

Regular session

The council met in regular session with President Hull in the chair.

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

Messrs. Brown, Giger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Wadsworth Present 6 Absent 1.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The City Clerk called the attention of council to the complaint of the assessment assessed against the lot of Mr. M. Geger on Mainis Ave. an error having been made in the frontage.

Referred to Assessing committee.

The Clerk read a letter from the Director of Public Service of Cleveland in which he stated, that he would be pleased to entertain the city officials of Alliance to show them the municipal activities.

On motion of Giger ~~seconded~~ by Troy the clerk was instructed to notify the Director of Service of Cleveland, that the council would visit Cleveland O. July 27th 1911.

Service Director Armstrong addressed council in reply to the communication of Councilman Patton on the water question given at the previous meeting.

City Clerk called attention of complaint of the assessment assessed against the lot of Mr. M. Geger.

Director of Public Service to entertain city officials at Cleveland O.

Director of Service reply to the communication of Councilman Patton

Alliance, O., July 17, '11. The Honorable City Council, Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—The article submitted at your meeting on the 10th, signed by Member J. H. Patton, and published in the daily papers, contains a number of statements that should be corrected.

First, the city mayor and service director do not constitute the board of service, and no such board exists under the present city government, a fact of which Mr. Patton, as an official member and part of such government for nearly two years, should be aware.

The further statement as to the limitations of the city council to act only on the recommendations of the service director and mayor is also a new and remarkable revelation as to the powers and duties of a councilman, and is strangely inconsistent with the facts in this case in as much as the actions of the service director, which this article assumes to criticize, were all taken in an effort to carry out the expressed recommenda-

tions of the council to the service director, which recommendation Mr. Patton supported and approved.

Further as to the action of the official committee of the board of trade at a recent meeting, with members of council to which reference is made, I do not understand that such action was in any way in opposition to a well water supply or against further testing, but rather that they strongly urged the council to take action to conserve and improve the present river supply as one that would always be needed for commercial purposes regardless of whatever additional supply might be found, this for the purpose of inspiring industrial confidence and redeeming the unfavorable reputation the city's water supply had unfortunately gained. If this is not the correct attitude of the committee, I shall be glad to be corrected.

Further as to council acting on the recommendations of the service director, let us refer to records. On March 10, 1911, I submitted a report summarizing the results of engineering as to available storage to insure a permanent supply against all contingencies and made certain recommendations. This report contained two propositions which I specially commended for your consideration, and about the same time a bond ordinance sufficient to cover either of these propositions was submitted.

One of these plans was the building of a new dam below the old one, changing the intake and removing obstructions from the river. The other was the building of a 50-acre storage dam at North Georgetown as a dry-weather feeder for the river. This last was specially recommended as being the most effective and economical for furnishing a large supply and as being easily and quickly available.

The general action of council that followed was the unfavorable report on the bond issue of \$12,500, and the emphatic statement of certain members, including Mr. Patton, as I remember, that they would not spend a dollar on the river until the well question was settled. This amounted to the same as saying that they would spend no money on the river to take care of the shortage for the present year, as it would be impossible to settle the well question and have a separate well plant and equipment ready by July or August, especially if it would be necessary to locate such well plant at some remote point not yet determined, as the result on well tests then indicated as shown by the detailed report submitted on February 20. In addition to this a special report was submitted by the point committee expressing encouragement as to the results of well tests thus far and recommending that additional wells be drilled and equipped in order to supply the shortage for this year.

It was the attempt of the director of service to carry out this recommendation, which as I recall, Mr. Patton also concurred in, that brought out the criticism in this article on the expenditure of money for air compressor

The existing conditions at that time made it absolutely necessary that these additional wells be located above the pumping station so that the flow or pumpage could be introduced directly into the river or basins. Thus far indications of a sufficient supply of water for this purpose had been found at only three locations—the pumping station, the Grove farm 1.14 miles distant, and the Cobb farm about two miles away. Much water had been found in the gravel beds at each of these places, but all of it had been shown by state analysis to be hard and contain much iron and had been pronounced undesirable for general public use, but not unfit nor unsafe, nor has any water yet been so pronounced.

