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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WILL SPEND LARGE SUM ON JAIL

Ten Thousand Dollars to be Devoted to Improvements on Lines Suggested by Grand Jury -- Site of Sanatorium Referred to Committee -- No Action Taken on Extension to Hospital Proposal.

At the meeting of the municipal council yesterday afternoon after considerable discussion, the proposal for an extension to the general public hospital was referred back to the finance committee for further details. Delegates for and against the suggestion to build the new sanatorium for tuberculosis patients on Merritt street, off Douglas Avenue, were heard. Mayor Frink submitted as an alternative, that an annex for the purpose might be built to the Home for incurables. After a lengthy discussion for tuberculosis patients on Merritt street of five to report back, it was decided to spend \$10,000 in repairs and improvements to the jail on the lines suggested in the recommendations of the grand jury. A recommendation to impose a license on junk dealers doing business in the county was adopted.

The first matter taken up was the matter of the extension to the general public hospital. Commissioner McLellan, after a motion had been made to adopt the section providing for the financing of the scheme, arose to speak on the matter. He condemned the plans for the new extension, claiming that when the idea was first mooted, a fireproof construction was to be built. In the plans submitted to the council for their adoption, he said he could find no provision made for protection in the construction of the addition. Moreover, he objected that the new building, if erected in the location indicated in the plans, gave no chance of fighting fire in the event of such an occurrence at the hospital. The claim that a roadway could be constructed from City Road up to the proposed new building would prove impractical. He found, he said, on visiting the hospital a few days ago, that the present nurses' home could accommodate about 30 patients, and it would be much better to put the \$20,000 into providing a new residence for the nurses, than to follow the intention of erecting an extension of which the future was altogether lacking in details. He moved as an amendment to the motion, that the matter be referred back to the finance committee for further details.

Senator Daniel took exception to the argument of Mr. McLellan. He said that if it had not been for the financial phase of the question, the committee would have favored a new hospital. According to the plans submitted, the cost of the extension would be \$20,000. Before the plans had been drafted at all it had been understood that the extension should be of such a nature as to afford protection in case of fire, and it was stipulated that no inflammable material should be used in the construction.

Commissioner Schofield said that all the commissioners felt the need of an extension to the hospital, and realized that the rapid increase in patients from year to year, demanded that the hospital be extended in principle, but only to the ways and means.

Commissioner Agnew also spoke against the adoption of the report on the extension, until more detailed information could be procured.

Dr. Walker was also strongly opposed to the extension according to the plan submitted to the council. He said he was entirely against the location of the extension on the eastern wing, as it would cut off most of the light from the rooms in that section. Moreover, access to the epidemic hospital would be cut off as well. The water system installed at the hospital a short time ago as a protection against fire, would have to be replaced.

The idea seemed to meet with hearty approval by the majority of the delegation present from the Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

Dr. Walker, as a member of the board of governors of the hospital, said that the suggestion impressed him personally very favorably. At present the hospital was a place of death, and such a suggestion would be a great improvement.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, representing the delegation from the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, and a number of ladies were heard in strong appeals to the council to grapple with the question without delay.

Mr. Agnew thought the matter should go to the committee of finance and accounts for them to deal with immediately.

Commissioner Schofield pointed out that the change from the derelict system to the present one necessitates a number of changes in the finance and account committee and consequently to ensure an immediate and thorough consideration of the question a special committee should be named to deal with the matter.

Commissioner Agnew moved that the committee of five be appointed to deal with the question of a suitable site for the projected sanatorium, as well as other details of the scheme, and to report back to the council at a special meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the delegates retired apparently satisfied.

The report of the grand jury relative to conditions in the county jail, was submitted. The report showed conditions which demanded the application of an immediate remedy. It recommended among other things that the walls be scraped and material applied which could be washed down at intervals for a day and that new beds, racks or lines for airing the clothing of the prisoners, etc., be installed. The grand jury of the higher court also made recommendations for repairs and improvements which they found urgently needed.

The report of the two juries elicited a spirited discussion on the part of the councillors. The dispute arose over a motion by Mayor Frink to the report.

Commissioner McLellan said that as a member of the grand jury which had made the recommendations, and as one who had signed the report, he would say unhesitatingly that conditions in the jail were found to be such that he "would hate to keep a dog, where I saw some men lying."

The ventilation system was a disgrace, and nothing less than criminal. The matter was one that should not be left off, but demanded immediate recognition for the sake of humanity. Sooner or later the repairs and improvements will have to be made and he was thoroughly in accord with the project of making expenditure necessary to remedy the conditions.

As an amendment to Mayor Frink's motion, Mr. McLellan then moved that the report of the jury, with the recommendations, be referred to the buildings committee with full power to act, and to carry out the recommendations contained in the report, the outlay for the repairs and improvements not to exceed \$10,000. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Agnew.

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