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Reconstruction of York Street Pavement And the Extension of Water and Sewerage Systems and City Streets Were Considered

Long Meeting of the City Council in Committee Last Night—Want Water System Extended to Hermitage—Aberdeen Street Extension Suggested

Last night's meeting of the City Council developed into one of the longest and in some respects the most important held for some time. Many matters were considered during the evening including a grant for public playgrounds, the extension of the water system up the Woodstock Road, the extension of Aberdeen street south and the reconstruction of the tarvia pavement on York street. No definite action was taken regarding continuing the Employment Service bureau in the city.

W. E. McMillen appeared before the city council on behalf of the city playgrounds committee, asking that the city grant a sufficient sum to put the grounds in shape for recreation purposes. He reviewed briefly the work done in connection with the playgrounds, referring to the grant of \$500 which had been received and expended by the committee last year. Over \$800, he stated, had been raised last year by the committee and expended during the summer and early fall in providing an athletic supervisor for the revival of sport in the city.

As a member of the Y. M. C. A. he referred to the work of that institution and to the work of C. H. Cochran, physical director, who was very willing to act for the city as an athletic supervisor at the grounds he fitted for that purpose. This, the speaker stated, would cost in the vicinity of \$400 and would include both seating and grading of the grounds this year.

The matter will be reported upon by a committee of the council at this evening's meeting.

Extension of Water System.

R. W. McLellan on behalf of a delegation interested in property on the Woodstock Road appeared before the council asking that water and sewerage systems be extended up the Government House Lane. He stated that recently property to the amount of \$12,000 had been lost in a conflagration breaking out there chiefly because there was no available fire protection for that neighborhood. Before those who had lost property would go ahead in rebuilding they wished to ascertain whether the conditions would be the same in the future, and they petitioned for the extension of the water and sewerage system from the Government House to the Hermitage bridge. The petition was signed by about twenty residents of the vicinity, who asked that this condition of affairs, which had been allowed to exist so long, be remedied. Among those who signed the petition was Archibald Fraser.

Orio Brewer, who had lost his residence, confirmed the former speaker's words.

Mr. McLellan stated that while sewerage was also desired the extension of the water system was an absolute necessity.

When the matter came up for discussion City Engineer McDowell stated he thought the citizens of that neighborhood should be given a water system, as they needed it badly.

Ald. Neill thought water ought to be extended that far, too.

Ald. Cooper thought, if the water

was put up there, it would benefit the city as well as the petitioners.

The city engineer stated that in other cities and towns vacant lots in such a position were taxed specially for this purpose.

Ald. Wilkinson said the city ought to give the people of that neighborhood a reasonable protection from fire. He thought that a revenue would be derived from the extension of the water system and it would also encourage further building. The sewerage question, he thought, was a harder one to solve.

Ald. Baxter was in favor of the extension.

Ald. Cooper moved that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the council, the city engineer to estimate the cost and prepare a report. This was seconded by Ald. Barker and passed.

The question arose as to whether or not, after the system was extended, the people would use the water.

Ald. Cain stated that the delegation had made reference to the fact that the water in present use was practically unsanitary.

Aberdeen Street Extension.

A petition from a number of ratepayers asking for the extension of Aberdeen street to University avenue was read.

Ald. Neill stated that there had been a movement on foot for some time for the extension of the street, as it would save taking a more roundabout course and it was a matter of getting the right way to University avenue. Some time ago when a downtown resident started to build a house on the line of the proposed extension the residents of the city had petitioned the City Council to stop the building, but it had been permitted to go on at the time, and if the street were extended, the house might be moved. Both Union and Aberdeen streets ought, he said, to be extended.

On motion of Ald. Young, seconded by Ald. Cain, the matter was referred to the City Engineer to look into all phases of the situation and report back to the City Council at its next meeting.

The Pumping Station Site.

The matter of the buying of the Pumping Station site was brought up. The city had offered \$2,000 for the lot while the price asked by the Provincial Government was \$2,500.

Mayor Reid said the City Solicitor had written concerning the matter and as he understood it, the offer of \$2,000 had been refused. He thought the matter ought to be taken up. There had been a verbal agreement, he stated, to give the city free use of the site. If purchase was to be made, the price should be based on land values at the time the agreement was made. However, a decision ought to be made one way or another.

