

Farmer moved, seconded by Lower that a committee be appointed to ^{investigate} the report of the equalization based on the Fine Street Improvement. Which motion was agreed to.

Thereupon the President appointed Messrs. Yarnney, Joss & Patton.

- Proposition -

Whereas, the undersigned owners of real estate located on Union Avenue extended, and situated in Washington Township Stark County, Ohio are desirous of obtaining water from the City of Alliance, Ohio and to pay such prices therefor, plus an additional 10%, as is and may, from time to time, be charged to consumers of water in said city of Alliance O.

Now therefore, we, the said undersigned, jointly and severally, agree that if the City of Alliance, Ohio will furnish to said undersigned, and each of them, and to such other parties as may be permitted by said undersigned to accept the provisions of this contract, water from the Alliance Water Works at our several, respective places, that we, the said undersigned, will at our own expense and free of all cost to the City of Alliance, Ohio lay and construct a set such water main attached to and connected with the nearest water main in the City of Alliance to our respective places, said water main to be laid and constructed under the plans and specifications provided for the laying of such mains in the City of Alliance, Ohio, and to be done under the supervision of the proper officer of said City of Alliance, Ohio, and that we will pay from time to time, such rates for water as are charged consumers thereof in the City of Alliance, Ohio, plus ten cent thereof, and to be paid at such time and in such manner as paid by the city consumers, on the condition that if, at any time, the corporation line of the City of Alliance, should be so extended as to include our property or any part thereof, then that the city will reimburse said undersigned for such water mains so laid by us or such part thereof as may be included in the City of Alliance, Ohio

J. A. Hill
A. F. Hill

John Wilson, W Union Cemetery Association by B.C. Allott
 President of Board, Frank Hillis, Frank C. Woods.

On motion of Voss, seconded by Yarnney
 the proposition was referred to the water com.
 The com. on finance submitted Ord No. 1541

1540, 1539

W. Yarnney

Peter Voss.

F. C. Farmer.

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

The Platting com. to whom was referred the
 petition to vacate a street between the
 south west line of State Street and the
 north line of the first alley south of State
 Street. submitted the following petition

To the Honorable City Council
 of the City of Alliance, O.
 Gentlemen -

We would recommend the vacating of
 street as provided for in petition, provided
 that the signers agree to refund to the
 city the price per foot front originally
 charged for improving street, for the
 part vacated also to pay all costs
 and expenses of changing the met to
 conform to the new width and pay
 for the legal publication.

Yours truly

F. C. Farmer

C. E. Barnard

W. Yarnney

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

The Platting com. to whom was referred the
 Plat of Cyster's College Street Subdivision
 submitted the following report.

To the Honorable City Council
 Alliance, O.

We would recommend the passage of
 the attached ordinance provided all
 streets and alleys are graded + sidewalks
 laid

Yours truly

F. C. Farmer

C. E. Barnard

W. Yarnney

The question being on agreeing to the report
 of the com.

Which report was agreed to

The com. on Platting submitted their report of the Dubl Court Allotment and recommended the following that all streets and alleys ~~and sidewalks~~ be graded and sidewalk laid to grade.

F. C. Farmer
O. B. Barnard

The question being on agreeing to the report of the com.

Which report was agreed to.

The following ordinances and resolutions were taken up and considered.

Ord. No. 1541.

Mr. Yarney. To appropriate money for, and to purchase certain real estate in the city of Alliance, Ohio, whereon to construct a stand pipe for the use of the city of Alliance, O. was read the first time.

Farmer moved, seconded by Gubb 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. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Yarney.

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. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Yarney.

So the ordinance was passed.

Ord. No. 1539

Mr. Yarney. To authorize the expenditure of Twelve Hundred Dollars for the purchase of the necessary land and the construction of a standpipe and foundations and connections for improving and extending the water works of the city of Alliance O. was read the first time.