Estimates on the different plans of pumping equipment and air pipe lines were at once taken up in an effort to determine the most practical and economical method of handling this water at the different locations. It was found that the cheapest equipment for pumping at the nearest location to the plant on the Grove farm would cost about \$3,000 without considering cost of right of way and land for wells, and council was asked for authorization to spend \$2,800, which was the balance remaining in the well fund, for pumping machinery and equipment, and same was granted. At the same time another attempt was made to find the strong supply of water supposed to be in the gravel bed in the river valley near the pumping station as shown by the well drilled at the plant four years ago, but which supply had not been located in three other wells since drilled in that vicinity. This would mean a saving of about two-thirds the cost of equipment owing to the extra power plant or air pipe line required, and it was deemed advisable to try for in-as-much as the general quality of the water was about the same one place as another, and any well water would be better than none in time of shortage and any water would be better from almost any standpoint than the river water in its lowest stages.

This drilling resulted in finding a gravel works settling basin at a depth of 60 feet, a gravel formation which afforded the strongest supply of water when pumped of any location found, and the appearance and indicated a quality very similar to other deep gravel waters. A sample was sent to the state chemist to determine its quality, especially purity and safeness to use, and there was little doubt as no water had yet been found at that depth.

A second well was drilled at a distance away with the same results and others were ordered at once and specifications for a necessary air compressor for pump prepared and same was purchased after advertising for the required

This suggests another error in Patton's article wherein he states \$2,800 was spent for an air compressor to pump these wells before an order for the water was received. Part of this statement contains an error which had been corrected in Patton's presence and hearing days prior thereto, and a statement of which had previously been published in both daily papers.

The cost of this air compressor the records show, was \$1,058.80, little more than one-third the amount. It is true that we were authorized to contract for \$2,800 for such machinery and equipment, and it would have cost more to equip wells for an emergency as these are being equipped had been necessary to go to remote locations which seemed ones available when this request was made. The additional cost of air pipe line or power plant would have exceeded \$1,500 considering right of way or la-

As to the latter part of the statement, it is true that the analysis of the water had not been received when the compressor was purchased, but the general character of the water was pretty definitely known. Further, as this analysis was not received until July 1st, the compressor would not yet be purchased if we had waited until that date before deciding what to do, neither would the additional wells yet be drilled.

In the light of these facts and in the face of the present receding water in the dam and the prospects for a shortage in the river supply in a short time unless weather conditions change very soon, I leave it to the judgment of you men as to whether it would have been wise to wait until July 1st before providing the additional wells and the necessary equipment for pumping same.

I am also willing to leave it to the judgment of any fair minded man or set of men, in the light of all the facts, the recorded action of council, the expressed attitude of Member Patton and other members as to the expenditure of money on river improvement, the lateness of the season and the necessities of the case, as to whether or not the course pursued by this department has been the most economical and practical in providing means to secure relief from a possible water shortage for the present season; also as to whether or not Member Patton is wholly consistent in criticizing such action from the standpoint of economy.

As to the further plain inferences in Mr. Patton's article that the service director is not making a fair test for wells, I only desire to say that unless Mr. Patton will produce a single statement or act of the director that will in some slight degree bear out this inference, which he has not yet done, I shall not go into a further discussion of the matter, but shall be content to be judged by the results obtained as compared with similar efforts in the past and viewed in the light of the conditions under which we have labored thus far.

As to the other matters referred to by him concerning the conditions and sources of pollution along the river above the supply, I have already stated to you that these are in the main true, and have been the source of much difficulty in dealing with the water question. However, these conditions are not worse today than ever before, but on the contrary are much better than a few months ago. I have examined many of these conditions since his report and have given a number of them much personal attention before that time and have had a river patrolman on duty for several weeks, whose instructions were to have any nuisance found to exist, remedied at once and to arrest any violators of the law who failed to obey his instructions.

Notices also have been conspicuously posted for several miles up stream, and every attention drawn to the necessity for proper care of the water supply.

