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Regular Session.

The council met in regular session with President. No. Ten. Gugin in the chair.

The roll being called the following members answered to their names.

Messrs. Brown, Giger, Kellogg, Shuckler, Troy, Wathour. Present 6. Absent 1.

Order of business suspended.

On motion of Wathour. the order of business was suspended. and proceeded the order of business. " Communications and petition

Petition

The following petition was presented to council.

Petition
Protesting against
the removal of
hitching posts
on the Public
Square

To the Honorable Council of the City of Alliance:
We, the undersigned citizens and farmers of the vicinity of Alliance, most respectfully protest against the removal of the hitching rails now upon your Public Square, for the following reasons:

Our horses are more quiet and contented when massed together than when isolated.

The property in our vehicles is much safer than when scattered about the streets and alleys where we have had numerous lap robes, whips, flour, groceries and dry goods stolen.

Our women can come to town and transact business if they have the privilege of hitching upon the Square where there is no mud, and need be no fifth.

The removal of the Public Watering Tank and the Public Well of drinking water would be an untold hardship to a great mass of our people.

To remove all of these will be a great detriment not only to us farmers, and we believe will be a great hindrance to your growing city.

Signed by approximately 300 citizens

On motion of Brown, seconded by Wathour the petition was referred to the committee on Plating.

- Communication -

The following communication was received and read

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To the Honorable Members of the City Council
Alliance, O.

Communication

from G. H. Judd

protesting against

sewer assessment

on Simpson

St. against

lot owned

by him

Sometime ago a sewer was put from Dick to Union on Simpson Street along the North side of the lot which I own formerly known as O. G. No 1831. in the City of Alliance. There was a sewer assessment for a frontage of One Hundred and Twenty feet against this lot charged to me in three assessments. Two of which

I have put in a private sewer at my own expense on Burt Street, extending from near College to Simpson, have paid two assessments of the Simpson Street sewer and paid the sewer assessment on Arch Street so far. I understand that the sewer assessments on Simpson Street from my property west to Union Avenue have been remitted in their entirety, with the exception of the Railroad Company, who paid part of them. Inasmuch as I have paid two assessments and am the only property owner, so far as I know on this street who has paid, I think that the last sewer assessment for Simpson and Arch along this O.G. #1831, amounting to about \$52.00 ought in justice to me to be remitted.

I therefore ask that your Honorable Body may take such action in this matter as may protect my rights as a property owner in the same way that the rights of other property owners have been protected on this same street.

Yours, Geo. H. Judd
 Refused to pay on Assessments.

Geo.
 A. H. Judd
 1831

D. Fording, Esq. addressed council on the subject of Parking the Public Square.
 W.C. Kochler addressed council on the subject of Parking the Public Square.

Watrous moved seconded by Brown that it be the sense of the council, that the matter of Parking the Public Square be left to a vote of the people.

Motion was agreed to.

Communication from Mayor Spindel

City Hall May 22, 1921.

Communication from Mayor Spindel.

To the Honorable Council of the City of Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

The statutes authorize me to make such representations to your body as I may deem proper from time to time for the welfare of our city. I am doing this by way of suggestion.

I want to suggest to you that I believe it would be well for your body to take steps to provide a better and more adequate water supply for our city.

The Director of Service and the City Engineer have already, after a very careful investigation as to ways and means of procuring an additional water supply recommended several plans to you for your consideration and what I will say here in this regard will be in repetition of some of their recommendations.

So far you have authorized certificates of indebtedness for the necessary funds for bettering our water supply from wells. From what has been done along this line it appears that water cannot be secured in sufficient quantities and of a proper quality for all purposes. Well water is all right for drinking, but for many other domestic purposes it is not unless it is soft. So far the wells we have contain more or less hard water, not being suitable for washing purposes and commercially not being fit for steam purposes.

It therefore behooves us to look further for a better and greater supply that will meet the demand for all purposes and in this connection I want to say a word on two of the propositions, which have already been referred to you in the Director's and Engineer's report. First: Would it not be well to look carefully again into the North Georgetown -- Lake Placidia proposition of damming up the water there and let it out as needed in our dry seasons of the year -- not all at once, but to keep the dam in such a condition as to being full so that there be no overflow or waste of water.

