Wednesday - October 20th, 1915.

Council met in adjourned session with Vice President Barnard in the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Barnard, Binkley, Cathon, Grubb, Heidman, Knowles, Ryan. Present 7, Absent 0.

Mr. Rose of the Alliance Gas and Power Company submitted the following communication:

October 18th, 1915.

To the Honorable City Council,
Of Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:- The Alliance Gas & Power Company, through its officers and agents, has examined the proposed rate ordinance recently introduced in and pending before your body to fix the rates to be charged for electric light service both to private consumers and to the City after August 1, 1916. Inasmuch as the Alliance Gas & Power Company is now furnishing such service and has a very large investment in plant and equipment located in this City, it of course will be vitally effected by these proposed rates, if adopted which approximately cuts in two the present rate.

Communication from Alliance Gas & Power Co., regarding rates for electric current.

While this Company is willing to accept a reasonable reduction in the rates, we beg to notify your body and the individual members thereof that the rates proposed by this ordinance are, under the circumstances, not only unreasonable but confiscatory in their effect as appears from the present business of the Company which is open to your inspection and investigation, and are not in line with the rates prevailing in other cities of like size in Ohio or any section of the United States.

These rates are far below any rate for which the Company can furnish electric current to the people and the City, having regard to the kind of service which the people will demand and expect, and having regard to a reasonable profit on the investment which the Company has in its plant; and especially is it a physical impossibility to furnish the current used for municipal purposes at the rate named in this ordinance without a constant loss to the Company.

The rates for street lighting are lower than the service can be furnished for, and this is evidenced by the fact that the engineer which your body employed to investigate the matter, after careful consideration, recommended the acceptance of the rates proposed and submitted to your body by the Alliance Gas & Power Company, which were considerably higher than the rates now named in this ordinance.

The Company desires to have you make full investigation of the facts before adopting this Ordinance, and also desires to notify you before it is acted upon that the rates named in the ordinance are unreasonable and confiscatory, and cannot be acquiesced in, but on the contrary will be resisted by the Company.

In conclusion, we might suggest that there are many days remaining before August 1, 1916,- the earliest date at which the new rates could take effect- and perhaps after the disturbance of election is over your body could give this matter more time and a more full and intelligent consideration. A fair and just rate is all that the Alliance Gas & Power Company asks or desires.

Yours very respectfully,

THE ALLIANCE GAS & POWER CO.

By - W. J. Rose, Mgr.

Referred to the Light Committee.

Matter of buildings & structures encroaching upon the streets.

Service Director Rickard called attention of Council to the matter of certain buildings and structures encroaching upon the streets, especial attention being called to the erection of pillars at a Broadway Building which were placed upon the sidewalk and obstructed the view from the residence of Stephen Untch.

On motion of Heidman, seconded by Knowles, the matter was referred to the Sidewalk and Judiciary Committees.

Funds for City Hospital.

The Director of Public Safety, Mr. Troy, called called attention to the necessity for providing funds for the City Hospital and stated that he had requested the City Solicitor to draw up a resolution authorizing a certificate of indebtedness.

Mr. Heidman introduced the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2004.

Ord.2004. Introduced.

Mr. Heidman:- An ordinance regulating the width of tires and weight of loads of vehicles on the streets and alleys of the City of Alliance; was read the first time.

Referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys.

Mr. Heidman introduced Resolution No. 2006.

Res.2006. Introduced.

Mr. Heidman - To issue a certificate of indebtedness of the City of Alliance, to provide funds to pay the expenses of the City Hospital; was read the first time.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee Res.2006.

By unanimous consent the Finance Committee submitted Resolution No. 2006 and recommended its passage.

W. A. Heidman,
C. E. Barnard,
Milo W. Cathon.

The report ofthe Committee was agreed to.

Res.2006. Passage.

Knowles moved, seconded by Cathon, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Resolution No. 2006 be 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, Binkley, Cathon, Grubb, Knowles, Ryan. So the rule was suspended and the Resolution read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of Resolution No. 2006, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Barnard, Binkley, Cathon, Grubb, Knowles, Ryan. So the Resolution was passed.

The Light Committee, to whom was referred Ordinance No. 2003, reported it back with the following recommendations:

Report of Light Committee. Amendments to Ordinance.

We, your standing Committee on Public Lights, to whom was referred Ordinance No. 2003, Mr. Cathon, having had the same under consideration, report it back with the following ammendments, and recommend its passage as amended: In line 2 of section 1, strike out the words, "persons, firms or corporations", and in lieu thereof insert the words, "person, firm or corporation"; also in line 3 of section 4, after the word "voltage" insert the words, "for light purposes": also that there be added to paragraph 2 under sub-head "Hours of burning", the words "the Company shall pay for the extra current consumed in excess of 400 hours per light per annum, pro rata of the fixed charge part of service cost to the City".

Milo W. Cathon,
W. A. Heidman,
J. H. Binkley.

The question being on agreeing to the report of the Committee, the report was agreed to.

On motion of Knowles, seconded by Cathon, Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

Chas Silver
Clerk.

Arthur [illegible]
Pres. of Council.