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repaired under their direction.

A statement of Councilman Murphy in reference to the proposals for Water Works. Council had instructed parties to include pipes and stone-work in their proposals. Had been a misunderstanding by different parties as to length of pipe, and this explained some difference in the proposals. Mayor Ezzard stated that he thought Council had no further power in the matter. Several Councilmen thought differently. Sections of the act of the Legislature were read by the Mayor. Councilman Dunning also read some sections, and took ground differing with the Mayor—that Commissioners were to be controlled by Council. Dr. O'Keefe thought that the Council had control of the matter.

Mr. Howell thought that according to the act, the Commissioners had power to act even against desire of Council, but it was not the intention of the act so to empower them.

The Council seemed puzzled as to what step to take.

Opinion of City Attorney, Jackson, was called for. He read and commented on part of the legislative act. Agreed with the Mayor that the Council had no further control over the matter.

Mr. Howell moved that commissioners, who were present, be invited to co-operate with Council.

Hon. Mr. Dunning was invited to make a statement. He stated that he introduced the bill, and it was his intention that the Mayor and Council should act only till commissioners could be elected; and that the engineer's duties would continue after the supply of water was obtained.

Judge Lochrane was called upon for his opinion, and made a speech of some length. It was believed that the Council had power to act till commissioners were *qualified*—qualification being the legal means of election. Believed that commissioners could not act at all without the Council should act upon the bids.

By Mr. Howell:

That, whereas the people of Atlanta have voted largely in favor of water-works, the Council proceed to the introduction of a supply in the city—unanimously adopted.

Also, that the Council proceed to decide upon the bids, either to accept one or reject all—adopted with dissenting voices.

Council then went into secret session.