

# WATER FOR AKRON.

## THE CITY COUNCIL PASSES THE WATER WORKS ORDINANCE WITHOUT DISSENT.

From Friday's Daily Beacon

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, Thursday evening, with President Goodrich in the chair. Members present, Alexander Brown, Goodrich, Henry, Ingersoll, Lawton, Marvin, Schott.

The absent members were Carter, Second Ward, sick in bed; Estep, Fourth Ward, out of town; Luman, Sixth Ward, out of town; Peckham, Sixth Ward, out of town.

On motion, by Mr. Alexander, the regular order of business was suspended, and the Council proceeded to consider the water works ordinance.

Mr. Henry suggested that the proposition be slowly read.

Mr. Alexander, of the Committee on Water Works, then proceeded to read the proposition, explaining it as questions were raised.

For the information of the Council Mr. Alexander read the contract that this same company had with the borough of New Brighton.

One matter which had been pretty thoroughly discussed was the price per hydrant. Mr. Alexander stated that at the last committee meeting Mr. Kendrick had submitted a proposition to furnish hydrants at \$7.50, which the committee rejected.

Mr. Conger stated that at the conference of the committees, Mr. Kendrick wanted \$50 per hydrant, but he suggested a compromise at \$43.

There being no further remarks, the Clerk read the ordinance.

After the ordinance had been read Mr. Alexander said he wished to ask the Solicitor if the ordinance contained anything in addition to what is usually found in like ordinances.

In reply the solicitor stated that the first section granted privilege, such as are found in gas ordinances, &c. The other sections are merely the ordinary safeguards. There are no conditions or stipulations imposed.

Mr. Alexander moved that the ordinance be passed. He had this to say: A committee appointed by the Council and a citizens' committee conferred with Messrs. Kendrick and Frost. We submitted a proposition. We believe that it is a fair contract. He hoped that the citizens and Council will aid these gentlemen, by manifesting their good will. They say they will build such water works in which they, as well as the city, will take pride. The growth of our city has not been a mushroom growth, but of a permanent nature. He wanted all the good will possible to go out to these men. As individuals it was the duty of Council to assist these gentlemen.

Mr. Marvin said they would have an expression from the citizens if they did not pass the ordinance.

Mr. Goodrich—One thing is gratifying, and that is, it is a private enterprise. Public affairs can not be as well managed as private. If there is nothing else to be done, call the roll for the passage of the ordinance.

THE ORDINANCE PASSED.

The roll was called, every member present voting aye. When the result was announced it was received with applause.

Adjourned.

RATIFICATION MEETING.

After adjournment, a brief ratification meeting was held by the Council and several prominent citizens. Mr. D. L. King, being present, was called upon for remarks.

Mr. King said that he did not know as he could add anything to what had already been said. Water works in Akron had been a dear thing to him, and he was really gratified that this action had been taken. It would add to the city's industries. He preferred this course because now we inaugurate water works with no public debt. As a private enterprise they will endeavor not only to do the work well, but rapidly. Now that we are going to have water works, we want them just as quick as we can get them. There is nothing like sympathy, so let us help the company with our good will and hands. [Applause.]

It was suggested by Mr. Alexander that the Council make an appropriation of \$700 to be used to ascertain the water supply in the southwestern portion of the city. If the company is successful in finding an abundant supply then the amount be refunded; if not, that the city and company share half the expense.

It was Mr. King's opinion that there was an abundant supply of pure water.

The meeting then broke up and the members and citizens dispersed to their homes.

NO DELAY ABOUT THE NEW WATER WORKS.

From Saturday's Daily Beacon

Now that the City Council has granted to the Akron Water Works Company all the necessary rights and privileges to carry on such works, it will be cheerful information to our readers to announce that operations are to commence next week. In conversation with Mr. Frank Adams, one of the company, a

BEACON reporter was told that it is their intention to begin work just as soon as Dr. Kendrick's return. Prospecting for a well will be the first thing done, and if they meet with success, a large force of men will be put to work and the project rushed through.