There is, however, one particular in which Mr. Patton's article may give a wrong impression and that is in his several statements concerning closets draining into the river. So far I have failed to find any positive evidence of sewers from closets draining into the water supply, and the river patrolman also states that he has failed to find such evidence. It is true that there are a number of surface closets in the populated district east of the city outside of the corporation and sewer limits from which in times of freshets or overflow the surface drainage may find its way into the streams that flow into the river, but none of these are sewered into these streams to my knowledge. If Mr. Patton personally knows of any such cases he should furnish this department or the health department with definite information that will make it possible to bring about their immediate abatement and the necessary co-operation will at any time be given to bring about this result.

In this connection I also want to call attention to the position the service director has taken and the written recommendations that he has made to the council concerning the improvement of the condition of the

water supply and for this purpose I desire to again refer to and quote from my report of March 10, in the closing sections of which is found the following:

"While this is recommended (referring to the recommendations for storage dams previously mentioned) as being a measure for immediate relief it is not offered as ultimate or complete solution of the water problem, but is only the first step in a series of improvements that should be carried out for the betterment of the city's water supply. Along with this there should be a continuation of a thorough and systematic search during the present season for a satisfactory well supply for domestic use. Additional settling basins should also be provided for clarifying, and in a measure purifying, the present river supply, as this will be needed for shop and boiler uses whatever the outcome of the well tests may be, and it (the settling basin) will be a valuable adjunct to a filtration plant in case such means are found necessary in the future in order to provide a pure water supply."

It also further states as follows: "The matter of filth from the local surface drainage of the city should also be taken care of and every means taken to better the general conditions at and about the present source of supply."

These are quotations from the report of the service director that was followed by the action of council referred to earlier herein, and by statements of certain members that they would not spend a dollar on the river until the well question was settled.

These quotations and references to this report of March 10th, 1911, are introduced herein for the double purpose of again calling to your attention the position taken and the recommendations publicly made by the director of public service at that time, and of showing to what extent those recommendations have been acted upon by the council as suggested by Mr. Patton.

In closing this report I want to further state that it is not my intent or purpose to criticize or complain of the action of council or of Member Patton in submitting his report, for I fully recognize and respect the right of each of you gentlemen to the full possession and enjoyment of your own opinions in all matters pertaining to your official public duty, regardless of what recommendations I or any other official, citizen or committee may make, and in spite of all that may be said or done seemingly to the contrary I can not make myself believe that any of you will act on any of these public matters other than in accordance with the light of your better judgment.

I should rather thank Member Patton for introducing his report if it be in line with his views in the matter, as it only gives an opportunity to take up and correct any wrong impressions that may have existed, in his mind, and I further want to again remind you that this lengthy report is only a reply to the report of Member Patton, and was made necessary in my judgment after more careful consideration, in order to correct any such wrong impression that might have been left in your mind or that of the public from the reading of his report, and for the further purpose of again stating the position of this department on certain matters referred to therein concerning which some confusion and misunderstandings seem to have arisen.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. ARMSTRONG,
Director of Public Service

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On motion of Wathour, seconded by Shukler the communication was ordered filed.

Petition to grant franchise to the Cleveland Alliance + Mahoning Valley Railroad Co.

Petitions asking council to grant a franchise to the Cleveland Alliance and Mahoning Valley Railroad were presented to council.

On motion of Guge, seconded by Patton, the petition were referred to the com on Railroad and Telegraphs.

Wathour Chairman of Finance Com. asked for further time on the Budget and appropriation ordinance. Which was granted.

Wathour moved, seconded by Shukler, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet next Thursday evening.

Which was agreed to.

Mr Guge called for the reading of the com. on the City Hospital

Which report was read.

Guge moved, seconded by Kellogg that the report of the com. be laid on the table.

Which report was agreed to.

The com. on Streets and Alleys submitted their report recommending the passage of Ord. No. 1211

Com on Street - Alleys report on Ord No 1211

Wm Guge
W. Brown
J. Patton

Which report was agreed to.

Com. on Railways. Telegraphs asked for further time

Which was granted.

Council recessed

On motion of Wathour, seconded by Brown Council recessed for 5 minutes.

