

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The City Council held its regular meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mayor W. B. Boyle, Aldermen H. D. Barnett, W. A. Bowman, J. H. Chandler, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, E. H. Rhame and R. K. Wilder.

Absent—Alderman H. C. Haynsworth.

Minutes of August 8th and 29th were read and approved.

Mr. M. H. Beck requested council to order removal of an electric light pole from in front of a store on Harvin street, in order that he might erect an awning. The request was referred to the committee of Public Works.

Mr. Neill O'Donnell complained of coal dust from cinders placed on East Liberty street, and asked that the cinders be removed or covered with rock or clay. Referred to committee on Public Works with power to act.

Mr. I. C. Strauss addressed the council in regard to petition of The Sumter Telephone Company, for permission to increase rates as agreed by their subscribers. He repeated in part the arguments and promises made at previous meetings. He submitted a contract which the company proposed to enter into with any members of council, or other citizens that would absolutely prevent the sale of their rights, property or stock for a period of three or five years. Mr. Strauss also presented an ordinance for adoption, whereby rates were to be advanced as agreed by the subscribers. Major Marion Moise was also heard on behalf of the company. He declared that all they want is to get their business on a paying basis by charging rates that are generally regarded as reasonable and just. Mr. T. B. Fraser, attorney for the special committee having charge of the matter of telephone rates, declared that parties who may buy the stock of the company would not be successors in the legal sense, and would be entitled to the same rates as may now be allowed the company. Mr. Fraser further stated that an agreement by the company or the stockholders not to sell their stock would not be a binding contract, but the option contract offered by the company would be good if made with individual members of council or other persons for a reasonable time. Whether council should make such a contract is a business proposition for them to determine for themselves. A letter was read from The Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Company, again requesting the privilege of erecting and operating a local exchange under the General Telephone Ordinance without change of rates or concessions of any kind. Mr. Fraser was of the opinion that parties now obtaining a telephone franchise would have the right to apply to the Railroad Commission to fix rates. Messrs. Strauss and Moise protested against granting the franchise sought by the Manufacturing Company, and asked should it be granted that their company be placed upon equal footing with them by permitting their company to accept as of this date the provisions of the General Telephone Ordinance. Council went into committee of the whole, and discussed the question at length. On being called to order Messrs. Barnett and Finn moved that the rates shall not be changed, but shall stand as they now are, except office 'phones, which hereafter shall pay the same rates as business 'phones and be classified as such. The resolution was adopted.

Messrs. Finn and Rhame moved that the request of the Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Company for a franchise be granted. The motion was lost.

A letter was read from Mr. L. D. Jennings presenting a claim of Mr. S. Josie for damages to himself and a vehicle, caused by being thrown into a ditch on E. Liberty street by a log lying in the roadway. Referred to the finance committee to investigate and report.

The clerk was authorized to refund to C. T. Price the tax on an unused license.

Bid of E. T. Brailsford to lay a tin roof on a part of the Opera House was referred to the Opera House committee to consider and report.

A petition for a light at the corner of Hampton and Salem avenues was referred to the police committee, together with several similar petitions. Request of Cole Brothers for reduction of license tax on their shows was refused.

Mr. Barnett for the finance committee reported that all claims referred to them had been examined and approved and that they had checked up the Clerk's book for month of August and found them correct.

Mr. Haynsworth for the police committee recommended an increase of \$5 per month on salaries of the police officers and the health officer, which the committee thought only just on account of the increased cost of living. The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Finn stated that the property owners on the east side of Main street, between Liberty and Caldwell streets desire a concrete sidewalk, and thought they would be willing to pay one-half the cost. Referred to the committee of public works with authority to call for bids, provided owners consent to bear one-half the expense.

On request of Mr. E. L. Reardon permission was granted the Second Regiment Band, in recognition of their services to the public, to contract for a carnival company exhibition and donated to the band all licenses incident to the shows. Provided the band shall bear all expense and extra police pay by reason of the exhibition.

Report of Commissioners of Public Works for August was read and received as information.

The following claims were referred to the Finance Committee:

Sumter Iron Works, \$7.30
T. B. Jenkins, \$14.00; Von Ohsen & Shirer, \$8.75; Durant's Pharmacy, \$7.95; S. M. Pierson, \$54.45; Craig Furniture Co., \$26.00; DuRant's Hardware Company, \$8.21; Epperson Feed and Coal Co., \$50.24; Cash Grocery Store, 75 cents; Sumter Door, Sash and Blind Factory, \$7.41; W. S. Reynolds, \$7.00.

The Council then adjourned.

"DIRTY METHODS."

Mr. H. C. Cuttino denounces the unauthorized use of his name and the dirty, unscrupulous methods of Mr. Manning's enemies. As it has been suggested that I may have had something to do with an article which appeared in the State of August 23, 1906, relative to the candidacy of Mr. R. I. Manning, which article referred to me, and which article was also circulated in circular form on the eve of the second primary, I take this opportunity to emphatically deny any knowledge whatever of said article, until my attention was called to the same in the State, and further to just as vigorously deny any knowledge of the intention to issue same in circular form, until I was told that the same was being circulated on the morning of the second primary. It is absolutely untrue that I had any knowledge of either transaction, or any intimation whatever of same. I was absolutely not consulted at all and further wish to say I am not in sympathy with any such dirty, unscrupulous methods.

