

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

Chas. L. Raymond

OF THE

CITY OF ROCHESTER,

FOR 1882-83.



ROCHESTER, N. Y.:

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1883.

Ayes—Ald. Collins, Barron, Bronson, Ransom, Stern, Jeffords, Hinds, Pitkin, Felsing, Rice, Southard, Alkenhead, Kelly, Hart—14.

By Ald Jeffords—

To the Common Council—GENTLEMEN :

Your lamp committee having advertised for proposals for lighting the city with gas, have received the following proposals from the different companies:

Rochester Gaslight Company.—This company proposes to furnish gas, light, extinguish, take care of, clean and repair the public lamps west of the east bank of the river, from July 1st, 1882, to July 1st, 1883, on the present plan, viz.: To light all night and every night for the following prices per lamp for all the gas lamps $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet burners, \$20 per lamp, and for any part of gas lamps used, \$25 per lamp. If proposal is accepted will enter into contract with not less than two sureties to perform the contract satisfactorily to the common council.

Citizens Gas Company.—This company proposes to furnish gas, light, extinguish, take care of, clean and repair the public lamps east side of the river from July 1, 1882, to July 1, 1883, on the present plan, viz.: to light all night and every night, for the following prices per lamp for all the gas lamps, \$20 per lamp for such lamps as are on line of main of any competing company, alone \$18 per lamp per annum, and for such lamps as are on the line of this company's main alone and not on the line of main of any other company \$23 per annum, candle power, size of burner and other conditions same as in last year's contract.

The Municipal Gas Company proposes to light, extinguish and care for, in accordance with the advertised request of the lamp committee, all lamps now on or to be placed on main pipe of said gas company, to furnish said lamps with gas of twenty candle power through a burner or burners consuming four cubic feet of gas per hour, from the 1st of July, 1882, to the 1st of July, 1883, for the sum or price of \$22 per year per lamp, payments to be made monthly. Your lamp committee have received proposals from the Brush Electric Light company and the Rochester Electric Light company, and would ask for four weeks further time. The Municipal Gas company's proposition is for lighting certain parts of the city, their mains running only to about 460 lamps on the west side and 200 lamps on the east side. If your committee should recommend in dividing between the three companies it would bring the price about \$24 per lamp.

C. A. JEFFORDS,
J. MILLER KELLY,
H. S. RANSOM,
Lamp Committee.

Ordered received, filed and published.

By Ald. Jeffords—

Resolved, That his honor, the mayor, be authorized to enter into a contract with the Rochester Gas Light company to light, extinguish, care for, clean and repair the public gas lamps on the west side of the river, and the Citizens Gas company on the east side of the river, as follows: Said light to be furnished through a three and one-half foot tip burner, all night and every night, with a candle power not less than eighteen candles, both bar and jet test, with pressure sufficient to pass through each burner wherever located, its full capacity of three and one-half feet per hour at the price of twenty dollars per lamp per annum, said contract to become null and void whenever said stipulations or any part of them be not fulfilled, and the common council to reserve the right to locate electric lamps on the main streets.

Adopted.

Ald. Hart moved that the Municipal Gas Company be requested to continue the lighting, care, &c., of the public lamps on Goodman street and Anderson avenue at the same rate per lamp as paid the Citizens' Gas Light Company, until otherwise ordered. Adopted.

By Ald. Felsing—

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

Your City Property Committee would report that it has advertised for bids for the sale and removal of the property on the line of the new street between State and Sophia streets, and hereby reports in favor of awarding the contract to Charles R. Pratt, he being the highest bidder, in consideration of the payment by him of \$1,310.

J. A. FELSINGER
J. F. HART,
GEO. CHAMBERS,
A. COLLINS,
City Property Committee.

Adopted.

