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THEY MAKE THE LAWS

And Don't Care a Rap Who Writes
the Song.

THE CITY FATHERS CONFERENCE

And Transact Such Business Calculated to Be for the Benefit of Their Constituents—Allentown Bank Gets the Bonds.

The regular meeting of city council's was held last evening, the following members being present: Select council, Messrs Reinsmith, Detweiler, Wonderly, Steckel, Gorman, Baines, Heberling, Stiles, Ellsworth and Schantz, president; common council, Messrs Berger, Cole, E H Kutz, Laros, Le'senring, McLaughlin, Michael, A J Nagle, H C Nagle, Schneek, Shelly, Ward, Weller, Wolf, and J Fred Kutz, chairman.

The mayor and city solicitor were authorized to rent the present quarters of the city to the best interests of the city.

The board of health was directed to furnish councils with a statement of the number of cases quarantined per month for the past year and the cost per day for maintenance.

The finance department made the following reports: Favorably on the resolution that the mayor be directed to advertise the present quarters of the city for rent from April 1, 1897, and unfavorably on the ordinances appropriating \$150 to the fire department for gas and \$100 for contingent expenses and unfavorably on the ordinance for the sale of part of the city lot on Turner street, between Fulton and Sixteenth, to the Allentown Hospital Association. Reports sustained.

The highway department made the following reports: That the petition of George Seislove to connect his building, at Linden and Church streets, with the sewer be received and filed; unfavorable on the petition to have the drainage on James street, between Second and Ridge avenue, improved; favorably on the resolutions that the tracks of the Allentown and Reading Electric Railway be improved; unfavorably on the resolutions for box gutters at Chew street and Ridge avenue and at Hall and Hamilton streets and for the relaying of the side walk at on Union street, between Penn and Jordan; favorably on the resolution for drain pipes at Brick and Liberty streets. The reports were sustained.

NEW ORDINANCES.

Making the annual appropriations to the several departments of the city government for the next fiscal year; creating the office of sanitary inspector and fixing his salary at \$50 a month. His duties shall be fixed by the board of health; providing that the bonds to the amount of \$46,500, falling due January 1, and which are to be refunded, shall be clear of all taxes; appropriating \$600 to the finance department to pay the six-months' interest on the \$30,000 loan made for the construction of the Central Fire and Police Station; appropriating \$22 for the laying of a crossing at Church and Chew streets.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Directing the highway department to require all owners of property to relay pavements, curb and gutter; lost in select council; appropriating \$1000 to the city property department for furnishing the new Central Fire and Police Station and \$22 to the highway department for grading Cedar street, from old Seventh street to Sixth street; passed.

PASSED FINALLY

The ordinance appropriating \$100 to the water department to paint fire hydrants passed finally.

The following bids were received for the printing of the refunding bonds of 1897: W. F. Sedwichter, \$79; Berkmeyer, Keck & Co., \$71; Welt Bote Publishing Company, \$49.75. The last-named firm received the contract.

For the purchase of the \$45,500 redemption bonds of 1897, the following bids were received: Joseph Kidd, five \$500 bonds at \$110.50 each; Farson, Leach & Co., New York, for the whole issue at \$100.625; W. J. Hayes & Sons, Cleveland, Ohio, to be received at par if the city will pay \$250 for placing same; C. H. White & Co., New York, for the whole amount, one-eighth per cent. premium; Saylor & Stevenson, Philadelphia, \$30,000, at \$100.55 per hundred; E. Blockman Underhill, Jr., New York will place them at par at a commission of 1½ per cent. If the five-year clause is rescinded he will pay \$104.05 per \$100. for the whole issue; All-town National Bank, for the entire block, 101½. A motion was made to award the contract to the Allentown National Bank for the whole issue. The motion, after considerable discussion, prevailed.