

CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

The city council met in regular session on Tuesday evening last week, Mayor Evans in the chair. The entire board was present with the exception of Aldermen McCaffrey and Turner. Acknowledgements were received from our state senator and one representative of resolutions relating to special assessment legislation.

The petition of Messrs. Thorn, Spencer, et al, asking for conference between city council and property owners in the matter of improving St Johns ave, between Laurel and Sheridan road, reopened the east and westside fight, with the various problems relating to electric railway privileges looming up in the background. The petition was introduced by Alderman Davidson, who warmly sustained the cause of the petitioners. Aldermen Phillips and Obee took decided issue against the motion to concur which was finally lost; Aldermen Davidson and Brand alone voting affirmatively.

A petition was read from Laing & Happ requesting payment of \$621.41, balance alleged to be due them on their Vine ave. contract. Like similar communications from this firm their petition was tabled.

Petition of more than three-fourths of the owners of Sheridan road (old Port Clinton ave) frontage prayed the council to declare their street a pleasure boulevard. Motion favoring same passed and ordinance went through under suspension of the rules.

Petition of fifty voters and property owners in second ward asking that the office of Alderman Turner be declared vacant, because of the failure of Dr. Turner to take his seat. Referred to city attorney.

Report of Dr. Adolph Guthman bacteriologist of board of health, Chicago, giving his analysis of ten samples of Highland Park water furnished him from Dec. 23 to Jan. 23 last. All of these samples showed presence of colon bacillus as the result of constant sewage contamination, perhaps half of the time in all seasons. He is an advocate of sand bed filtration and prescribed filtration as the only possible relief. His report was accepted and the water committee authorized to secure expert opinions from \$90 to \$75. Council direct-

upon the cost of sand bed filter. Report of Superintendent Laing of the water works showed an increased pumpage of 6,264,192 gallons during past quarter. The daily average water pumped for all purposes was 227,770 gal. The total pumpage 20,945,740.

Insurance on boilers and pumping plant to the amount of \$10,000 was transferred from the agency of W. A. Alexander to that of H. L. Re Qua and premium reduced ed repairs and painting for H. &

L. truck. A credit balance of \$651.47 in the water works improvement fund was ordered transferred to the water fund and the former account closed. Requisitions for supplies for various departments were approved. Bills were audited to the amount of \$800. Report of the clerk and treasurer showed receipts for the month of January to be \$127.58, disbursements \$1492.89, leaving balance in treasury Feby. 1, of \$9365.91. Adjourned.

Winnetka Department

Mrs. George H. Leslie is very ill. Mrs. George Whitney is a victim of the grippe. Mrs. W. H. King has returned from the East. Mrs. M. K. Meyer is ill as a result of the cold wave. Mr. Ed. Weart is now at the home of Mr. J.

Miss V. Cushing is staying in Chicago for a few weeks. Mr. Guy Windes is home from school for a few days. Mr. Louis Favour has returned from his Eastern trip. Miss Kate Dwyer was too ill to be in school Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cole left Feb. 6 for a trip to California. School was closed on Friday—the result of a broken furnace.

Rev. Dowd has been confined to his bed with a severe cold. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have returned from their wedding trip.

Mrs. H. A. de Windt left Feb. 6 for a two-months' visit in the East. Mrs. W. B. Dyer has been called to the bedside of her father who is very ill.

Mrs. MacMurry, of Joliet, spent a few days this week with the Misses Wakem.

Mrs. L. E. Goltman, of Rock Falls, Ill., is visiting Mrs. W. S. Worman.

Dr. S. G. McCracken spent Sunday in Winnetka, and his friends rejoiced at his coming.

Mr. Lucas still a sufferer from his accident chronicled in last week's NEWS-LETTER.

The Choral Union will gladly accept any new members who care to join. Meetings on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Col. J. B. Sanborn will give for the first time, his illustrated lecture on the Spanish-American war

at the Congregational church, Thursday evening, February 16th, at eight o'clock. Col. Sanborn will very generously donate the proceeds of this lecture to the Woman's Guild of Episcopal church, and the Woman's society of the

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