

FINAL SESSION OF OLD COUNCIL WAS A BUSY ONE

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ferred to the general fund, and a balanced and paid for. An overdraft of \$377.76 in the street and alley fund was taken care of. Years ago a levy was made for such a fund, but it was later discovered to be illegal, but not one of \$446.93 in the storm sewer fund was placed in the same place. This money was the remainder of a bond issue. The work had been completed from it.

Mr. Harris reported that the financial statement for the year showed there were no outstanding warrants against the city, with the exception of \$6,000 due to sanitary sewer construction, and these would all be taken care of by special assessment against the property owners. The report show a balance in the various funds of over \$12,500 and a balance of over \$10,000 in the light fund. City Treasurer Frank Abegg arose to remark that the \$12,500 included cash in the library and school funds.

The report of the park board for the biennium beginning May 1, 1919, was read by Councilman Harris. The board started out at that time with \$369.05 to their credit, and has since received \$2,915.18 by taxation. There has been disbursed \$1,907.20, leaving on hand a balance of \$1,305.06. Among the expenditures during the two years were \$1,088 for labor, \$200 for additional trees and \$612.80 for a dwelling for the caretaker, which was recently purchased at Antioch and moved to Alliance.

Mayor Rodgers announced that the term of F. A. Harris as member of the park board expired in January last, due to a change in the law. Mr. Harris was reappointed for a three-year term, and the council confirmed the appointment. The mayor announced that he had appointed the first park board seven years ago, consisting of M. S. Hargraves, F. A. Harris and E. H. Boyd. The latter two had been on the board all the time, the latest member being T. H. Barnes. Mr. Rodgers complimented the board on the work that had been accomplished.

Library Basement Bill

One of the old time difficulties was ironed out when the retiring council voted to appropriate \$2,278 from the general fund to take care of outstanding warrants of the library board to cover repairs and finishing the basement of the building, completed over a year ago. At the time the work was authorized, both the council and the library board were of the opinion that they had plenty of money to spend. City Manager Smith having furnished an estimate of the money to be realized from taxes based on the wrong figures. At that time, the board figured it would be able to spend \$500 and the council let it be understood they would pay the rest. Then the blow fell and it was learned that instead of the assessed valuation being a million dollars, it was less than

\$750,000. This wiped out the library board's surplus and made the council feel pretty poor, but the work had already been done.

Since then emissaries from the library board have from time to time beseeched the council to pay the bill, and at its last session, the council came across handsomely. Attorney Earl Meyer made the plea, and Councilman O. C. Moore made the motion that settled the matter.

For a time it looked as though the buck would be passed to the new council, but after two or three members had spoken in favor of the motion, it went through with a whoop. Mr. Harris suggested that it would be unwise to handicap the new council and pointed out that already 71 per cent of the available funds for the fiscal year had been spent, while only 60 per cent of the time had expired. The fact that there was a comfortable surplus in a fund or two made the councilmen feel generous, however, and not a man voted against the motion.

Pump Purchase Delayed.

Mayor Rodgers suggested that some action should be taken at once in regard to purchasing a new pump for one of the city's wells. A contract from the Rand company was on hand, and he intimated that there was no time like the present for signing it. Superintendent Rickman had done some investigating, he said, and was anxious to get the new equipment. The matter would probably have been shoved through, but Councilman-elect J. B. Irwin arose to make a few remarks on the subject of pumps, especially the air-lift variety, and at the close of his little talk it was decided to let the matter hold over for the attention of the incoming council, but commending it prayerfully to their attention.

An ordinance was passed to care for closing a portion of First street, near the Newberry warehouse, and opening another portion. This will not be published until some questions concerning the title are answered.

The council voted to set aside two half-blocks near the city park for use as a camping ground for tourists. This land is now owned by the city, and will be placed under the park board, which has some available funds to provide the necessary facilities in the way of water and lights. This is one of the biggest things done by the old council, and will help materially in putting Alliance on the tourist map. Other nearby cities have taken this step long ago.

City Clerk Kennedy then distributed the pay checks to the members and Mayor Rodgers arose to make his farewell address. He thanked the councilmen for their co-operation, intimated that a few of them were not 100 per cent patriotic and had missed meetings when they were in the city, but declared the council had accomplished all it had set out to do. He declared that it was possible some mistakes had been made, but that occasionally, too, they had been charged with making mistakes that had not been made. He said that the new council should have

the support of all citizens, and judged his own.

Police Judge T. D. Roberts then swore in the members of the new council, and the retiring councilmen withdrew from the easy chairs to positions of vantage where they might watch their successors.

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Lodden Charged With Failing to Buy License After Many Warnings

When Sheriff Miller or some other police officer reminds you that the automobile license on your car is missing or is out of date, don't neglect to take care of it. D. Lodden, employed by Ed Young on construction work, is in dutch right now because he failed to heed one of half a dozen warnings. A complaint was filed in county court yesterday, charging him with driving a car without a license on five separate and distinct occasions, on five separate and distinct days, and under the law each of these occasions is held to constitute a separate offense, for the reason that Mr. Lodden was given ample warning.

The first time Sheriff Miller warned Mr. Lodden that he was running afoul of the law, he said that this was even so, but that he had just had his car hauled in from the country, where it had been stalled, and that the repair artists wanted so much to put it in running order that he intended to junk it and realize what money he could from the sale of tires and other salable parts. The next time, however, that the eagle eye of the sheriff spied him, the car was filled with a cheerful party and the car seemed to be going under its own power. Once the sheriff took possession of the car and locked it up, but released it on the assurance of Mr. Lodden that he intended to take it right out and junk it. The storage and costs were paid, and the car went right back into service, still minus the license.

The case will probably come up for hearing some time Thursday or Friday.

PERSONALS

Agnes, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. VanKirk had her limb badly cut with a piece of glass Sunday while playing. It was necessary to take five stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. C. E. Pyle has been confined to her home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Gentry, accompanied by their daughters Retha, Olive and Mary Ellen, left last night for Norman, Neb., where they will attend the golden wedding of Mr. Gentry's parents. They expect to return Friday morning.

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George Fowler, Sr., was quite ill Saturday morning, but has recovered. Miss Minnie Lewis of Hemingford visited her sister, Mrs. J. F. Kase of Alliance Saturday.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Spath, near Yale Siding, April 11th, an eight pound boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prince, April 8th, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Donovan, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gammon of Hemingford are the parents of a baby girl, named Dorothea. Mrs. Gammon was formerly Miss Irma Lotsplech of Alliance.

Word has been received of the birth of an eleven pound girl to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lessolo, of Cambria, Wyo., April 3rd. Mrs. Lessolo was Miss Neva Howe of this city.

Invitations are out for the installation of officers of the Alliance Volunteer Firemen, to be held at the Armory, Wednesday evening, April 13. A pleasant evening has been arranged, including an athletic program and dancing.

NOTICE

Regular teachers' examination will be held at the court house April 23, 1921.

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The new city council has arranged to hold its next regular meeting next Thursday, and present plans are to hold meetings every two weeks thereafter. In addition to the regular meetings there will be conferences with the city manager, but it is quite probable that there will take the form of noon luncheons.



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