Council reconvened.

Blue print of the proposed new main sewer. Referred to the com. on Sewers

On motion of Guge, seconded by Brown the blue print of the proposed new main sewer west of the Rockhill road be referred to the com. on grades, sewers.

Mr Kellogg introduced the following resolution Res No.

To amend the rules of council.

Be it resolved by the council of the City of Alliance, O.

Sec 1. That Rule 3, governing "Special Meetings" be amended to read as follows

That the Mayor, or any three members may call special meetings upon at least twelve hours notice to each member, served personally or left at his usual place of residence.

Sec 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

Referred to Judiciary Com.

Com on Platting
report on the passage
of Ord 1240-1239

The com. on Platting submitted their
report recommending the passage of Ord
No. 1240, + 1239.

J. F. Troy
W. Shuckler
H. G. Wathour

The report of the com. was agreed to.
Which motion was agreed to.
The com. on Finance submitted their
report recommending the passage of
Ord No 1238.

Finance com.
Submitted Ord No
1238.

H. G. Wathour
J. F. Troy
W. Shuckler

The resolution being on agreement to the report of the
Which report was agreed to.
The following ordinances were taken up
Ord No. 1275.

Res No 1275
Declaring it
necessary to
improve Cambridge
St. by constructing
Sanitary Sewer
No 134.
Passed

Declaring it necessary to improve
Cambridge Street by constructing
Sanitary Sewer No 134, and to make
provisions for the same, was read
the first time.

Seiger moved, seconded by Shuckler,
that the statutory rule requiring ordinances
and resolutions to be read on three
different days be suspended, and the
ordinance read the second and third
time.

The question being on the suspension of the
rule. The Yeas and Nays
were taken and resulted Yeas, 6
Nays 0. Those who voted in the
affirmative were. Messers. Brown, Seiger,
Kellogg, Daxon, Shuckler, Wathour.

So the rule was suspended, and the
ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage
of the ordinance. The Yeas
and Nays were taken and resulted
Yeas 6 Nays 0. Those who voted
in the affirmative were. Messers
Brown, Seiger, Kellogg, Daxon, Shuckler,
Wathour.

So the motion was passed
and the motion was agreed to.
Res No 1276.

Res No 1276
Declaring it necessary
to improve N. Park
Ave. by constructing
Sanitary Sewer
No 135.
Passed

Declaring it necessary to improve N. Park
Ave. by constructing Sanitary Sewer
No 135 and to make provisions for
same, was read the first time.

Seiger moved, seconded by Brown
that the statutory rule requiring
ordinances and resolutions

to be read on three different days be suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the ^{suspension of the rule} ~~passage of the~~ ~~resolution~~ ~~ordinance~~. The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted. Yeas 6 Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative, were Messrs. Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Washou.

So the rule was suspended, and the resolution read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the resolution.

The yeas and Nays were taken, and resulted Yeas 6. Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were. Messrs. Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Washou.

So the resolution was passed

Ord. No. 1219 -

To establish the grade on the alley north of Summit Street. between certain designated points. was read the first time.

Guger moved, seconded by Shuckler, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule. The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 6. Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were. Messrs. Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Washou.

So the rule was suspended, and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance. The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted. Yeas 6 Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative, were. Messrs. Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Washou.

So the ordinance was passed.

Ord No 1219
To establish the
grade on the
alley north of
Summit Street
Passed

Res No. 1205

Res No 1205
Sidewalk resolution
Passed.

To construct sidewalk on N Side of
W Market Street from Sugar to
Haines Ave. in front of Lots Nos
2080 - 2069 - 2067 act.
was read the first time.

Sugar moved, seconded by Wathou
that the statutory rule requiring ordinances
and resolutions to be read on three
different days be suspended and the
resolution read the second and third
time.

The question being on the suspension
of the rule. The yeas and Nays
were taken and resulted Yeas 6
Nays 0. Those who voted in the
affirmative were Messrs. Brown,
Sugar, Kellogg, Patton, Shukler,
Wathou

So the rule was suspended and the resolution
read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of
the resolution.

