

Adjourned Regular Session of Council

Grand Junction Wednesday June 15, 1895

The adjourned regular monthly meeting of the Council was held at 8 P.M., His Honor Mayor Deason presiding. Present: Aldermen Barton Coleman, Dean, McCarry, Prick & Lobaton. Absent: Alderman Gannon.

The minutes of these previous meetings were read, collected and approved. Mr. Crawford appeared on behalf of citizens of the Crawford Addition, and asked that the rail road crossing on Main St be placed in a reasonably safe condition. He stated that it was now over a year since citizens had petitioned the Council for relief. After some discussion on motion of Alderman Barton seconded by Ald. Dean, the matter was referred to Com. Streets, Culley & Bridges.

The Clerk read a lengthy petition from the Grand Junction Water Co and signed by its President Wm Deakinson of Cheery, asking for permission to repair its system including the taking up of old pipe where necessary and replacing same with the latest improved pipe claiming it was for the mutual interest of citizens & the Water Co. After some studies from his Honor the Mayor, in which he stated that he had at one time appointed a Committee to examine into the system but the Water Co had persistently refused to give such a test as would enable the Committee to report intelligently; and some questioning of the representatives of the Water Co, by Ald. McCarry, Judge Caswell on behalf of the Water Co, addressed the Council in support of the petition.

Moved by Ald. Barton and seconded that the whole matter be referred to the Street Committee. After some amendments lost for want of a second, Ald. Barton by mutual consent withdrew his motion and moved as a substitute that a special Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to investigate the matter. Seconded by Ald. Dean. An amendment was offered by Ald. Prick seconded by Ald. McCarry that the Committee report at next meeting of Council. Carried *via voce*.

Original motion as amended was then adopted *via voce*. The Chair appointed as such special Committee Barton Coleman & McCarry.

Petition of Mr. L. F. Dyrness for section of a cord shed read and on motion referred to Committee Fire & Police Dep.

Reports of City Clerk, Marshal, Treasurer, City Wagoner & Police Magistrate were read. His Honor the Mayor referred to the McCarry Case reported by the Police Magistrate in which the defendant was discharged and costs taxed against the City. In the discharge of his duties as an officer of the City he had arrested the man McCarry and he and two other witnesses had substantiated the charge of swindling in Court. He had since met McCarry in Denver and the man had acknowledged the justice of the charge.

He thought the Council could not afford to let the matter pass unnoted as it might seriously interfere with the proper administration of justice. He was willing to submit a statement in writing to the Committee. The Reports were then referred to the Committee on Finance by the Chair. Ald. Barton Chairman Committee Fire & Police Dep. made a report condemning the Doleand Building on Main St. as unsafe and dangerous to life and person and recommending its removal. On motion the Report was adopted and the Chair instructed the Marshal to notify the owners to remove the building at once.

Ald. McCarry Chairman of the Special Com. on Electric Rights verbally reported that they had been in communication with the Electric Light Co. and had submitted a proposition; the Company though its secretary had promised a reply and a counter proposition but as yet they had not received it.

Continued Folio 366

A communication was read from the City Clerk appointing D. F. McCarry as his representative. On motion of Ald. Barton, seconded by Ald. Dean, D. F. McCarry was appointed Clerk Pro Tem.

The Finance Committee Chairman has reported favorably the claim of H.C. Hall; also had examined reports of City officers for April and approved same. Report accepted and on motion claim \$749 of H.C. Hall for 17.50 was allowed. Ayes: Barton, Coleman, Dean, Lee, McCoy, Prady & Wharton. Nays None.

The following claims were read:
 *193 J. J. Secord 10.50; 194 W. J. Mundy 1.00; *195 B. F. Jay 25.00; 196 C. H. Ketchum 2.50
 *197 M. O. Whittaker 2.00; 198 J. W. Dodgin 2.00; *199 Smuck & Cox 58.30; *200 Ed Welch 1.75
 *201 Fred Mills 15.75; 202 G. R. Barton Ford Mantley 3.10; 204 Dave Nelson 5.00; 205 R. Bronick 11.35
 *206 P. C. Johnson 7.00; 207 A. Lewis 42.00; 208 Paul Knudsen 7.00; 209 Edith Jones 3.50; 210 B. Quinn 7.60
 *211 E. Thomas 4.00; 212 H. E. Grubbs 8.75; 213 M. A. Gifford 45.00; 214 Arthur Rush 7.85; 215 Jas. Whitley 3.50
 *216 J. H. Haddock 9.40; 217 J. G. Green 10.40; 218 The Times Pub. Co. 20.55;

These claims having been duly O.K'd by proper authority were on motion allowed and clerk ordered to draw warrants for the same: Ayes: Aldermen Barton, Coleman, Dean, Lee, McCoy, Prady & Wharton. Nays: None.

Claim #192 C. W. Rundle 5.20 for July fees, was disallowed, the City Attorney stating that under the ~~charter~~ the Council had no power to entertain such a claim. Ordinance The City Council ^{not be compelled to pay claims}

Ordinances

Ordinances 44 & 45 were then taken from the table; after considerable deliberation and discussion, an amendment by Alderman McCoy seconded by Ald Prady that so much of Ordinance 44 as repeated sections 2 & 3 be struck out. ^{was voted on} Last: Ayes Aldermen McCoy, Prady, Nays Barton, Coleman, Dean, Lee, & Wharton.

On motion Ordinance 44 was then adopted as read: Ayes Barton, Coleman, Dean, Lee & Wharton. Nays McCoy & Prady.

On motion Ordinance 45 was adopted as read: Ayes: Barton, Coleman, Dean, Lee, McCoy, Prady & Wharton. Nays None.

On motion of Alderman Prady the night policeman was instructed to strictly enforce the closing of the saloons at midnight. Carried viva voce.

Policeman Meann asked the Council for more specific instructions, as to and was so instructed by the City Attorney.

Moved by Ald. Dean and seconded by Ald McCoy that the City Janitor designate the hour of nine P.M. by five taps of the fire alarm bell, and that the marshal and night policeman be instructed to notify young people of both sexes, under 18 years of age to retire from the streets at that hour. Carried unanimously.

The resignation of Samuel G. McMillin as City Clerk was then taken from the table. On motion of Ald Barton, seconded by Ald Dean, the resignation was accepted to take effect when his successor qualified for the office.

Communications were read from Guy V. Stenberg, F. W. Cobb, E. A. Beckett and C. M. White applying for the vacant clerkship.

On motion of Ald McCoy the Council proceeded to an informal ballot for City Clerk: Aldermen Coleman & Wharton were appointed tellers. Result C. M. White 1; F. W. Cobb 3; A. J. Mahan 1; E. A. Beckett 2. On motion of Ald Wharton, seconded by Ald Barton the Council proceeded to formal ballot. Result:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
C. M. White	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1
F. W. Cobb	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	
A. J. Mahan	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
G. V. Stenberg													1
E. A. Beckett													1

A motion was made to adjourn after 7th formal ballot and lost.

F. B. Cobb having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected City Clerk to fill the unexpired term of Samuel G. McMullen.

On motion the Council adjourned

D. F. McCarley Clerk Pro Tem.