Mayor Reid suggested that the City Council appoint a committee of three to attend a meeting of the Hospital Board, the committee to co-operate with that board in the matter of an endowment fund for the hospital. The

Propose \$50 Fee for Out-of-Town Jitneys

At the City Council meeting last night Ald. Neill on behalf of residents of this city who conduct a jitney business in the city, gave notice of motion as follows: "Resolved, that subsection (a) of section 4 of by-law 47 be repealed and that non-residents conducting a jitney business in the city be taxed \$50, while residents be taxed \$15."

Board of Trade, City Club and Commercial Club, he stated, would also be represented.

Ald. Cain, Jennings and Hall were appointed by Mayor Reid.

Ald. Young for the fire committee reported that the salaries of the three drivers had been fixed at \$70 a month. The salary of Driver Bearlato was to include any outside work in connection with wiring or the fire alarm system. This was put in the form of a motion, seconded by Ald. Baxter, and passed.

The Weigh Scales and Wharves.

Ald. Cooper stated that since the auction for the city scales had been called off by City Engineer McDowell had put a man at the scales who was watching the revenue each day. He suggested that the city pay a man a fixed salary to look after the revenue as the auctioning off of the scales had not been a very satisfactory arrangement. He suggested that for the present month the matter be left over and decided upon at the June meeting.

The revenue averaged over \$3 a day since the auction had been called off, but he thought that the city did not gain anything by such a method, as they might easily make more than that.

Mayor Reid thought that the wharf privileges could be held up another month.

Ald. Cooper stated that he did not know what the revenue was from the wharves, but he thought that the city could easily handle both matters by paying one man a salary to look after both.

Ald. Wilkinson thought that the better way to do was to sell the privileges, as he did not think that under present conditions it could be worked out.

Ald. Neill moved that the matter of the wharves be left to the wharf committee with power to act.

Ald. Young thought that the two wharves and scales, ought to be sold together.

Ald. Neill seconded Ald. Wilkinson's motion and this was passed.

Ald. Camp moved that the roads and streets department be empowered to purchase a two-horse sprinkler for the roads and streets during the coming summer, the estimated cost of the machine to be in the vicinity of \$800. Considerable discussion took place on this matter, some of the aldermen favoring the idea of a motor sprinkler.

The matter was finally stood over. The roads and streets committee was authorized to purchase a motor sprinkler, as it was found that more of these could be used effectively.

York Street Paving Work.

Ald. Cain asked if the council would empower the city engineer to go ahead with proposed improvements to two blocks of road on York street between Brunswick and Charlotte streets.

When called upon to explain the plan of work Engineer McDowell stated that there were two ways of going about it, either tearing off the top of the road for some fourteen inches or building up the earth and raise the street at least six and probably eight inches. The latter way he thought was the more feasible, as if fourteen inches were cut off the crown of the road it would bring the work too near the water mains. When asked by the mayor if there were any danger of floods, he said that he had considered that, and the only place where this would be liable to occur was in front of the Brunswick street Baptist church, where the ground was boggy.

The plan he had suggested of raising the street and curbing would cost in the vicinity of \$12,000, but, he stated, the other would cost at least half as much more, as it would mean that all the stone removed from the crown of the road would have to be hauled away and practically a new road put in. It would cost at least one-third more than the permanent paving. The Telephone Company, he stated, were contemplating putting in a telephone conduit on York street as well as from Carleton to Westmorland on Brunswick street, and this he thought might aid in the work.

Ald. Wilkinson was of the opinion that tenders for contracts ought to be called for for the curbing both there and on Charlotte street.

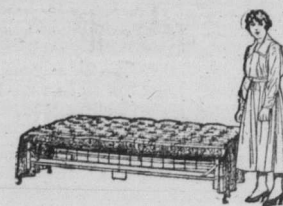
Ald. Neill was against any expenditure of such a sum on York street, as he thought that this street might well be repaired at a cost much less than that named while the remainder of the money could be spent on other streets.

City Engineer McDowell thought that the proposed work was of great importance and stated that the whole council ought to be appointed a committee to look into the situation.

Ald. Camp said that the city expended \$3,000 a year as a salary for the city engineer and it was now drawing down to a question as to whether or not they thought he was a competent man. If so why did they not take his advice to come from one who knew what he was talking about? If they did not think he was competent why did they not get a man whom they considered was.

Ald. Cooper thought that if the council were to do as the city engineer suggested they would make no mistake. Ald. Neill was afraid that the council would invite too much criticism by doing so.

The matter was finally left to the City Council as a committee to meet with the engineer this evening at 7 o'clock on York street and look over the whole situation.



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