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## CITY COUNCIL.

was called to order at 8:25 o'clock, records read; and it took fifteen minutes to do it. Full council present, except Attorney Smoot.

George L. Wrenn has made no reply to the request of the council, that he have the plat of his unrecorded addition, down where he, Messrs. Aldridge, Baker and others live, recorded in accord with the laws of the state, and the ordinances of the city.

The city attorney read two ordinances, he had prepared, by request of the council, abolishing the offices of city engineer and superintendent of streets. They were referred to finance committee and attorney. The city collector's bond was referred back for correction. The fire and water committee reported on Mr. Driscoll's affair where the contractor used water and did not pay for it, that his requested rebate be not granted. Report adopted. The owner of the property is and must be held liable for water used by the contractor, and by any tenants who do not pay for the water used by them. Alderman Phillips made a strong speech in defense of owners who never were notified of deficits, and bills were one to two years behind hand. Mr. Cobb wanted to know how Mr. Phillips happens to know so much about this matter and he was told. Mr. Cobb thought there were plenty of dishonest folks in this city. He did not propose to pay for these dead ducks: let them pay or shut off their water.

Alderman Cushman explained his report in reply to Col. Davidson's question whether this report was retrospective or referred to the future. He suggested that during the hard times we had become slack on enforcing these collections, but now that prosperity had come we collect right up to the law. Mr. Phillips said if the city would live up to its rules, he would accept the report, and he wanted the report amended so as to have all bills be sent to the owner of the property, and it was carried five to

one. Mr. Cushman said send bills to the owner or his agent "only." Messrs. Obee, Cobb, Fritsch, Davidson and Smoot participated in the discussion for nearly or quite an hour, when it was adopted slightly modified. Mr. Cobb wanted to know if anybody was to get favors; if there was to be any partiality.

Mr. Bock's plan for a \$400 building for fire apparatus, the committee said no; it is too cheap. Mr. Cushman presented a minority report, who said a building was a necessity, and he deprecated municipal pride in a fine building. He wanted his report substituted for the other one. Messrs. Cobb and Obee opposed expenditure for a cheap building now, while in the very near future a proper city building for all purposes will be provided. The minority report was lost and the majority one passed, by five votes to one for the minority report.

The matter of gates at the crossing down by S. M. Coe's came up, with a letter from Superintendent Lawson, and Clerk Finney's reply to him. Mr. Lawson wrote a very courteous letter. Mr. Cushman wanted the attorney instructed to proceed at once to enforce the original order, and it was done.

Some months ago the council called on Mr. Flinn, ex-city treasurer, for a report on his deposits as treasurer and the interest he had received on the same. Mr. Flinn has declined to do anything and the finance committee's report was referred to the attorney for action, if there is any ground for action.

Daniel Collins' late complaint of superintendent of streets taking up his crossing was reported on and Mr. Nolan's action approved.

The Laing & Happ matter of extra work on Vine avenue west of about \$400 value was disallowed by the city engineer, and the committee reported against paying for these so claimed extras.

The bills were reported and ordered paid. Alderman Cushman

wanted the police to enforce the ordinances against fast riding across the bridges and riding bicycles on the sidewalks. An order for making a rebate of 7 per cent to James McDonald for cash payment of his entire assessment on the Central avenue pavement was given to the finance committee with power to act. Alderman Phillips called on the police committee for a report on their investigation of the illegal sales of liquors in the city. They were instructed to report in writing at the next regular meeting.

## OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The "Automatic" Willcox & Gibbs machine is most popular with intelligent ladies.

Wilford H. Hall, after spending a month in old Kentucky and two days at home, is off to Indianapolis for a brief visit to some of his Hoosier friends.

James Tweedie, who has had charge of the grounds at the Exmoor country club, left yesterday for Indianapolis, where he is to lay out golf grounds for the country club of that city. Those competent to judge say a more efficient man than Mr. Tweedie could not be secured for that purpose.

It is said the reason of the temporary suspension of work on the electric railroad is the delay in getting rails and other materials, and this grows out of the revival of business making such demand for freight cars that the roads can't deliver as fast as wanted. That is where McKinley and prosperity is working an injury, is it?

Mr. King, the gentlemanly supt. of the electric railroad, has an office in Goldberg's opera house block. He is one of the most competent electric railroad men in the country. He has had charge of constructing many if not most of the roads built by Mr. Loss; indeed next to bankers, he is Mr. Loss' right hand man. We know he is having a first class job done here.