

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24th, 1919

Council met in special session with President Barnard in the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names, Messrs. Lower, Merts, Harry Miller, James Miller, Weaver, Present 5, absent 2.

The following call having been served upon each member of the Council as provided by law.

Mayor's Office

To Mr.

Notice of Special Meeting.

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the city Council is called for Monday evening Nov. 24th, 1919 at 7:00 o'clock P. M. to consider the gas proposition. You are urgently requested to attend.

C. S. Westover, Mayor

Mayor tells Council of the Sup. Gas & Improvement Co. and their prices and methods of building artificial gas plant.

The Mayor stated that he had met representatives of the Supervision Gas & Improvement Company of East Liverpool who were desirous of building an artificial gas plant for Alliance.

He further stated that the firm would put up a plant on the unit plan, the first unit to cost about \$60,000 and this to include the installation of a purifying plant which would take care of a number of units. Additional units could be added at about the cost of \$15,000 each. Each unit would produce about $\frac{1}{2}$ million cubic feet. The firm would like to contract to build a plant on a certain percentage basis and operate it upon the royal plan of 2¢ per thousand feet. It was stated that gas could be manufactured at 7¢ per thousand and coal at \$3 and \$4 per ton.

Suggestions of members of Council

Harry Miller suggested that the Company would build a plant and supply gas to the city and the costs be 5% royalty.

Lower stated that he understood that the firm would build a plant and sell it to the city and give a bond covering the price of the plant.

Auditor Silver suggested that the first thing to do would be to advertise for bids and the Board of Control award a contract.

President Barnard said it would be well for the Mayor to get a list of firms who were making artificial gas plants.

Auditor Silver suggested that it would be well for the city to procure the services of a gas expert as done in other lines of city business.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Penick had a plan submitted whereby gas could be made from oil and sold to the consumer for 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per thousand on the basis of the city using 2 million cubic feet a day.

General Manager Bonner of the Alliance Gas & Power Company was called upon but stated that he was not in a position to state what his Company would do but was willing to take the subject up with higher officials and ask the price as suggested.

Barnard suggested that he did not know any man in the community who was able to judge an artificial plant but thought that the city should secure a gas expert.

Auditor Silver stated that the city must first provide the money before such expenditure. He stated that there was an Ordinance for that purpose in the hands of Mr. Penick, which had been introduced in Council.

Motion of James Miller, Seconded by Merts, the Auditor was asked to correspond with several of the leading Technology Schools and ask for recommendations as to gas experts whose services might be secured, one who would not be prejudiced or influenced by any firm.

Pres. C. C. Davidson addresses Council

President C. C. Davidson representing the Building and Grounds Committee of the City Board of Education and Supt. B. F. Stanton addressed Council asking the co-operation between the Council and the Board in regard to the use of the old reservoir property between Broadway and Oxford Streets, lying east of the N. Y. C. R. R. tracks, as an athletic field and playground.

President Barnard stated that he would take the proposition under consideration at the next meeting and decide as to the Committee to co-operate along the lines suggested by Messrs. Davidson and Stanton.

On motion of Harry Miller, seconded by Lower, Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

Chas. Silver
CITY AUDITOR

Chas. Barnard
President of Council