

To the common council of the city of Rochester :

The petition of the Rochester Water Works company, respectfully sheweth,

That the season of the year is approaching when it is proper to consider the means adapted to procuring a supply of water for the use of the citizens and for extinguishing fires.

That this company are prepared to undertake the construction of their proposed Water Works whenever the city, in its corporate capacity, will extend to it the aid contemplated by the act of 1852 as amended in 1853.

That one of the plans proposed by the company contemplates taking the water from Lake Ontario, at a point northwest of the piers at the mouth of the Genesee, where the water can be procured in the greatest purity for about three-fourths of the year, the water to be brought from the Lake along the west bank of the river to the Lower Falls, when it will be raised by hydraulic power to a point securing a head of seventy-five feet in the highest part of he city where it will be required.

The daily supply by this plan will be 3,000,000 gallons.—The estimated aggregate cost of the works on this plan will not exceed \$550,000. This estimate includes supply main from the lake, engine house, machinery and appurtenances at the Lower Falls, distributing reservoir, water power, right of way, engineering and twenty miles of distributing pipe.

Another plan under consideration is to take the water from Hemlock Lake, in which the expense, for right of way, with a covered conduit about twenty-five miles in length, dams, locks, gates, reservoir, &c., is estimated at about \$570,000.

It is important to decide early on one of the various plans proposed, and the company therefore ask your Honorable Body to make provision for a loan of the credit of the city to the company to the amount of \$200,000, contemplated by the act of 1853, and specify the mode in which the same shall be secured, which the company would prefer and propose should be by mortgage on the works when completed to an extent specified, which shall be a first lien. The city bonds to be placed in trust in the hands of the City Comptroller, until the mortgage is executed, and the work so far finished as to distribute in at least ten miles of pipe. Signed, J. M. WINSLOW, Sec'y.

By direction of the company.

Dated, Rochester, April 1, 1856.

By Ald Warren—Accounts of S P Allcott, J T Orton ; contingent expense committee.

By Ald Filon—Account of Engine Co No 4, L T Ward, P Killip ; fire department committee.

By Ald Moore—Accounts of Chief of Police and Policemen, S P Allcott, A W Sharp, J Wilkins, S M Sherman ; lamp and police committee.

By Ald Hilton—Account of G Wimble ; contingent expense committee.

By Ald Bauer—Account of M Newhart ; contingent expense committee.

By Ald Morey—Petition of A R Shaw ; grievance committee. Account of Democratic Printing Association ; contingent expense committee. Accounts of W F Holmes, A & J Shaw, W H Niven, W H Moore, J Howe, J McDowell, W O'Neil, Jr, C W Loweth, J Waldele, G Fringie & Co, F & poor ; poor committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Ald. Warren, of the contingent expense committee, reported in favor of the accounts of J. I. Robins, S. P. Allcott, N. Harrington, J. T. Orton and P. Leonard.

Referred to finance committee for payment.

Ald. Briggs, of the street committee, reported in favor of the accounts of E. Blossom, E. Coleman & Co., H. R. Carnes, W. and M. M. Hollister & Co.

Referred to finance committee for payment.

Ald. Morey, of the poor committee, reported in favor of the accounts of G. Gould & Co., W. F. Holmes, Riley & Hughes.

Referred to finance committee for payment.

Ald. Moore, of the lamp and police committee, reported in favor of the accounts of Chief of Police and Policemen, H. R. Carnes, S. P. Allcott,

J. Wilkins, Rochester Gas Company, W. Coughlin, B. M. Maker, Bennett & Co., and S. M. Sherman.

Referred to finance committee for payment.

Ald. Filon, of the fire department committee, reported in favor of the accounts of engine company No. 4, L. T. Ward, Charles and Lewis and P. Killip.

Also, in favor of paying M. Seligman \$30 03, in full for division wall constructed by him between his house and engine house No. 1.

Referred to finance committee for payment.

Ald. Douglass, of the market committee, reported in favor of the account of Tone & Briggs, at \$42 31 in full.

Referred to finance committee for payment.

