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City Water Works.

At the meeting of the Common Council, on Monday evening last, an ordinance was passed granting the City Water Works to John S. Griffin, Prudent Beandry and Solomon Lazard, the associates and assigns of J. L. Sainsevane, for considerations in the ordinance expressed, the outlines of which are as follows:—The grantees to pay to the city ten thousand dollars, in installments of two thousand dollars per annum, for five years, and to surrender to the city six thousand dollars in city warrants, bearing ten per cent. per annum interest, and other indebtedness of the city to the amount of eight thousand dollars—making a total payment of \$24,000; with the further conditions that the grantees lay twelve miles of iron pipes in the city; build additional reservoirs of sufficient capacity for twenty days' supply of water for domestic purposes; to construct a ditch around the base of the hills, for the purpose of supplying the reservoirs with water; to place hydrants at the street corners, to supply water in case of fire; and to build an ornamental fountain upon the Public Plaza, at a cost of one thousand dollars; and to give bonds in the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the compliance with the conditions of the ordinance. The improvements to be made by the grantees, under the ordinance, a large portion of which will be made within one year from the approval of the same.

for the compliance with the conditions of the ordinance. The improvements to be made by the grantees, under the ordinance, a large portion of which will be made within one year from the approval of the same, are estimated will cost upwards of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. We have heard no little talk upon the streets of late, both for and against the grant; some asserting that it was worth a much larger sum of money. When the matter came before the Council, however, no distinct or tangible propositions were made to that body save that of Messrs. Griffin & Co., although the Council delayed action upon their proposition an entire week, thus giving ample time for counter propositions to be filed. The Council acted wisely in disposing of the water works. A contest has been going on for some time between rival companies for their possession. By the action of the Council they have removed a disturbing element from their body and secured to the inhabitants of the city a constant supply of water for domestic purposes, both in winter and summer. The present condition of the works are such as to offer little or no security for a supply of water during the winter months, dependant as they are upon the water of the zanjias, the experience of last winter proves that water cannot be supplied during the winter months, unless a new dam should be built by the city, which would cost at least twenty thousand dollars, and which

the city, which would cost at least twenty thousand dollars, and which cannot be accomplished this season; such being the case, it becomes the imperative duty of the Common Council to provide for a permanent supply of water for domestic purposes; this that body have accomplished by the grant referred to, and while the rival companies may feel chagrined at their failure to incorporate the public with the private water-works and thus create a monopoly, we believe the people are well satisfied with the action of the Council.

