

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE COMMON COUNCIL,

OF THE

CITY OF ROCHESTER,

FOR 1864-5.

ROCHESTER:

W. S. KING, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, DEMOCRAT OFFICE.

1864.

Ald. Groot, from the Police Committee, reported in favor of the bills of Policemen, R. R. Harris, Steele & Avery. Finance Committee.

Ald. Copeland, from the Contingent Expense Committee, reported in favor of the bills of W. S. King, C. Calhoun, E. Wray, J. Barhvidt, O. Morgan, Steele & Avery, C. T. Amsden, Philip Hox. Finance Committee.

Ald. Upton, from the Improvement Committee, reported in favor of the estimates of McConnell & Jones, James Buckley, F. C. Lauer, D. D. Lynch. Finance Committee.

Ald. Palmer, from the Grievance Committee, reported favorably in the matter of C. C. Bliss and Geo. Smith, and adversely in the matter of N. H. Gardner. Report accepted.

Ald. Draper, from the Law Committee, reported adversely on the claim of C. P. Smith and V. M. Smith. Also, in favor of the petitions of Charles Seitz and Charles Struck. Report accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LOCKPORT WATER WORKS

Ald. Upton, from the Special Committee appointed on the Lockport Water Works, submitted the following report, which, on motion of Ald. Draper, was accepted and ordered published:

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Rochester :

GENTLEMEN: Your committee submit that they have examined the Lockport Water Works and find that the pump now in use at Lockport is a perfect piece of self-regulating machinery, of about one hundred horse power, throwing about fifty barrels of water per minute, in ten streams of from seven-eighth of an inch to an inch and one-fourth in diameter, from eighty to one hundred feet high. The cost of the pump of that size, including shafting for the pump, is estimated at one thousand dollars, exclusive of water-wheel and water power, which your committee think would be amply sufficient, if a reservoir should be used. But if direct force should be employed, your committee are of opinion that two or three pumps of twice the capacity of the above mentioned pump would be necessary for furnishing water for fire and all other purposes in Rochester.—The cost of each of the last mentioned pump will probably be about \$3,000, including water-gauge, regulators, shafting, gearing, pipes, valves and couplings. Your committee are satisfied that sufficient power may be obtained at the Rapids, above the city, for pumping into a reservoir, and that it would probably be advisable to get power below the Falls for direct application. Your committee are of opinion that if a reservoir should be built on the high grounds south of the city, and pipes be laid through the city—that if, at any time hereafter it should be deemed advisable to bring water from Hemlock Lake, the reservoir and pipes would all be perfectly adapted to that enterprise. It is estimated that wooden pipes, encased in water lime, will cost about one dollar per foot on an average through the city, and iron pipes about twice that amount. We are informed that the subject of introducing water for the Work-House, Poor-House and Insane Asylum, is now under discussion. Your committee are of opinion that the city should combine their interests with the interest of the county in the enterprise of introducing water. Your committee earnestly recommend that

some plan be introduced and carried into execution for supplying the city with water.

JAMES UPTON,
A. CRAM,
HENRY HEBING,
H. A. PALMER,
D. D. T. MOORE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The President of the Board presented the following communication from His Honor James Brackett :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ROCHESTER, July 18, 1864. }

Gentlemen of the Common Council :

In the "Finance Budget" passed at your meeting of the 12th instant, I find a bill of Adolph Nolte, \$143.75, and also one of C. D. Tracy & Co. for \$350 for printing of the proceedings of your Board for the quarter ending the 30th ult.

The payment of these bills I cannot approve, and therefore return with my objections.

In my communication of the 10th May, and also of the 27th June, I therein stated that I could not approve of your action in publishing your proceedings in more than one daily paper, English, and one daily German. Notwithstanding my objections you have continued to publish the proceedings in all of the daily papers of the city, at an annual expense of \$5000, and that, too, without re-considering the resolution as required by Section 50 of the Amended Charter.

I shall continue to disapprove of any resolution you may adopt directing the payment of any bills for publishing your proceedings, until you have perfected a contract in accordance with my previously expressed views on this subject.

If suits are brought against the city to obtain payment for the printing, that is being done without authority of a contract, upon you will rest the responsibility, as I have ever been willing to approve of any action that provided for the necessary printing, and have only interposed my prerogative to save the taxpayers the burden of paying for that which is unnecessary.

It has been my aim during my administration, to reduce the expenses of our city government in all cases where it could be done without injustice to any party, and was in hopes that you would cheerfully second my efforts, but in this I have been mistaken.

These are times unequalled by any in the history of our country, and all of us should, in city matters, as well as our own individual expenses, exercise economy that we may be prepared to meet any and all calls made upon us for means to subdue this unholy rebellion, until the same shall be put down, and our once glorious country restored to its former peace and prosperity.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES BRACKETT.

On motion of Ald. Flynn the communication was accepted and ordered to be published.

The Clerk presented to the Board Vols. 1 and 2 of the Adjutant General's Report of the State of New York, with the respects of the Hon. John T. Sprague. Also the Revised Ordinances of 1863, "From the City of Detroit to the City of Rochester."

Ald. Palmer moved that the documents be accepted, and that the Clerk acknowledge the receipt of the same. Carried.