H. C. Cuttino.
Sumter, S. C., Sept. 12.

THE DISPUTE SETTLED.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

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From the Daily Item, Sept. 13.

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A motion was then made and carried that it be ascertained whether or not candidates had carried out the law regarding the filing of pledges and statements before proceeding to tabulate the vote. The law is that a pledge be filed before election that the candidates would use no undue influence to get votes, and would give neither money nor intoxicants for that purpose. Also the candidates must file, under oath, immediately before the election a list of his campaign expenses, and after the election must file a similar statement of subsequent expenses.

Under the motion to investigate this matter, the clerk of court brought up the file. All candidates had filed a pledge, or statement before and after each primary except Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Osteen, who had not repeated their democratic pledge in the second primary, and Mr. Ingram who had not filed his final expense account.

Then began a discussion on the construction of the law. Did the omission of the second pledge constitute a violation of the law or was the first pledge all-embracing? And if candidates were in default, would his opponent get the nomination or would there have to be another election. Mr. Cain moved that the vote for those not complying be discounted. This motion was carried. It was then agreed that the term in the act "immediately after" mean until tabulation was begun by the committee.

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The question of the final expense account now came up. Mr. Ingram alone and neglected to file this statement. On motion of Mr. Cain this was considered essential and in default thereof Mr. Ingram's vote is nullified.

The committee now adjourned for dinner, to meet again at half after three.

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Federal Buildings.

Within the next few weeks, J. K. Taylor, supervising architect of the treasury will send to Aiken, Chester Greenwood, Sumter and Anderson a special agent from his office for the purpose of making a personal examination of the proposals recently submitted by the people of the places named for sites for federal buildings. authorized by the recent act of congress. Not long since proposals were asked for in order that those having available sites suitable for the erection of government buildings might submit them to the supervising architect. These proposals were opened a short time ago and since that time they have been carefully canvassed. Those pieces of ground that have appeared exorbitant in price have been thrown out of the list of the proposed sites that will be examined when inspectors start to work. It is the intention of Mr. Taylor under the act of congress and the law governing such purchases to have every piece of the land that has been offered and that is not considered too high, carefully gone over in person, by an experienced government agent. After he

has seen the land proposed to be sold to the government and has carefully considered the price at which it is offered he will make his report to headquarters here. After that Mr. Taylor will notify the people owning the land that has been chosen to prepare their deeds for the transfer to the government.

As stated, this work will be commenced within a short time, and it is not thought that it will take the special agent long to choose available sites in the different places to which they will be sent.

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Witherspoon Bros. & Co., Show Their Appreciation of the Hard Work of the Fire Department.

The fire that destroyed the mill and lumber yard of the Sumter Lumber Co., Sunday afternoon threatened the big plant of the Witherspoon Bros. & Co. with destruction and only hard and persistent work of the firemen stayed the progress of the fire and prevented the total destruction of the coffin factory and other buildings of the company. In token of their appreciation of the efforts of the firemen, Messrs. Witherspoon addressed the following letter to Chief Hood of the fire department:

Dear Sir: Please find enclosed our check for ninety-nine (\$99.50) dollars and fifty cents, which you will kindly distribute to the fire department.

Please tender the company our heartfelt thanks for their heroic efforts to save our plant Sunday evening and night.

This check represents only a partial expression of our appreciation for services rendered; especially as the same was given voluntarily.

Witherspoon Bros. & Co will ever stand ready to commend their promptness, fearlessness and heroism as fire fighters, and wish for them the commendation of Sumter's united citizenship.

Yours most respectfully,
Witherspoon Bros. & Co.,
E. L. Witherspoon, Pres.

Manning's Big Majority.

The vote polled in Sumter county was approximately 10 per cent. less than in the first primary, August 28. The relative strength developed by Manning and Ansel was about the same in each primary, which indicates that the voters who did not turn out yesterday had no preference between Ansel and Manning. The returns did not come in as promptly last night and today as on the night and day following the first primary, consequently it is impossible to get today as complete returns as were given on the day after the first primary.

Eighteen of the 24 polling precincts in the county gave the following:

For Governor.
Ansel... 407
Manning... 1036

For Attorney General.
Lyon... 761
Ragsdale... 565

For Railroad Commissioner.
Sullivan... 717
Wharton... 585

For House of Representatives.
Dorn... 613
Stubbs... 787

For Magistrate 4th District.
Ingram... 105
Osteen... 100

The precincts not officially reported are, Providence, Salem, Scarboro, Pleasant Grove, Shiloh, Taylors. Non-official reports indicate that Williamson has been elected magistrate of the 6th district over Scarborough.

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