

CIVIC ESTIMATES.

A Reduction of \$5,600 in the Assessment for This Year.

RETRENCHMENT TO BE PRACTISED ALL AROUND.

Lively Passage-at-arms Between Aids, Farrell and Moore.

ALDS. STOCKFORD'S SCHEME FOR RE-ORGANIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The regular monthly committee meeting of the city council was held last evening with the full board in attendance. The accounts for the last month were gone over and passed with very little discussion.

The council then proceeded to consideration of the assessment for the ensuing year. The fixed charges which include the amounts expended for maintenance of schools, grant to Victoria hospital, interest on city debentures, and the exhibition grant made last year, were passed after a brief discussion. These items make a total of \$24,309.

The sum of \$3,000 was voted for alms house maintenance and interest on alms house debentures, being the same amount as last year.

Ald. Moore after stating that several new street lamps would be needed during the ensuing year, moved that the assessment for street lighting be fixed at \$4,200, an increase of \$200 over the previous year.

Ald. Farrell said that the citizens were expecting a reduction in their assessment and he did not see why an extra amount should be voted for street lights. He thought \$4,000 was sufficient.

Ald. Moore could not see the wisdom of cutting down the assessment and then over-running the appropriation. He concluded that street lights were a fixed charge and could not be reduced.

Ald. Stockford wanted to know why the amounts paid by the Electric Light Company in rebates were not shown in the accounts.

Ald. Moore said that the amount was deducted from the company's bill each quarter and that was why the whole assessment had not been used up.

The Mayor wanted to know if some change in the schedule could not be made whereby the lights could be turned on whenever needed. Week before last the lights were not turned on as it was supposed to be moonlight, though it rained every night.

Ald. Moore explained that the schedule had been prepared by the council and he as chairman of the committee had no power to change it. His recollection was that the lights were supposed to be turned on half an hour after sundown except on moonlight nights.

Ald. Ross mentioned a case where he had been called out after midnight a short time ago. The lights were not on and it was so dark that he had to cling to the rail of a fence to guide himself.

Ald. Farrell thought the council should authorize Chairman Moore to wait on the company and have the schedule altered. The lights should certainly be turned on every dark night, and to make up for the difference they could be turned off earlier in the morning.

Ald. Stockford believed the lights should be turned on whenever needed. He thought perhaps the whole amount would be needed this year as the lights did not now go out and there was no rebate.

During the discussion it was stated that there were 65 lights now in use for which the city paid at the rate of \$52 per light. The mayor thought that \$4,000 would be sufficient to assess for lighting purposes, as it would pay for the cost of the regular number and allow for four or five additional lamps.

Ald. Moore finally accepted His Worship's suggestion and had the amount fixed at \$4,000.

The mayor suggested that the board of health would probably need an extra grant this year to provide for smallpox expenditures, and the appropriation was fixed at \$700, an increase of \$200.

On the fire department appropriation being reached Chairman Stockford said that he had some extensive changes and improvements in contemplation, but would undertake to get along with \$5,000, which was the amount voted last year.

Ald. Farrell said that he would like to hear some explanation from Ald. Stockford as to how he intended to dispose of the appropriation.

Ald. Stockford in reply said that he proposed to purchase two horses and a new hose wagon for the fire department,

and also a chemical extinguisher. The hose station would have to be altered to provide accommodation for the horses, and two permanent men would have to be employed. If the Council thought he could get along with a smaller appropriation he was willing to abide by their decision. He thought that one of the horses could be put at work on the streets during the day time, but one would constantly be at the station.

Ald. Moore thought that Ald. Stockford would need the whole \$5,000 to carry out his plans for improvement. He believed that two-thirds of the ratepayers were in favor of equipping the fire department with horses, and he had become a convert to it himself. The present system was bad, as it sometimes took twelve minutes for the firemen to reach a fire. There had been some agitation for a hose station at the back part of town, but to erect one would, in his opinion, be a mistake.

Ald. Ross was strongly in favor of the improvements to the fire department suggested by Ald. Stockford. He did not believe that with horses it would require more than two or three minutes to get a hose reel to a fire, and the saving of time was an item of great importance.

Ald. Clark thought the idea of getting horses for the fire department was a good one. He believed that the horses could be utilized in other ways that would be a benefit to the city.

Ald. Boyce did not see why the roads and streets department should not own the horses, as they would probably do more work on the streets than they would for the fire department.

Ald. Stockford could not see as it would make much difference which department owned the horses, so long as they were always available in case of fire.

Ald. Jago thought the fire department should always have the first call on the horses.

Ald. Farrell believed that three horses would be needed then a span could be put at work on the streets.

After some further discussion the appropriation to the fire department was fixed at \$5,000.

The amount for contingencies was on motion of Ald. Clark fixed at \$5,691.

Ald. Farrell moved that the appropriation for roads and streets be fixed at \$4,600. He explained that the proposed expending \$2500 for macadamizing \$280 for 400 tons of gravel, \$400 for cleaning streets, \$200 for watering cart, \$400 for roadmaster's salary, and \$620 for unforeseen expenses.

Ald. Moore did not think that 400 tons of gravel was sufficient. He did not believe in so reducing the assessment that the public service would suffer; at least 1000 tons of gravel were needed for the streets this year.

Ald. Farrell said that the people expected the assessment to be reduced to an amount consistent with the actual requirements of the public service. He believed that the amount fixed by him for roads and streets was sufficient, and with the assistance of the council he would undertake to get along with that amount. The streets, with the exception of a few in the back part of the city, where money was thrown away last year, were not in bad condition, and with the exercise of strict economy the appropriation was sufficiently large. The 400 tons of gravel was to be largely used on the streets which the sub-committee had undertaken to repair last year.

Ald. Moore said it was hardly necessary for Ald. Farrell to assume all the responsibility for roads as other members of the council were also interested in their being kept in good condition.

This remark aroused the ire of Ald. Farrell and he sat down very heavily upon the venerable sage from Queen's ward. He said he did not want to claim more ability than Ald. Moore possessed, but he would not want to see a board composed of nine other men like him. Ald. Moore never lost an opportunity to make trouble between him (Farrell) and the roadmaster. He never loses an opportunity of knifing me in the back. For three or four days he has been going about saying that Farrell and Clark had the assessment all fixed. I don't expect to get along with him. I wish to tell him now that if he will take the chairmanship of roads and streets second hand I am willing to turn it over to him. Ald. Farrell promised to consult the council on all matters and would convey their instructions to the roadmaster. He would thank any alderman to call his attention to work needed in any particular section of the city. His only object in reducing the assessment was to give the people some relief.

Ald. Moore thought that Ald. Farrell's talk was altogether uncalled for. There was no necessity for his getting angry simply because he (Moore) had made a suggestion. He denied having made or sought to make trouble between Ald. Farrell and the roadmaster. Ald. Farrell could pile it on as heavily as he wished, it would make no difference to him. (Moore.)

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