On motion of Ald. Shelton, the petition of Fitch and Alling and the account of C. H. Bicknell, were referred to the street committee.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Ald. Montgomery, of the select committee, on that subject, reported in favor of paying the account of H. R. Carnes, for street signs.

Referred to finance committee for payment.

EXECUTIVE.

The Clerk reported that the several individuals appointed to office the 18th March, 1856, had signified their intention to accept the same.

The Clerk submitted the Report of the Overseer of the Poor, for March. No. of families assisted, 493 ; No. of individuals, 1,877 ; amount expended, \$1,577 04, of which \$60 63 is chargeable to Towns and County. Filed.

Also, the Report of the Keeper of Mount Hope Cemetery, for March. No. of interments 45. Filed.

Also, the Report of the Poe Justice, filcor March. Filed.

Also, Report of Dr. John Reid, by which it appears that the total number of cases prescribed for by him on the East side of the River since his appointment are 478 ; No. of day visits, 769 ; No. of night visits, 18 ; No. of office prescriptions, 710 ; No. of deaths, 7. Filed.

Also, the Reports of City Physicians, for March: By Dr. Vaill—No. prescribed for, 71 ; No. of day visits, 233 ; No. of night visits, 1. By Dr. Reid—No. prescribed for, 40 ; No. of day visits, 133 ; No. of night visits, 3. By Dr. Arink—No. prescribed for, 23 ; No. of day visits, 126 ; No. of night visits, 3. Filed.

Also, the following :

To the common council—

The Treasurer would report that since the date of his annual statement of the 15th ult., he has paid sundry orders chargeable to the several accounts as follows :

Contingent Fund, Cr.....	\$ 1,691 61		
" " Dr.....	792 64	balance	898 87
Lamp & Police fund, Cr.	45 13		
" " Dr.	3 00	"	42 13
Fire Dept Fund, Cr.....	2,101 87		
" " Dr.....	89 21	"	2,012 66
Highway Fund, as reported,		"	268 43
Poor do " "		"	121 02
Board of Health ac. Cr.....	640 79		
" " Dr..	192 39	"	448 40

F M BROMLEY, Treasurer.

City Treasurer's Office, April 1, 1856.

The Treasurer would also report the orders outstanding and unpaid as follows :

1854.			
June 13,	G. W. Avery.....	\$3 00	Lamp & Police Fund.
" 27,	J. Halman.....	1 25	Highway
Sept. 19,	Engine Co. No. 4....	8 00	Fire Dept.
Dec. 12,	A. W. Miller.....	1 25	Contingent
1855.			
Mich. 30,	Jonathan King.....	2 00	do
May 1,	J. J. Raw.....	20 00	Poor
July 24,	C. McNally.....	1 00	Fire Dept.
Nov. 20,	Mason & Crammond.	402 55	Spring & Ford st's*
Dec. 11,	W. Wilbur.....	183 76	Pearl st. grade.†
	*\$125 62 to the credit of this account.		
	† 25 87 do do do do.		

ORDINANCES.

PEARL STREET GRADE RE-ASSESSMENT.

Ald. Briggs submitted the following:

An ordinance to re-assess \$170 00 for the grading of Pearl street.

Whereas, The common council of the city of Rochester did, on the 18th day of July, 1854, ordain and determine that Pearl street, from Griffith street to Nelson street, should be graded, and that the expense thereof should be defrayed by an assessment upon the owners and occupants; and did estimate such expense at the sum of eight hundred and eighteen dollars; and whereas it appears that a greater sum of money has been expended in the completion of such improvement, and that such greater sum thus expended, amounts to the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars.

Therefore, Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars be assessed upon the owners and occupants of the following part of said city, namely:

"One tier of lots and all the land fronting or bounded on each side of Pearl street, from Griffith street to Nelson street."

Resolved, That Francis Dana, Schuyler Moses, and Enoch Bouton, three of the assessors of said city, be designated to make said assessment, and that they meet for that purpose, on Friday, the 4th day of April, 1856, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the City Clerk.

Confirmed, all ayes.

