for its disposition; that efforts at various times in the past had been made to secure a crematory, but without avail. Now, he said, the solution had been solved, and a crematory was being constructed at the foot of Fessenden street under the able supervision of Ald. Perrine and the city engineer. After this was completed there could be no reason why the ordinance should not be enforced. A committee consisting of Mesdames Muck,

Valentine, Rice and Gillmore of the Auxiliary and a like committee from the club consisting of Messrs. Drinker, Bonham, Larowe and Secretary Crawshaw waited upon council relative to the cleaning up movement. Mr. Crawshaw acted as chief spokesman and drew the applause of the dads and audience through his timely, forceful and respectful remarks. Messrs. Larowe and Bonham and Auxiliary President, Mrs. Muck, also spoke a few words in which the co-operation of the club and auxiliary were assured toward making St. Johns a cleaner and more sanitary city. The unexpected appearance of the bevy of handsome ladies almost caused the mayor, for the first time in his official career, to lose his equilibrium for a few moments, but he was quick to regain control of his poise while a smile the size of a sun flower and the color of vermillion chased itself repeatedly across his good natured countenance. The aldermen looked dignified with wisdom fairly irradiating from their noble brows, as befitted the occasion. If all things are propitious Saturday, April 13th, will likely be designated by mayoralty mandate as the official date for house cleaning of the city, and woe betide any so untidy as to disregard the edict.

Miss Caples was present, and stated her position in regard to Dawson street opening; that they were unable to dedicate all the land desired by the city at this time, but gave her personal assurance that this would be done later. She was quite anxious that the people be given an opportunity to vote on the park question regardless of the proposed opening of Dawson street attachment. The city fathers were inexorable, however, and demanded a written agreement to the effect that the desired dedication would be made and forthcoming. Miss Caples stated that this she could not render at this time. An ordinance was unanimously passed later on motion of Ald. Horsman repealing the ordinance providing for a special election to vote on the park question.

The following bills, which included \$877.14 for light in 1910, left unpaid by the former council, were ordered paid on motion of Ald. Muck; all yes:

T. Jonson, chairman	.....	\$27.50
A. Verdegan, burying dog	.....	1.00
C. MacDonald, box carbon	.....	2.50

D. A. Anson, burying 2 dogs	.....	2.00
Pacific Banker, printing	.....	8.60
Electric light, 1910	.....	877.14
Library rent	.....	20.00
Edmondson Co., supplies	.....	38.72
Flooring hose house	.....	5.00
J. I. Shurts, street repair	.....	6.00
Lumber for streets	.....	7.03
Cleaning pavement	.....	14.35
M. E. Davis, street repair	.....	2.50
Total	.....	\$1,018.49

Ald. Horsman stated that complaint had been made concerning the filthy manner in which bread is "hatched" out and nurtured and then disposed of to an unsuspecting public at a bake shop in the French block, and asked the beneficent aid of the health board in inducing the proprietor to keep his place in a manner more in conformity with the laws of cleanliness and sanitation. The suggestion was adopted, and the health board directed to abate the cause of complaint.

The improvement of Newton street was accepted on motion of Ald. Bredeson, after being accepted by the engineer and street committee.

The First National Bank was awarded \$22,500 worth of improvement bonds at par, accrued interest and a premium of \$50, on motion of Mr. Bredeson.

Fine Entertainment

The M. W. A. and R. A. gave the finest entertainment in their history in the M. W. A. hall last night. An unusually large crowd was in attendance. The program rendered was a most splendid one. Willard Cannon, the human trombone, was a whole show in himself, and pleased the audience immensely. The Royal Trio rendered delightful vocal music. There was a comic sketch, piano duets and song that were hard to beat. Dancing was indulged in after the program and appetizing refreshments were served. All who were fortunate enough to be present felt particularly pleased with themselves for being in attendance at this most enjoyable occasion.