Patton moved, seconded by Farmer that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolution 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. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Yarnsey.

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

The question being on the passage of the ord.
 The Yeas and Nays were taken, and resulted Yeas 6 Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messers. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Yarnsey.

So the ordinance was passed,
 Ord No. 1540

Mr. Yarnsey - An ordinance to transfer One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from the General Contingent Fund to 1-a-3. Incidental Council was read the first time.

Patton moved, seconded by Barnard 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. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Yarnsey.

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. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Yarnsey.

So the ordinance was passed,
 Ord No. 1470

Mr. Patton To prevent noise and disturbance in the city of Alhambra, and injury to the inhabitants thereof, by regulating the running and operation of motor vehicles, motor cycles, motor bicycles and automobiles was read the first time.

Gubb moved, seconded by Lower, that the statutory rule requiring ordinance and resolution 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. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Yarny.

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 1 Nays 5.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Mr Lower. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Patton, Yarny.

So the ordinance was ~~passed~~ ^{lost}.

On motion of Barnard, seconded by Lower the Mr Yarny was requested to draft a new ordinance regulating the running and operating of motor vehicles in the city.

The light com. appointed to investigate the proposition of a municipal light plant. Submitted the following report

Special Committee Report.
 To the Honorable President and Members of the City Council of Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—We the undersigned committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of a municipal electric light plant for the city of Alliance.

Beg leave to report that we have visited Lorain, Cleveland, Ashtabula, Salem and Allegheny, Pa., and find the following condition:

1st. At Lorain we found that the city was not operating its own electric light plant, but was about to renew their contract with a private company, and statement of the condition of their contract was promised us but has not reached us at this time.

2nd. At Cleveland we found that \$2,000,000 of bonds had been authorized for a municipal electric light plant. And in an interview with Mr. Ballau an electrical engineer, employed by the city of Cleveland to conduct and make investigation for a municipal electric light plant, we found the following facts: The present cost of arc lights for the city of Cleveland is \$59.96. The municipal plant will furnish the same arc light for \$45.00. This rate being somewhat higher than ordinary, owing to the fact that the current must be carried a distance of 7 1-2 miles. The computed cost of current at switch board is 5-8 of a cent per K. W., including depreciation, interest on bonds and taxation. The estimated cost of current for Alliance, at the switch board, is about 1 1-2 cents per K. W.

The conditions existing in Alliance as to location of plant, and the area that the current would be carried to, was taken into consideration before the above estimate was given.

3rd. At Ashtabula, we found a municipal electric light plant. Population 18,266; 121 arc lights and 50 Tungstens; 40 miles of wire. Streets, public, building and pumping stations are supplied free.

1278 customers using lights, depreciation is computed at 7 1-2 on stock. Present bond debt, \$8,000.00 and a surplus of \$32,000.00. They are now installing new machinery. The charges for electric current are as follows:

1st. 50 K. W. 10 cents per K. W. hr.
 2nd 50 K. W. 8 cents per K. W. hr.
 3rd 50 K. W. 7 cents per K. W. hr.
 4th 50 K. W. 6 cents per K. W. hr.
 5th. All over 200 K. W. 5 cents per K. W. hr.

Power Rate.
 1st 20 K. W. 7 cents per K. W. hr.
 2nd 30 K. W. 6 cents per K. W. hr.
 3rd 50 K. W. 5 cents per K. W. hr.
 4th. All over 100 K. W. 4 cents per K. W. hr.

The director of service made the statement that if a nominal charge had been made for lighting the streets and public buildings, the above rate could be reduced one half.

4th. At Salem, O., we found that the city did not own its lighting plant, but owned an equipment consisting of poles and wires, which bonds were issued in the sum of \$20,000, with a view of owning its entire plant in the future.

By provision of a new contract current is furnished by private company at 1.21 cents per K. W., power at .7

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of a cent per K. W.