By Ald. Felsing—Resolved, That the Mayor of the city of Rochester be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with Charles R. Pratt for the sale and removal of the buildings on the line of the new street between State and Sophia streets, in consideration of the payment of \$1,310. Said Pratt to deliver a bond in the penalty of \$5,000 with two sureties approved by said Mayor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the said contract on the part of said Pratt, the contract and bond to be approved as to their form by the City Attorney. Adopted.

By Ald. Chambers—

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN: Your committee on water works in conjunction with the executive board, have had in hand negotiations with the agent of the Rochester Water company, for the purchase of all of the property of said company having any financial value to the city of Rochester, and also for the extinguishment of all claims or causes of action which said company assumes to have against the city. The property which is the subject of the negotiation is indicated in the following schedule:

First—A custom flouring mill and saw mill and a mill pond connected therewith, said to contain 128 acres. The mills and dam located in the village of Hemlock Lake and the mill pond extending south-erly nearly to the lake itself.

Second.—A house and lot on east side of mill pond in Hemlock village.

Third.—Two houses and lots on east side of Lima road in village of Hemlock lake, including a lot of land containing about five acres.

Fourth.—A vacant lot of about four acres in village of Hemlock lake on west side Lima road.

Fifth.—About five acres of land lying on each side of the outlet and between the said mills and the village cemetery.

Sixth—Twenty acres of farming land adjacent to the village cemetery, through which the water works conduit is laid. This land was purchased from Samuel Northrop.

Seventh—About three acres of land on east side of mill pond in village of Hemlock Lake comprising the mill yard, etc.

Eighth—All the land, amounting to about twelve acres, and all the rights and privileges purchased of Russell Jacques and others, adjacent to the foot of Hemlock lake, including the natural outlet of said lake and the artificial channel and bulkhead constructed by the Rochester Water company.

Ninth—A small triangular lot with dwelling house thereon at the junction of South and Reservoir avenues in the city of Rochester.

Tenth—A twelve-inch cast-iron water main and service pipes and fixtures connected therewith, in Plymouth avenue between Spring and Troup streets in the city of Rochester and now in use as one of the water mains of said city.

Eleventh—All of the pipes, hydrants, gates and fixtures owned by the Rochester Water company now set and lying within the corporate limits of the city of Rochester.

Twelfth—The settlement of all claims, demands or litigations between the parties.

The price demanded for the foregoing described property is \$26,000. This price includes \$2,050, which was formerly paid into the Mechanics sav-

ing bank by the city under an award of a commission appointed by the supreme court in payment for the land at foot of Hemlock lake, formerly owned by Russell Jacques and designated as number 8, in the foregoing schedule of property.

Should the city make the purchase as proposed, a considerable sum could be realised by selling off portions of the property and reserving all the rights in the same which it is desirable the city should retain.

A consummation of the purchase of this property would settle protracted and expensive litigation. It would give the city peaceable and undisputed control of the flow of water from Hemlock lake. It would in our opinion, enable the city to so control the flow of water from the lake to the mills below as to bring about an amicable settlement of the matters now in litigation between the millers on the outlet and the city of Rochester.

The undersigned, therefore respectfully recommend that the property and rights enumerated in the foregoing schedule, be purchased by the city of Rochester at the price and on the terms stated in the foregoing report.

Resolved, That the water works committee of this council and the executive board be and they are hereby authorised to consummate the purchase of the property of the Rochester water company as enumerated in the schedule in the foregoing report of the water works committee and executive board. Said purchase to be on the terms and at the price named in said report, and cause the necessary papers for transfer of title to be prepared.

GEO. CHAMBERS,
H. S. RANSOM,
J. M. PITKIN,
Water Works Committee.

BYRON HOLLEY,
S. B. WILLIAMS,
Executive Board.

Ordered received, filed and published.

By Ald. Chambers—Resolved, That the Water Works Committee of this Council and the Executive Board be and they are hereby authorized to consummate the purchase of the property of the Rochester Water Company as enumerated in the schedule in the foregoing report of the Water Works Committee and Executive Board, said purchase to be on the terms and at the price named in said report, and cause the necessary papers for transfer of title to be prepared.