Ald. Sabin submitted the following, and moved that it lie upon the table for two weeks, which was so ordered:

An ordinance to authorize and provide for a loan of the credit of the city of Rochester, to the Rochester Water Works company to the amount of \$200,000.

Pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to incorporate the Rochester Water Works company," passed April 16, 1852, chapter 356, and an act entitled "An act to amend the act to incorporate the Rochester Water Works company," passed May 26, 1853.

The common council of the city of Rochester do ordain as follows:

§ 1. A stock is hereby created to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, to be known and designated as The Rochester Water Works stock, for the payment of the principal and interest of which the credit of the city of Rochester is hereby pledged, which shall be redeemable and payable as follows, namely: fifty thousand dollars thereof in seventeen years, fifty thousand dollars thereof in eighteen years, fifty thousand dollars thereof in nineteen years, and fifty thousand dollars thereof in twenty years from the date of the issue of the bonds hereinafter mentioned, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

§ 2. Bonds of the city of Rochester to be signed by the Mayor of said city with the corporate seal attached, shall be issued to the amount of said stock, in sums of one thousand dollars each, with interest as aforesaid, redeemable and payable as aforesaid, which bonds shall be drawn payable to the order of The Rochester Water Works company, and shall be deposited with the City Comptroller, in trust for said company, and to be delivered to them when their reservoir is completed with supply mains leading thereto capable of passing three million gallons of water per day, and when ten miles of distribution pipes leading therefrom shall have been laid, and one hundred fire hydrants placed in said city, and the water laid on therein, and the said Rochester Water Works company shall have executed and delivered to the said city of Rochester a mortgage on said Water Works con-

structions, to secure the principal and interest of such bonds, which mortgage shall be the first lien on said works, and shall have secured the right of way from the source of supply to said reservoir.

§ 3. The interest payable upon said bonds shall be declared therein and made payable at the Merchants' Bank in the city of New York, or such other place as said common council may thereafter or from time to time designate by resolution, and of which they shall cause public notice to be given, and the form of such bonds shall be prepared by the City Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By Ald. Pancost—Resolved, That O. C. Seymour be allowed to make repairs, &c., to his house on Chesnut street, agreeable to the terms of his petition, under the direction of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and that the suit commenced against said Seymour, for the violation of the ordinance relating to wooden buildings, be discontinued upon payment by him of an amount not exceeding \$5, for the city attorney's charges for attending to such suit.—Adopted.

By Ald. Briggs—Resolved, That the Treasurer pay Enos Blossom \$46.75 for highway expenses, and charge \$46.75 highway fund. Adopted, all ayes, except Ald. Clark, who was excused from voting.

The following resolution was offered by Ald. Montgomery, and on his motion laid upon the table until the next regular meeting of the Common Council, for the purpose of limiting the time within which the settlement referred to shall be made:

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board adopted on the 6th day of March last, authorizing the settlement of certain assessments for Court and William streets Sewer be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

By Ald. Douglas—Resolved, That Conrad Weisler be and he is hereby authorized to transfer his license for the sale of fresh meat, at the corner of Scio and New Main streets, to Adam Brown. Adopted.

By Ald. Filon—Resolved, That the Clerk execute certificates of discharge to John Doner, Henry Kohler, and John H. Kohler, they having severally served as Firemen the period requisite to entitle them thereto. Adopted.

On motion of Ald. Douglass, the Board adjourned until Saturday afternoon, the 5th inst., at 3 o'clock.

WASHINGTON GIBBONS, Clerk.

In Common Council, April 5, 1856.

REGULAR MEETING.

Present—The Mayor, Ald. Robins, Pancost, Briggs, Montgomery, Shelton, Winslow, Douglass, Filon, Clark, Jordan, Sabin, Moore, Bennett, Hilton, Bauer and Morey. Absent—Ald. Harlow, Breck, Warren and Quin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Ald. Briggs—Account of E. Blossom; street committee.

By Ald. Shelton—Account of Blossom & Watson; sewer committee.

By Ald. Winslow—Accounts of A Strong & Co., F Dana, S Moses, E Bouton; contingent expense committee.

By Ald. Filon—Accounts of M F Reynolds, and W A Reynolds; fire department committee.