

NOMINATION DOWNED.

Council Reject L. B. Stephens for Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Contemptible Attempt to Turn Down Fred Meisner as Police Officer—James F. Pender Made "City Detective."

It was nearly 8 o'clock last evening when President Spencer called the city council to order, all members of the council being present except Pincock and Adams (L. B.), the latter being excused at the last meeting. City Recorder Anderson and Attorney Whipple were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the following business was then taken up:

The mayor sent in a communication calling attention to the necessity for the services of a superintendent of public buildings and grounds and nominated for the place L. B. Stephens. The council refused to confirm by a tie vote on secret ballot.

He also nominated as police officers the following named gentlemen: Chas. Felker, Joseph McManis, Fred Meisner, George Burton (to be in Meisner's place until he recovers from his recent injuries), D. O. Sullivan, W. A. Brown and Joseph Belnap and for city detective James F. Pender.

Upon a motion to that effect, the ballot for the candidates was secret and resulted in the confirmation of Charles Felker, W. A. Brown, D. O. Sullivan and Joseph McManis.

Adams, Clark and Farrell opposed the method of voting by ballot, and attempted to have the aye and nay vote taken, but the chair ruled that the motion to vote by ballot had been regularly carried, and refused to entertain a motion, after the first ballot had been taken, to change the method of voting.

The names of Fred Meisner and Joseph Belnap were rejected. Councilmen Farrell and Adams spoke earnestly in support of a reconsideration of the vote on Meisner's name, but the motion to reconsider was not entertained at the time it was made.

The mayor withdrew the name of George Burton, and the council then confirmed James F. Pender as special detective, against the protest of Councilman Farrell, who argued that there is not any office of city detective.

Councilman Farrell's motion to reconsider the vote on Meisner's name was then put and carried, Mr. Farrell urging that not to confirm him would be an act of great ingratitude, as Meisner is now on a sick bed, suffering from a wound received while on duty. On a rebalot, Meisner was confirmed by a vote of 5 to 3.

The mayor also sent in a message vetoing the council resolution regarding the pay of unconfirmed appointees. The vote on sustaining the resolution notwithstanding the mayor's veto, stood five to three, and the resolution was lost, the necessary two-thirds not voting against the veto.

The committee on laws reported on the claims of Phillip Rank for services as police justice and recommended that the claim be allowed to the extent of \$16. Adopted.

A large number of claims were presented and allowed amounting to \$2901.27.

Councilman Farrell made a partial report on the repair of the Thirtieth street bridge and asked further time. The committee was given one week's further time.

The committee also recommended some repairs at the city jail to cost not to exceed \$75. Adopted and the committee given power to act.

The city auditor called up the matter of allowing the county collector the fees demanded by him for sales of property to the city for taxes, the same question being now in the courts in the case of Hamer vs. Weber county. Referred to the committee on laws.

The city recorder asked instructions as to collecting the job wagon license, the owners refusing to pay the license because of inability. Referred to the committee on licenses.

The committee on laws recommended that the claim of H. H. Henderson for supreme court costs in the case of J. C. Armstrong vs Ogden city, be allowed to the amount of \$73.85. Adopted.

The ladies of the Weber county Woman's Suffrage association were granted the use of the city council chamber, on the afternoon of the last Tuesday of each month.

Major Breeden presented a communication regarding the Worlds Fair mineral exhibit, saying that one half of that exhibit could be obtained for Ogden city as the nucleus of a museum, at a very slight expense. The matter was referred to the committee on finance.

The Business Men's association asked for the use of the city hall for a meeting. Referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

Councilman Watson introduced a resolution which was adopted that the recorder pay no warrants to city officers or employees without the claim has been passed upon by the council.

On motion of Mr. Farrell, the chief of police was instructed to notify the proper parties to remove the pile of brick at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Adams.

Councilman Farrell brought the attention of the council to the matter of the sale of water to the city by W. R. Swan and wife, and that a bond of \$15,000 had been given to the city that the title to the water was good. As the city has not yet received title to the water, he suggested that steps be taken to realize on the bond. Referred to the committee on laws and city attorney.

Councilman Shinn having mentioned the fact that a number of city employes handle money without being under bond, the matter was referred to the proper committee to make recommendations.

Messrs. Lee & Hayes reported that the draft of the revised ordinances is now ready to be submitted to the council, and the special was directed to inspect the work, together with the city attorney.

Council then adjourned.