

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment Mayor Cla presiding. On roll being called the following aldermen responded; - Hadcock, Fallie, Mc Kinney, Starr, Wadsworth, Wells, Weyer and Whorton.

The reading of the minutes of previous meetings were dispensed with.

A petition from residents, for a Special Election on Gas Works franchise to David R. Crosby, was read and filed. The Special Committee on Crosby Gas Works reported recommending favorable action in the matter.

It was moved that the petition for Special Election on the Gas Works franchise be granted, and on roll call the following vote was taken; Aldermen voting; - Fallie, yea; Hadcock, yea; Mc Kinney, yea; Starr, yea; Wadsworth, yea; Wells, yea; Weyer, yea; Whorton, yea.

The following resolution was then introduced, to-wit;

"Whereas, David R. Crosby has presented to the City Council of the City of Grand Junction a proposition to build Gas works within said City and Whereas, An ordinance has been introduced and considered favorably by the Council, relative thereto and, - Whereas, A petition has been presented to the City Council, signed by sixty-eight tax payers and legal voters of the City, praying the Council to call a Special Election to authorize the granting to said David R. Crosby his heirs, successors and assigns, the right to erect and operate such Gas works, and for that purpose to lay pipes in and through the streets, alleys, avenues, highways and public Parks of this City,

Therefore Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction that there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Grand Junction, in the County of Mesa and State of Colorado, at a Special Election to be held on Monday the 10th day of January, A.D. 1898, from 7 o'clock P.M. to 9 o'clock P.M. on said day, at each of the various polling places, in the wards within the City, for their approval or disapproval the propositions for the City Council of said City to pass an ordinance, granting to said David R. Crosby, his heirs or assigns, the right to erect, own and operate Gas works within this City and to lay pipes through the streets, alleys, highways, parks and other public grounds, and to distribute such gas to consumers for light, fuel power and other purposes. The said pipes and

and mains shall be confined to alleys, within said City, wherever practicable. The franchise and rights thereby granted not to be exclusive and the City reserving the right to erect gas works at any time, or to contract with or grant to others the right to do so; and the said City to receive from the said David R. Crosby, his heirs, successors or assigns, two (2) per centum of (2%) the gross receipts of said gas works as compensation for the rights thereby granted, payable quarterly. The books appertaining to the said works to be open to reasonable inspection; and the said David R. Crosby, his heirs, successors and assigns to indemnify save and keep harmless the said City, from any and all damages arising out of the negligence of him, his heirs, successors or assigns, in the erection, construction, operating, repairing or management of such gas works, pipes or mains, within said City of Grand Junction; and the said works not to be located within the present fire limits of this City; the City reserving and having the right to purchase said works at the end of two years, or any time thereafter.

The ballots cast at said election shall be furnished by the City and shall be ~~put~~ placed in the hands of the Election Judges in each Ward and shall contain the words:

"For the Crosby Gas Works" and "Against the Crosby Gas Works" with a square opposite in which the voter shall designate his approval or disapproval by a cross (X) according to his choice.

And be it further resolved that the City Clerk immediately post and cause to be published a notice of the time and respective places of holding said election."

It was then moved that the rules be suspended and the vote be taken on the resolution, and on the motion to suspend the rules the following vote was taken: Aldermen voting; - Fallis, yea; Hadcock, yea; Mc. Kinney, yea; Starr, yea; Wadsworth, yea; Wells, yea; Whortore, yea; Meyer, yea. Motion carried and rules were suspended. It was then moved that the resolution be adopted and upon the motion being put, the following vote was taken, Aldermen voting: - Fallis, yea; Hadcock, yea, Starr, yea.

McKinney, yea; Wadsworth, yea; Wells, yea, Whorton, yea; Meyer, yea! Resolution was declared carried.

The License Committee reported the petitions and Bonds of J. E. Dalmaine, Price & Rand and Purcell & Angler and recommended same be approved and on motion the same were approved by the following vote. Aldermen voting; Fallis, yea; Hadcock, yea; McKinney, yea; Stapp, yea; Wadsworth, yea; Wells, yea; Meyer, yea, and Whorton, yea.

The City Marshal was then requested & on motion to notify the 'Board of Trade' saloon to furnish Bond for License, or their license would be revoked.

It was then moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to confer with the City Attorney and draft an ordinance on saloons. The Mayor appointed, as that committee, Ald. Wells, Meyer and Hadcock.

The following bills were then read and allowed and the clerk instructed to draw warrants for the same. - No. 426 to Geo. Caldwell \$2.00

No. 427 to B. F. Jay. 5.00
It was moved & carried that the janitor and night marshal be notified to appear before the Council at its next regular meeting.

On motion Council adjourned.

J. S. Carnahan
Clerk. Protem.