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HOSPITAL RETARDED

City Councils Dealt It a Blow
Last Night.

REFUSED TO GIVE THE LOT

Common Branch Defeated the Ordinance—The Railroad Ordinance
Considered and Postponed—
Other Business.

The ordinance to sell the hospital lot in the western part of the city to the Hospital Association for \$1 was defeated in Councils last evening by a vote of 8 to 10 in Common branch. Those voting in favor of the sale are Berger, Cole, Gorman, Leisenring, Moyer, A. J. and H. C. Nagel, Yingling. Those voting no were Haas, Koch, Kutz, Sefing, Schwentzer, Shelly, Schneck, Walt, Wolf and Wood. This will undoubtedly retard the progress for a little while.

Those present in Councils were President Wood, Berger, Cole, Gorman, Leisenring, Moyer, A. J. and H. C. Nagel, Haas, Koch, Kutz, Sefing, Shelly, Schneck, Schwentzer, Wolf, Walt, Yingling in Common branch. In Select Anewalt, Lumley, Tritschler, Schantz, Stiles, Heberling, Ellsworth, Herrity. Charles Wolfe, of the Fifth Ward, was sworn in as Common Councilman.

THE VALLEY ORDINANCE POSTPONED.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad seemed to have fair sailing with the extension of its branch in the western part of the city and Select branch had decided to return to the original ordinance, but in Common Council the ordinance was postponed on account of the objection raised by Mr. Haas, who said Councilmen had not received copies of the ordinance a day before the meeting, is the law requires.

NEW ORDINANCES.

The following new ordinances were referred to the proper committees: To locate Jordan street, between Walnut and Lehigh Valley station; to grant special sewerage privileges to L. P. Peters; to open the following streets: Fulton, from Hamilton to Linden, Court, from Madison to Fourteenth; Whitehall, from Seventh to Sixth; Jefferson, from Walnut to Lawrence; Sixteenth, from Hamilton to Walnut; Sixteenth, from Hamilton to Linden; Franklin, from Hamilton to Chew; Fourteenth, from Turner to Chew; to construct a sewer on Liberty street, westward from right of way of Lehigh Valley Railroad; to transfer item Clerk of Tax Revision Board to item preparing tax duplicate, 1896; to lay an eight-inch water pipe on Sixteenth street, between Hamilton and Walnut; to notify property owners to pave, etc., both sides of Water street, between Union and Lawrence; to have all possible specifications type written to save expense, adopted; to transfer item city assessments of Finance Department to Board of Appeals or Tax Revision; that item officers' salaries in Health Department be transferred to contingent fund of Health Board.

M. J. Meixell invited to inspect the new Rescue building. H. E. Ginkinger petitions for a water main on Tilghman street, between Fourth and Fifth. Received. The Water Department submitted the figures for water rents which are the same as last year.

An unfavorable report on locating a road on property of O. F. White was sustained. The committee reported favorably on a box gutter at Third and Union streets. Sustained.

The offer of H. Leh to macadamize Sixteenth street, between Hamilton and Walnut, the city to grade, was accepted.

MR. HAUSMAN'S BONDSMEN.

James Hausman, City Controller, presented his bond. The bondsmen are John Nonnemacher and Charles Detweiler.

The City Treasurer's report shows: March 1, Balance in general fund, \$12,846.60; sinking fund, \$19,249.54; special, \$1771.72. Water Department: General fund, \$10,032.18; sinking, \$22,666.84.

President Wood appointed Messrs. Seifing and Berger as delegates from Common branch to the Municipal Convention at Reading on March 11.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 11, the Councilmen are to meet at Steckel's bridge to go over the proposed route of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

OF SECOND READING,

To lay an eight-inch water pipe on Tilghman street, from Fifth to eighty feet east of Penn, 350 feet, and appropriating \$350; to transfer \$355 from item labor and carting to item grading Sixteenth street, between Hamilton and Walnut.

There was considerable voting on the ordinance abolishing the office of City Clerk and prescribing the duties to the Clerks of Councils. Finally Messrs. Tritschler, Stiles, Lisenring and Haas were appointed a conference committee on the ordinance.

PASSED FINALLY.

That \$75 of item unexpended city assessment be transferred to item contingent fund of City Property Committee.

Items \$100 relief value in Fire Department were transferred, \$50 to rules and printing; \$75 to balance of item city assessment of Finance Department and \$100 of item contingent fund of Law Department to contingent fund of Health Department.

The ordinance fixing tax rate passed finally: 2½ mills on the dollar for property; poll tax of 50 cents for male inhabitants over 21 years; \$1 on dogs and \$2 on sluts; one half mill on real, personal and mixed property for sinking fund, and one-fourth mill for payment of interest.