The yeas and Nays were taken and
resulted Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those
who voted in the affirmative
were Messrs. Brown, Kellogg,
Patton, Shukler, Toy, Wathou.

So the resolution was passed.

Res No 1230

Res No 1230
To deduct 60 feet
from the assessable
frontage of former
O.L. 272

To deduct 60 feet from the assessable
frontage of former O.L. 272, by
reason of the platting and extension
of S Linden Ave. was read the
first time.

Sugar moved, seconded by Shukler
that the statutory rule requiring
ordinances and resolutions to be
read on three different days
be suspended and the resolution
read the second and third time.

Sugar moved, seconded by
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read the second and third time.

The question being on the
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Ord No 1206 To approve the plat and accept dedication of certain streets and alleys. Passed.

Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Wathou. The rule was suspended and the resolution read the second and third time. Ord. No. 1206

To approve the plat and accept dedication of certain streets and alleys. Thereon eliminated. (09 88) was read the first time Wathou moved, seconded by Shuckler that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule. The Yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 6 Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Wathou.

So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance

The Yeas and Nays were taken, and resulted Yeas 6 Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Wathou.

So the ordinance was passed.

Dec. 12 1883

Dealing it necessary to complete the improvement of E. State Street, between Oak Ave. and Union Avenue by raising, curbing, paving with brick block was read the first time.

Guger moved, seconded by Wathou that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended, and the resolution read the second and third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule. The Yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 6 Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Shuckler, Tapp.

So the rule was suspended and the resolution read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the resolution. The Yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 6 Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were

Messrs. Brown, Sugar, Kellogg, Shuckler, Wathour.

So the resolution was passed.

Res No 1223

Declaring it necessary to complete the improvement of Estate Street between Arch Ave. and Union Avenue by curbing, draining and paving with brick blocks. was read the first time.

Sugar moved seconded by Wathour that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolution to be read on three different days be suspended and the resolution read the second and third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule.

The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 4, Nays 2.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brown, Sugar, Kellogg, Shuckler, Wathour.

So the motion to suspend the rule, not having received the necessary 2/3 vote was lost.

Ord No 1221

Determining to proceed with the improvement of the west side of Union Avenue between Ely Street and the O.F.W.C. P.P. by constructing Sanitary Sewer 117 and to make provisions for same. was read the first time.

Sugar moved, seconded by Troy that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule.

The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 6, Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brown, Sugar, Kellogg, Paton, Shuckler, Wathour.

So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance.

Res No 1223
Declaring it necessary to complete the improvement of Estate Street between Arch Ave and Union Ave. read the first time.

Ord No 1221
Determining to proceed with the improvement of the west side of Union Ave. between Ely St and the O.F.W.C. P.P. by constructing Sanitary Sewer 117. Passed.

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The Yeas and Nays were taken and resulted
Yeas 6 Nays 0. Those who voted in the
affirmative were Messrs Brown, Guger,
Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler, Withour
So the ordinance was passed.

Ord No. 1438.

Ord No 1438
To issue bonds for
the purpose of
Drilling, testing
and capping water
wells.
Passed.

To issue bonds for the purpose of Drilling
testing and capping water wells, and
installing and capping an auxiliary
pumping station for supplying water
to the corporation, and the inhabitants
thereof. was read the first time.

Withour moved, seconded by Kellogg
that the statutory rule regarding ordinance
and resolutions to be read on three
different days be suspended, and the
ordinance read the second and third
time.

The question being on the suspension of
the rule. The yeas and Nays were
taken and resulted Yeas 6, Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative
were Messrs Brown, Guger, Kellogg,
Patton, Shuckler Withour.

So the rule was suspended, and the
ordinance read the second and third
time.

The question being on the passage of the
ordinance. The yeas and Nays
were taken and resulted yeas 6,
Nays 0.

Those who voted in
the affirmative were Messrs
Brown, Guger, Kellogg, Patton, Shuckler,
Withour.

So the ordinance was passed.

On motion of Withour. Council
adjourned

Attest
Chas. Selwin
Clerk.

J. W. Huel
President.