

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1914

The council met in adjourned session with President Lewis in the chair. The roll being called the following members answered to their names. Messrs. Bayard Buckley, Gust. Heidman Knowles, Patton Ryan Present 7 Absent 0

A communication was received from the Director of Public Service.

ard's communication follows:  
The Honorable City Council,  
Alliance Ohio.

Gentlemen:—

Complying with your request of March 2nd, 1914, upon the water question, I beg to report as follows:

- (1) How much water used through meters and by whom? Shops and railroads, 141,946,952 gallons; other consumers, 12,813,110 gallons; total, 154,760,062. This is for October, November and December, 1913.
- (2) How much water pumped October, November and December, 1913? 436,740,000 gallons.
- (3) Furnish cost of filtering mil-

lion gallons? Estimated cost, \$5.00.

(4) What it cost to pump a million gallons in the line? Estimated on operating expense for October, November and December, 1913, including cost of filtering, \$20.00.

(5) What quantity of water is being wasted or unpaid for and by whom? I cannot answer this question at this time.

(6) Furnish total receipts for October, November and December, 1913? \$14,912.47.

(7) What would your recommendation be to eliminate waste and take care of water not being paid for? Compel payment into water fund for all free water being furnished, according to law, including city's portion and provide a competent inspector to look after consumers and enforce rules where water is wasted.

(8) What rates would you recommend to be adequate to create a revenue sufficient to meet actual cost of water delivered, as well as a sinking fund to take care of investment based on these recommendations for the different kind of consumers?

I would not recommend a change in rates to the average private consumer at this time.

I estimate that the present price to large consumers is less than cost of production for filtered water and would not attempt to recommend an adequate rate at this time.

Very truly yours,

JAMES I. RICKARD,

Director of Public Service.

Mr. Heidman made the following report concerning the municipal water works.

#### Assets of Water Works.

Bonded indebtedness Jan. 1, 1914, \$354,500; bonds redeemed to Jan. 1, 1914, \$57,000; bonds to be issued for water dam, \$20,000; book value of water works, \$431,500.

From 1899 to 1913 inclusive \$179,052.55 of the water works fund have been used for extraordinary purpose, such as extension and buildings, which should be considered sufficient to offset depreciation to Jan. 1 and the difference between actual value and purchase price when the water works was taken over by the city.

#### Expenditures for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1913.

Operating expense, exclusive of mayor's and service director, \$8,572.61; proportion of service director's salary, \$150; proportion of mayor's salary, \$100; loss of tax on investment of \$431,500 at 1.38 per cent per annum, \$1,488.67; interest on \$374,500 bonds at 4 1-2 per cent, \$4,213.12; depreciation two per cent of book value per annum, \$2,157.50; for providing sinking fund four per cent of bonded debt, \$3,745; total expense, \$20,426.90.

#### Receipts for Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1913.

From water sold by meter, \$6,568.61; from water sold flat rate, \$8,343.86; total receipts, \$14,912.47.

To the above amount should be added at rate of \$15 per annum for each fire hydrant 345x15, \$1,293.75; \$10 per annum each for 16 sewer flushes, \$40; total, \$1,333.75. The above items should be taken care of by general taxation, which would bring the receipts to \$16,246.22.

#### Total expenses for three months,

\$20,426.90; total revenue for three months, \$16,246.22; deficit for above period, \$4,180.68; average cost per thousand gal., 4.34c; average revenue from meter, 4.244c per thousand gal., average revenue from flat rate, 3.2c per thousand gal.

Total water pumped during three months, 436,740,000 gal. two per cent of 436,740,000 for leakage in pumps and pipes, 8,734,800 gal.; water used in 14 automatic closet flushes in schools, 4,694,760; water used in schools for other purposes, 5,720,000 gal.; water used in city hall, 250,000 gal.; water used in fire dept., 300,000 gal.; water used in City hospital, 260,000 gal.; water used in water troughs M. U. 43,200, Linden 397,540, W. 132,480, 573,220; water used in 16 sewer flushes, 725,750; total amount 21,258,540 gal.

The production for the quarter shows 415,481,460 gallons produced a revenue and of this amount 154,750,062 was sold by meters and 260,721,398 by the flat rate charge. Of this amount approximately sixty per cent more water used at the flat rate than by meters yields but thirty per cent more revenue.

The foregoing report is not intended to fix the rate. The figures should be gone over with a view of eliminating possible errors. It appears that at the present rate the city loses between \$40 to \$50 per day on the water works.

I would also suggest that the water meter rate should be amended in a way that it would not be possible to charge more for a lesser than that which will accrue on a larger amount of water.

The above reports were referred to the Director of Public Service and Water Committee.

The Clerk read proposals from The W.J. Sherman Company, Toledo, O. Burgess - Long, Columbus, Ohio, and Chester, Fleming, regarding a general survey of the municipal water works.

Referred to the Water Works Committee. Barnard moved, seconded by Patton that the City Auditor be requested to draft a set of classification of property for which to place a value thereon.

Which motion was agreed to.

The Finance Committee submitted Ord. No. 1711 - 1712, without recommendation.

W.W. Heidman

J.H. Patton

O.E. Barnard

The report of the com was agreed to.

~~Which motion~~

The com. on Grades submitted Ord. 1730 passage recommended.

M. Ryan

J.H. Patton

J.H. Binkley

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

The following ordinance and resolution were introduced.

Res No. 1731

Mr. Heidman. To authorize the payment of certain bills contracted last year. was read the first time.

Ord. No. 1730

Mr. Patton. An ordinance to establish a grade on Rush Street. was read the first time.

On motion of Patton, commit refer back to the second reading of ordinance.

Ord. No. 1711

To fix the number, bonds and salaries of the members of the Fire Department of Alliance, Ohio was read the second time.

Knowles 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

and resulted Yeas 7 Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Buckley, Gubb, Hudman, Knowles, Patton, Ryan. So the rule was suspended, and the ordinance read the third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance the yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 3, Nays 4. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Buckley, Gubb, Hudman, Knowles, Patton, Ryan.

So the ordinance was passed. Messrs. Barnard, Buckley, Knowles, Patton.

So the ordinance not having received the necessary majority vote was lost.

Ord No 1712.

An ordinance fixing the number, bonds and salaries of the Police force of the city of Alliance, Ohio was read the second time.

Knowles moved, seconded by Gubb that the statutory rule regarding ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and the ordinance read the third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule. The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 7 Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Buckley, Gubb, Hudman, Knowles, Patton, Ryan.

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

The question being on the passage of this ordinance.

The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 3, Nays 4.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Buckley, Gubb, Hudman, Knowles, Patton, Ryan.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Barnard, Buckley, Knowles, Patton.

So the ordinance not having received the necessary majority vote was lost.

Barnard moved, seconded by Patton that the rules be suspended and Ord No 1730 read the second and third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule. The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted Yeas 7 Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Binkley, Gubb, Hedman, Knowls, Patton, Ryan.

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 7. Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Binkley, Gubb, Hedman, Knowls, Patton, Ryan.

So the ordinance was passed.

Patton moved, seconded by Knowls, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Resolution No 173, read the second and third time.

The question being on the suspension of the rule. The yeas and Nays were taken and resulted yeas 7. Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Binkley, Gubb, Hedman, Knowls, Patton, Ryan.

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 7. Nays 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barnard, Binkley, Gubb, Hedman, Knowls, Patton, Ryan.

So the ordinance was passed.

On motion of Patton, Council adjourned

Attest  
Chas. Gilroy  
Clerk.

Arthur A. Fewer  
President.