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CITY COUNCIL MET IN SULTRY HEAT LAST EVE

HUMID COUNCIL HOLDS SHORT SESSION FILLED WITH ROUTINE MATTERS

AGAINST HIGHER WATER RATE

Many Sidewalks Ordered and Grading Necessary to Complete Work

From Tuesday's Daily.

The session of the city council last evening was staged in a humid setting that made the members glad to hasten the business of the legislative body and seek the cooler atmosphere of the outdoors and during the session there were a great many routine matters handled.

The opening of the session for the construction of new sidewalks brought on a large number of requests for sidewalks over the different parts of the city that will be taken up as soon as the new work is opened up.

A communication was received from Fred Patterson objecting to paying the cost of paving on Pearl street between Third and Fourth streets as L. C. Sharp had desired the work and Mr. Patterson was earnestly paying any part that might be assessed against his property.

P. P. Meisinger presented a petition to the council asking permission to have a connection made with sewer on Marble street and on motion this was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee for action.

A communication was also received from E. J. Richey requesting a grade for sidewalk on North Fifth street near his property which was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee for action as Mayor Schneider stated that the work would require a great deal of filling and would cost a sum that should be looked into before being allowed.

Frank S. Sitzman and a number of residents of the south part of the city presented a communication asking that the city place a sidewalk adjoining the property of William Tuey and charge the same against the property. Mayor Schneider stated for the benefit of the petitioners that this sidewalk was among those that would be put in this season.

A request was also made by C. F. Ault and others for a grade on Gold street that would permit them putting in permanent walk and on motion this was sent to the streets, alleys and bridges committee.

The council also received a communication from G. G. Hoffman in regard to the Tuey hogs and the refuse that had accumulated in the hog yards and which the petitioner claimed was very annoying but no definite action was taken as the city physician is absent at the present time but on his return the mayor stated a "smelling" committee would be on the job.

Chief of Police Manspeaker reported that during the month of May five arrests had been made and the culprits turned over to the mills of justice.

City Clerk McElwain had been enjoying a very profitable month for May and turned over to the city treasurer \$1,501.72 as the result of taxes paid. Mayor Schneider stated that it was hoped to have the occupation taxes well collected by the next meeting so that the names of those refusing to pay might be laid before the council.

City Treasurer Soennichsen reported to the council the financial status of the city and showed a balance of \$71,896.21 in the treasury with registered warrants of \$109,109.31 outstanding.

Chairman Mason of the judiciary committee reported that the law in regard to the salary of police magistrates had been looked over and as this city was not in the class of 5,000 people or over it was not possible to raise the salary.

The fire and water committee through Chairman McCarthy brought in a report on the extension of the water mains on Lincoln avenue not recommending that the work be done as the water company had refused to do any more extension if an increase in rates was not granted. This report led to some discussion as to the needs and advisability of the extension. Councilman Mason thought that the residents of that portion of the city should be given adequate protection if possible and did not favor the acceptance of the report but rather that the matter be laid over temporarily.

Councilman Mauer and Council-

man Brittain were of the same opinion as Mr. Mason as to the need of some protection for the residents in the extreme southern portion of the city as was also Councilman Vroman. On the vote to accept the report of the committee Councilmen Mason, Brittain, Mauer and Vroman voted no with the six other councilmen supporting and the report was adopted.

The fire and water committee also reported that they had investigated the request for a raise in rates by the water company and recommended that the same be not allowed and this report was accepted by the unanimous vote of the council.

The lighting committee through Chairman Iverson reported that the lights were all out over the city on Sunday evening, June 5th and also that in a large number of places the electric wiring had been placed without any insulation and on motion the lighting committee was granted power to investigate the matter of the insulation not being on the wires as required.

The ordinance asking for a raise in gas rates was taken up and read for the second time and laid over for the third and final reading at the next meeting of the council.

The final report of the engineering firm on the curb and gutter work in the city which cost a total of \$17,881.99, was received and showed that the city had paid a partial payment of \$7,000 and which left a balance of \$10,881.99 due the contractor, Bert Coleman and on motion Mr. Coleman was allowed the sum of \$10,000 the city retaining \$881.99 until the final inspection is made.

The council on motion then decided to sit as a board of equalization on the curb and gutter work on Monday evening, July 12th.

The council then received the bids for sidewalk construction for the year 1920 and on motion the bid of Bert Coleman was accepted for the sum of 18 1/2 cents per foot.

Councilman Ptacek called the attention of the council to a number of trees near the residence of J. M. Leyda that interfered with the construction of the sidewalk and on motion the said trees were ordered cut down.

Councilman Mauer urged that some steps be taken to get a sidewalk near the fifth ward school as the children are compelled to walk eight or ten blocks in the mud to reach the school and on motion the matter was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee.

Councilman Brittain called the attention of the council to the need for some work on the interior of the city jail in the way of cleaning and on motion this was referred to the parks and improvement committee and also brought up the matter of the dumping of refuse and dead animals at the dump east of the city.

Councilman John Mauer stated that it had been reported that a number of wild women and wild men had been reported as being in the city at different times and causing more or less trouble and thought some action should be taken but the matter was not definitely acted on as the mayor was undecided whether the matter should go to the parks and improvement or fire committee or to the city clerk so the status quo will remain.

The finance committee of the council reported the following claims which were ordered paid:

Mike Lutz, street commissioner	\$102.00
D. B. Ebersole, repairs	2.00
John Cochal, street work	74.60
Luke Renner, street work	128.70
John Maurer, street work	72.00
James Wynn, street work	72.50
William Hassler, repairs	12.75
Kroehler Bros., mds.	17.05
Lincoln Tele. & Tele. Co. rent	6.40
Wash A. Young, repairs to grader	5.00
A. Nitka, street sprinkling	142.00
John Zitka, street cleaning	72.45
Jacob Meisinger, work at cemetery	4.50
Mike Staska, work at cemetery	27.00
Edward Svoboda, work at cemetery	38.25
Kroehler Bros., five guards for grader	2.19
Frank Svoboda, work at cemetery	36.00
Charles Tulene, work at cemetery	16.90
Joe Price, same	38.25
George Decker, same	4.50
Louis Hoesak, same	4.56
A. C. Tulene, same	13.50
Frank Pochanec, same	40.50
E. J. Richey, cement and lumber	4.70
Henry Gouchenour, street work	140.40
Claus Boetel, burying three dogs	1.95
Neb. Gas & Electric Co. street lighting	219.72
Weyrich & Hadaba, mds. to city	.60
E. Manspeaker, salary	100.00
C. E. McBride, salary	100.00
M. Archer, salary	30.00

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