

CITY COUNCIL.

Regular meeting Tuesday evening, May 2, 1899.

Officers present: Mayor Evans, Alderman McCaffrey, Brand, Phillips, Cobb, Davidson, Grant and Obee and Attorney Smoot.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of clerk, treasurer, and supt. of water works for year were read and ordered filed. Several bills were presented and ordered paid.

Reports of committees. Alderman Phillips made a lengthy statement, attacking the position of the board of health in the filter matter. It is Mr. Phillips' opinion that a filter or other means of purifying the water, is much needed; that the board of health in its report has misrepresented many facts; that its report, coming at the time it did, was distributed for political effect. Mr. Phillips took occasion to pay his respects to Lewis B. Hibbard, correspondent for a Waukegan paper, who has been bitterly opposed to the filter bed project and who has claimed that the movement for the same savors of jobbery. Mr. Phillips gave a detailed explanation of his ideas on the water question after having studied the question a long time.

In the matter of petition for annexation by citizens of Ravinia, those who presented the petition asked leave to withdraw the same, and their request was granted. The report of the finance committee on annexation, presented by Alderman Davidson, was by mutual consent set aside. Report of finance committee on water rate for factory purpose. It was recommended that the matter be laid on table. Reports of fire and water committee on Mrs. Steers and Ernst water bills petition. On motion of Alderman Phillips, second by Obee the request was granted. The fire and water committee next reported favorably on a petition from property owners on Dean ave. for a water main. Report received and adopted. Report of fire and water committee on board of health report was read and accepted. An ordinance amending Chapter 17, sec. 153, was introduced and approved.

At this point the rules were suspended by a unanimous vote

and a number of bills were ordered paid.

In the matter of pay for judges and clerks of election, it was voted unanimously to fix the compensation at \$3.00 per day.

Alderman Phillips introduced an ordinance fixing salaries of city officers, and moved a suspension of rules in order to consider the same. Carried.

The ordinance, as read, fixed the compensation of the different city officials as follows; city clerk, \$1000 per annum; city attorney, \$500; city treasurer, \$450; foreman of streets, \$720; each policeman, except such policemen as are appointed for special duty and for a limited time less than a year, \$600; superintendent of water works, \$1000; assistant superintendent, \$780; city collector, as allowed by law; to be paid in monthly instalments on the first day of each month for the preceding month of service.

Alderman Phillips moved and Alderman Cobb seconded the adoption of the ordinance as read. Alderman Davidson moved and McCaffrey seconded an amendment substituting \$1,200 per year for salary of clerk in lieu of \$1,000, and \$600 for foreman of streets, in lieu of \$720. The amendment was lost. Ayes, McCaffrey, Brand and Davidson; nays, Phillips, Cobb, Grant and Obee. The ayes and nays were then called on the ordinance as originally submitted, and were as follows: Ayes, Aldermen Phillips, Cobb, Grant and Obee; nays, Aldermen McCaffrey, Brand and Davidson. The ordinance not receiving a majority vote of the aldermen was declared lost.

Alderman Phillips moved and was seconded by Cobb that the council proceed to canvas the returns of the last election and fill vacancy in Second Ward. Mayor appointed tellers, etc., and the ballot box was opened. It was found that Mr. Clampitt received 85 votes and J. S. Prall 64. Alderman Grant moved and was seconded by McCaffrey, that Mr. A. G. Clampitt, having received a majority vote, be declared elected to fill vacancy. Carried unanimously, and Mr. Clampitt took his seat.

Alderman Phillips moved a reconsideration of the ordinance fixing salaries of city officers, which was carried. Alderman Phillips called for a vote on the ordinance which resulted as follows: Ayes, Phillips, Clampitt, Cobb, Grant and Obee; nays, McCaffrey, Brand and Davidson. Carried. It was finally up to Mayor Evans, who vetoed it, giving it as his opinion that the salaries of superintendent of streets and marshal were too high. Alderman Phillips moved, and was seconded by Alderman Obee, that the ordinance be adopted, notwithstanding the objection of the mayor. The motion was lost by a vote of 5 to 3, it being: Ayes, Aldermen Phillips, Clampitt, Cobb, Grant and Obee; nays, Aldermen McCaffrey, Brand and Davidson.

The street railway matter was then taken up and carried, all voting for it save Aldermen Brand and Davidson. Alderman Phillips moved for the adoption of an ordinance, and all voted in favor of it except Mr. Davidson.

The city clerk was instructed to make out water bills for May, 1899, the same as those of May, 1898.

Mr. Phillips then secured the floor and delivered a speech of some length, severely scoring the board of health. After the above Mr. Phillips moved that the vote of the last election be canvassed, which was done, and after a vote of thanks to the retiring mayor, the old council adjourned sine die.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

On the adjournment of the old council the officers-elect qualified by taking the oath of office and filing the same with the city clerk. They are as follows: Mayor, Daniel Cobb; Aldermen, McCaffrey, First Ward; Van Riper, Second Ward; Stubbs, Third Ward, and Grant, Fourth Ward, and city attorney, S. F. Knox.

The clerk informed the mayor that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order with Mayor Cobb in the chair. In taking up the business before the new council the first work was a petition of Hose Co. No. 1, with several signers from the hook and ladder company, for the retention of Mr. A. Bock as chief of the department. Referred to mayor.