

IN THE COMMON COUNCIL

FRANCHISE ASKED FOR RAILWAY ON BURNSIDE STREET.

City & Suburban Allowed to Repair Between Tracks on Morrison—Liquor License Amended.

The Common Council, at its meeting yesterday, made provision for the immediate repair of Morrison street by planking between the tracks, and for a foot on each side, and also for the permanent improvement of this space, by July 1, 1901. The sum of \$400 was appropriated to erect such planking between the tracks, and to secure a decision of the United States Supreme Court in regard to the legality of the city's method of making assessments for street improvements. The Portland Traction Company asked for franchises for lines on Burnside and Thirteenth streets. Jeff W. Hayes applied for a 20 years' franchise for messenger call system. Mulkey's ordinance requiring sidewalks east of Seventh street to be permanently improved by 1904 was passed. Liquor license for restaurant-keepers and others who do not sell by the drink was reduced to \$50 a quarter. Mayor Howe presided, and all the members were present.

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An ordinance to amend the pound ordinance, and providing that no animal shall be staked out in any street of the city or in such manner that it can get on the sidewalk, was read twice and referred to the health and police committee. This ordinance is intended to protect streets and sidewalks in tracts which are not yet built up.

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An ordinance providing that the city shall receive 5 per cent yearly of the fees for messenger service derived from said system.

An ordinance appropriating \$200 out of the general fund to purchase a wagon for the Health Department, and for placing a pump and bathtub at the pesthouse was passed.

An ordinance making a transfer of \$200 from the fund for the improvement of East Water street, to supply a deficiency, was passed.

An ordinance appropriating \$400 to provide for the expense of litigation and to pay the expense of City Attorney Long to Washington to endeavor to secure a decision of the United States Supreme Court on the legality of the procedure of this city in the matter of assessing the cost of street improvements was passed.

An ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works to dispose of surplus equipment of the Street-Cleaning and Sprinkling Department, was passed.

An ordinance authorizing the City & Suburban Railway Company to make certain repairs to Morrison street and Williams avenue, from Stanton street northward. It allows the company to repair Morrison street from Stanton to Chapman by removing the asphalt between the tracks, and for one foot on each side thereof, and putting down a plank roadway in accordance with the specifications of the City Engineer.

On motion of Mulkey, the ordinance was amended so as to provide that in return for the privilege of being allowed to lay a plank roadway in place of asphalt, the company shall lay a plank roadway on the street and on this plank roadway to be between the tracks and for a foot on each side with stone blocks on a concrete foundation. In the same manner as has been done at the intersection of Third and Morrison streets. The ordinance as amended passed.

The improvement on Williams avenue is to consist in cutting a strip out of the planking on the street, to allow of the laying of a double track railway.

Ordinances declaring the probable cost of certain streets and making appropriation for the cost thereof as follows were passed:

Welder street, from Williams avenue to East First, \$108 45.
East Fourth street, from Belmont to East Davis, \$735 82.

East Water street, from Hawthorne avenue, to East Morrison, \$207 25.

An ordinance declaring the proportionate share of the cost of constructing a sewer on East Sixteenth street, from Schuyler to East Morrison, and appropriating \$52 therefor, was passed.

Ordinances providing for the time and manner of constructing sewers in the following streets were passed:

East Taylor street, from East Thirtieth to East Thirty-third; East Sixth, from East Washington to East Alder; East Thirtieth, from East Taylor to Belmont.

On account of a monument against a sewer in East Sherman street, the matter was referred to the street committee. Ordinances adopting the report of the City Engineer in the matter of the extension of Fifth street in Couch's Addition, and the extension of Fifteenth street, from Belmont to East Yamhill, were passed.

Mulkey's ordinance to provide for the health and cleanliness of the city by requiring artificial stone, brick or asphalt sidewalks and stone or brick crosswalks to be laid on a large number of streets in the business part of the city before July, 1901, was put on its final passage and passed. A list of the streets was printed at the time the ordinance was introduced.

An ordinance declaring the order on block 157 a nuisance came up for final passage. The health and police committee, on examination, reported that the charge was sustained, and the laundry was a nuisance, but recommended that the ordinance be laid over in order to give the laundry people time to make the alterations and improvements suggested by the committee, which was done.

An ordinance introduced some time ago by Mulkey to amend the liquor license ordinance, and providing that restaurant-keepers, grocers and druggists, not having bars, and selling liquors in original packages, shall hereafter pay a tax of \$50 per quarter in addition to an occupation tax, instead of paying a license of \$100 per quarter as heretofore, was put on its final passage and passed.

A petition asking for the construction of a sewer in East Washington street was granted, and the City Engineer directed to prepare the necessary plans and specifications.

Similar action was taken in regard to a sewer in East Ash street, and on motion of Brougham a petition for a sewer in Hamilton street, from Illinois to Front street, south on Front to Seymour ave-

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