5th. At Allegheny we found a municipal electric light plant which furnishes light and power to all municipal activities.

No revenue is derived from the plant. All operation expenses are met by general taxation.

In an interview with an official of the plant we ascertained the following:

Before the installing of this plant the price per arc light was \$96.95 and now cost \$53.98, including interest on bonds at 4 per cent. Tax loss on 50 per cent of valuation.

The statement was also made that if they were allowed to furnish current for commercial purposes, the plant would have a large surplus at the end of the year, and under the existing conditions it was a great saving to the city.

(Signed) L. L. LOWER,
 J. H. PATTON,
 F. F. FARMER

On motion the report was accepted.

Mr. Voss submitted the following minority report on the municipal light plant proposition.

The Minority Report.

The investigations of this committee regarding municipal light plants can only be given very briefly at this time, owing to the fact that the writer has been very busy and since returning has not had time to give a full detailed report. I will therefore give you a few of the facts as I saw them during this trip.

The first point on the map we wished to reach was Cleveland, but after thorough consideration we found it was not possible to stop in Cleveland any length of time, owing to the fact that we wished to make both Lorain and Ashtabula on the same day.

We therefore took the limited interurban to Lorain as per arrangements of the chairman of this committee. We found that Lorain did not own its own municipal light plant, but instead they were thinking seriously of closing a deal with the Dougherty Electric Company. We asked the gentleman whom we met to give us the facts and figures relating to the cost of electric current and electric power to the citizens of their city. This he promised to do, and possibly the chairman of this committee has received the report from him before this.

We then took the limited back to Cleveland, where we got our dinner after which we boarded the interurban car to Ashtabula, arriving in that city about 3:20. We found that we had just about 40 minutes in which to get the desired information. This you will all agree was too short a time to get reliable data that could be depended upon.

We had the pleasure of interview-

should be replaced by new ones, which will show you how absurd is the statement that there should be no depreciation figured against the plant as long as they keep it in proper running order.

Mr. Gray seemed to favor municipal ownership, but upon asking him the question directly, "Do you think Alliance can afford to put in a \$15,000 plant at this time for lighting our public buildings, bearing in mind that we are to consider a larger plant to take care of all purposes in the near future," he answered emphatically, "No."

After a short interview with these gentlemen we took the car over to the city hall at Pittsburg where we first met the city auditor. After explaining our mission he immediately directed us to a former engineer at a light plant, whose name, I believe, is Mr. Weidmer, and just before leaving us he made the statement that he would advise us to keep away from municipal light plant entirely.

Mr. Weidmer at first was very enthusiastic and seemed to be sure that a municipal light plant would be a good thing for the city of Alliance, that if it could be governed properly it would necessarily be a paying proposition.

Therefore after weighing all the evidence carefully that was gathered during this trip the writer still feels that we are wrong in asking the citizens of Alliance to give us \$15,000 with which a small light plant could be built, which must necessarily be operated at a loss. I further think that the right thing to do is to face the issue squarely and tell the good people of Alliance just what they are to receive for their money, and leave it to them.

A great many of our citizens it seems are being misled in their belief in what we are to have for the \$15,000. I have been approached by a number of citizens who think that we are going to have a municipal plant covering all the needs of the city of Alliance in the way of current for lighting and power, but after I explained to them that this plant was only being built to light up our public building and to furnish power for our Booster Station, they almost without exception agree with me that it was a waste of money.

I would therefore suggest that we do as I have stated before, forget the \$15,000 plant, and at the proper time, take up the matter of a municipal light plant that will cover all the wants of all the people of the city of Alliance.

(Signed.) PETER VOSS.

On motion of Tammur, the solicitor was instructed to prepare an ordinance to issue bonds for a State armory site.

Tammur moved, seconded by Barnard that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet next Monday evening. Which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Barnard, seconded by Tammur, Council adjourned.

*Attest
Chas. Silver
Clerk
J. W. Hill - President*