Someone has said that this water would evaporate and soak away in the gravel and sand while coming down the Mahoning to our city from this dam. There is always water in the Mahoning river channel

and if this water was permitted to flow down in this channel just as needed to keep the dam here full, the soaking away argument would be of little consequence. Engineering journals tell us that loss by evaporation and soaking away varies from 10 to 25%. If the dam at North Georgetown contained 150,000,000 gallons and 25% would be lost by evaporation and soaking away we would still have over 100,000,000 gallons to fall back on to insure a permanent supply during the very time that we need water most for sprinkling, etc. and would be permanent for probably a quarter of a century hence.

Our shortage of water only extends over probably less than 15 days on an average each year and during this very driest time the Mahoning produces from 1-2/3 to 3 millions of gallons, only requiring 2 millions or a little over to make up a full supply. This dammed up supply in Lake Placencia would carry us over a period of more than 60 days, a time much greater than our needs require.

I would recommend a new modern dam, arranged in such a manner as to make the bottom of the river self-cleaning. Our present settling basin can be made much larger and the river bed cleaned out--the gravel dredged therefrom would be good material for construction of streets in the city, from dam to Webb Ave. bridge or further. If the water had a chance to become well settled before it is pumped we would overcome the objection of turbid water.

It is said that if we dam up water at Lake Placencia we will be spending money to provide our neighboring village of Sebring with a water supply.

Now, let us see. Sebring has now a water supply and uses less than 1,000,000 gallons per day. Does it matter if we put 3 millions more each day in the Mahoning? If we did, Sebring would take its regular amount anyhow and we would get all we are getting now under the present arrangement. The only chance Sebring would have at the increase of water would be while it was passing their intake and they only take a certain amount no difference how much is in the river.

It is said that our pumping station is in the wrong place by being located below the city and that it should be above the city. This may be true, but we must take conditions as they are and not as they ought to be.

Seepage of pollution entering the river above the dam should

to be completed by October and then connect to a main water line.

It is also said if we were to connect the Northampton proposition we would be required. This is according to the bridge before we get to it. A few men have bridges and no objection except. This, however, is a question of law for the city attorney.

With Lake Umbagog we would have a veritable lake ^m also, a good body of water of large extent and certainly from spring, always overflowing thereby being in motion and kept fresh constantly. More than that, if it did become stagnant it would pass over a gravel and sand bottom all the way down to our intake basins having the sun shining upon it while passing over the rocks on its course down the highway. This water with the pollution of our city diverted and being well suited before passing would afford our city for all purposes an adequate and more healthful water supply than it now has.

Now just a word as to the South coast proposition. As I understand there is plenty of water there, but that it is not constant like the springs at Northampton, but that it only has a flow about 6 or 10 weeks in the year and during the remaining 2 or 3 months the body of water we might draw up would become stagnant and then be conducted to our pumps in a pipe, where no chance of purification from gravel, sand or sunlight could take place. I would freely recommend a filtration plant, but it is expensive to construct and the upkeep is a great expense. The same question of law will arise in this case as in the above.

I, like many other citizens, feel convinced that we cannot get an adequate water supply from wells for all purposes. If we cannot have wells on which to depend we must look for the most best solution of this important question. This is not a trivial matter, but it means much to our city in many ways and I want to say that I have no particular hobby as to water, but I am sincere in submitting this communication to you with all due respect to the opinions of other citizens of Alliance than I.

Someone said "the way to do a thing is to do it," and I suggest and earnestly recommend that something be done along this line in order that our city have a good supply of water and so that even when in writing articles for the papers cannot say that we lack ability to cope with this question.

Adjourned -
session -

Wathour moved, seconded by Brown that action on the Mayor's communication be refused until next meeting.

Brown moved, seconded by Troy that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet next Monday evening.

The Finance committee submitted their report recommending the passage of Res. No. 1171, Res. No. 1172

H. L. Wathour

J. F. Troy

W. H. Shuckler

The question being on agreeing to the report of the com. which report was agreed to.

On motion of Brown, seconded by Shuckler Council adjourned

Attest

Chas. O. Silver
Clerk

President Pro. Tem of Council