

MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

HIS REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Respectfully for the City Government by Appropriating \$174,550. The Chairman of the Board of Public Works.

The regular June meeting of select and common councils was held Wednesday evening.

SELECT COUNCIL.

In select council the following named members were present: Messrs. Bolentus, Berger, Long, Rennie, Riddle, White, Wise and Evans present.

The minutes of the last stated and special meetings were read.

Dr. Bolentus presented the monthly reports of the finance committee, and the drainage and sewerage committee, which were read.

Dr. Bolentus presented the monthly report of the street committee which was read. It contains no matter of interest that has not heretofore been published, except the following:

The committee recommend the construction of bridges over gutters at Duke and New streets, and the proper grade to be made on James, between North Queen and Market, and on North Queen between James and Leamon.

The committee also recommend the construction of a car road of crossing-stone from Ozer & Bro. and to grade East Walnut between Shippen and Plum street.

The committee will meet at the mayor's office on Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m., to inspect the localities where improvements are contemplated.

The following petitions were presented and referred to:

By Mr. Wise, to grade Coral street.

By Mr. Bolentus, to make crossings at Columbia avenue and Coral street.

By Mr. Bolentus, to construct gutter on Lancaster avenue, between Walnut and Chestnut.

The report of the lamp committee was read.

The report of the city treasurer and receiver of taxes was read. It shows a balance in the city treasury, June 1st, of \$12,296.15.

Dr. Bolentus thought council should take some action relative to the inter-municipal utility of the water supply.

Mr. Riddle said he had prepared a resolution to cover some of the requirements in the inter-municipal bill. It was as follows:

WHEREAS, SECTION 11, article 2, of the new municipal bill provides that the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh classes forthwith to pass such ordinances in accordance with the provisions of said act as may be necessary to carry into effect the requirements thereof;

Resolved, That the finance committee be authorized to take the same action as may be necessary to carry into effect the requirements of said act and report the same to council.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted. Common council concurred.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Riddle directing the committee on printing to have one hundred copies of the new city charter printed for the use of members.

Dr. Bolentus thought we had better wait until a certified copy of the bill be received by the mayor or some other city officer.

Mr. Riddle claimed that he had a certified copy of the bill, presented by the chief clerk of the Senate.

The further discussion President Evans put the question in the following form: "All those in favor of squandering the city's funds for nothing will vote aye." There were some responses. "Those opposed will vote nay." "The ayes appear to have it" said Mr. Evans.

Mr. Riddle called for a division, and told President Evans that he had not voted aye because he was not in favor of squandering the city's money more than he was, but that they favored the passage of the resolution to print the charter for the use of members.

Mr. Evans refused to accept the division. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Bolentus nominated Dr. M. L. Davis to fill the vacancy. The yeas and nays were called, and Dr. Davis was elected unanimously.

The resolution adopted by common council last month allowing J. W. Johnson, ex-city solicitor, \$386.65 claimed by him for extra services, was called up, and Dr. Bolentus moved that select council concur.

Mr. Berger objected to the payment of the bill. It had never been shown that the money was due Mr. Johnson. He had collected large sums of money due the city while he was city solicitor, and had failed to pay it over to the city treasurer, until he was threatened with prosecution. Then he made a claim for payment for extra services, and retained the amount of the claim in his own hands when he paid over a portion of the city money.

The matter was further debated by Messrs. Bolentus, Rennie, Riddle and Wise, and the yeas and nays were called on the motion to concur with common council. The result was as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Bolentus, Rennie, Wise and White. Nays—Messrs. Berger, Long and Evans present.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Common council was called to order at 7 o'clock, with the following members present: Messrs. Auzer, Baumgardner, Bradie, Brinton, Bucklin, Cornumy, Creeshok, Cummings, Dale, Eberman, Evans, Frailey, Frantz, Griest, McElroy, Noll, Rohrer, Sing, Shirk, Stormalist and Beard present.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Presentations of Petitions.

By Mr. Rohrer, the petition of a large number of citizens of the Seventh ward for water pipe on Shippen street, between Low and Locust streets, for the convenience of a number of people who intend building this season on the street.

that Mr. Johnson collected a large sum of money during his term of office, and after the expiration of his term, he refused to pay over the balance in his hands, he refused to do so and claimed that the city owed him \$386.65 and whenever the city authorities paid him that sum for extra services he was ready to settle.

After waiting several months and Mr. Johnson not settling, the city solicitor was instructed to bring a criminal suit for embezzlement against him, but before that suit was brought Mr. Johnson handed over \$1,470.01, but retained \$386.65, which he has never yet paid over. The committee also state that Mr. Johnson was allowed \$300 as a fee for appearing in the court to restore the supreme court in the Rinkhart case.

Mr. Cornumy offered a resolution that the bill be paid and the mayor be instructed to draw his warrant for the amount of Johnson's claim, \$193.33, ten per cent. of the full amount collected by him, and \$200 for the trial of four cases for thirty in the common pleas court. He moved the adoption of the resolution and Mr. Brinton seconded it.

Mr. Evans questioned whether it would be legal to allow Mr. Johnson the amounts claimed by him for extra services. If the council also was to claim there are other city solicitors who will put in bills for extra services. He could not see why the solicitor should be paid \$50 for trying cases, as he received a salary for attending to the city's legal business.

The yeas and nays were called on the motion of Mr. Cornumy's bill and it was adopted by the following vote:

Messrs. Auzer, Bradie, Brinton, Bucklin, Cornumy, Creeshok, Dale, Eberman, Frantz, Griest, Rohrer, Sing, Shirk and Stormalist—14 yeas aye.

Messrs. Baumgardner, Cummings, Evans, Frailey, Frantz, McElroy, Noll and Beard—10 nays.

Mr. Baumgardner called the attention of the members to the fact that they have directed the mayor to draw his warrant for the amount of Mr. Johnson's bill, in the face of the fact that Mr. Johnson was the city, and he had not paid the amount he collected as city solicitor.

Extension of the street railway.

Mr. Cummings presented the petition of the directors of the Lancaster City Street railway company, asking the consent of council to extend the street railway from the corner of East King and Duke, down Duke to Vine, along Vine to South Queen, down South Queen to Hazel, return to Conestoga, to Prince, to Orange, to present road, and also on West Chestnut to Market and Columbia avenues, to city limits at West End or College street.

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