Ald. Hart moved to table until the next regular meeting.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Ald. Barron, Bronson, Stern, Jeffords, Hinds, Pitkin, Felsing, Rice, Southard, Aikenhead, Kelly, Hart—12.

Nays—Collins, Ransom, Chambers—3.

Ald. Aikenhead, from the Committee on Opening and Alteration of Streets, to whom was referred the petition for opening Hamburg and Marietta Streets, reported progress and asked further time.

Further time was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND THEIR REFERENCE.

From the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 27, 1882. }

To the Honorable Common Council:

The accompanying letter and claim for damages occasioned by obstruction in Rowley street has been handed me, I respectfully suggest that the same be referred to your Law Committee.

C. R. PARSONS, Mayor.

Referred to the Law Committee.

From the Executive Board—

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, }
Rochester, June 27, 1882. }

To the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: The Executive Board is in receipt of numerous complaints from owners and occupants of property which is drained into the Fourth, Seventh and Twelfth ward outlet sewer, and especially into Mount Hope and South avenue sewers, for the reason that the water backs into their cellars, doing damage and creating a nuisance. The City Surveyor, at the suggestion of the Executive Board, made an examination to ascertain the cause of the trouble, and he reports that the size of the outlet sewer is 3 by 4 feet, but because of the debris which has accumulated in the sewer and the back water, its actual drainage capacity is not more than six inches. The back water comes from the Genesee river at its present height and does not vary a great deal at any time. The sewer is also surcharged several times during the day by taking the waste water from the weigh lock. One remedy is to cut out the rock in the channel between the end of the sewer and the river and along the river bed to a point near Court street bridge, and by constructing a wall outside thereof to keep the water from overflowing during a freshet. A better remedy, however, would be to construct a new outlet sewer in the bottom of the Erie Canal, extending from Dive culvert to a point near the aqueduct and thence to the Genesee river. This would go away with the Dive culvert, which is more or less filled up, and afford an outlet for the purposes mentioned and answer the demands of the people of the locality named.

Respectfully,
THOS. J. NEVILLE, Clerk.

Ald. Rice moved to receive, file and publish and refer to the Sewer Committee and City Surveyor with instructions to prepare an ordinance for presentation at the next regular meeting. Adopted.

From the Executive Board—

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, }
ROCHESTER, June 23, 1882. }

To the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—Your honorable body having ordained the improvement of Edward street on the south end thereof by grading and the construction of sidewalks from the north end thereof to Herman street, the Executive Board would respectfully call the attention of your board to the fact that the drainage of said street has no outlet except across private property, the owner of which has served notice upon the this Board objecting to the use of his property for this purpose.

By referring to the map it will be seen that this difficulty can readily be obviated by opening and extending Edward street from the north end thereof to Weeger street, and the Executive Board recommend said opening and extending. Respectfully,

THOS. J. NEVILLE, Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Opening and Alteration of Streets.

From the Board of Health—

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 26, 1882.

In Board of Health, June 23d, 1882.

Com. Chace presented the complaints of residents near the stone quarry on Brown st., complaining of stagnant water in the quarry and moved it be referred to the Common Council and be requested to bring in an ordinance for a sewer. Adopted.

Com. Englert said complaints were made about stagnant water in the stone quarry on Genesee st. and moved it be referred to the Common Council.—Adopted.

Referred to the Sewer Committee.

From the City Clerk—

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 27th, 1882. }

To the Hon. the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with section 29, of the Revised City Charter, I report the following named persons as having qualified and taken the oath of office:

M. B. Royce, Commissioner of Deeds.

Wm. O'Kane,

H. B. Stevens,

John Cawthra,

John N. Decker,

Thos. P. O'Kelly,

Chas. Roe,

Ordered received, filed and published.

From the City Attorney—

To the Hon. the Common Council of the city of Rochester.