

PROPOSITION IN REGARD TO THE HOLLY SYSTEM OF WATER WORKS.

Right of Way Granted to the Dubuque & Minnesota Railroad Company.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Special Session.

A special session of the City Council was held at 9 o'clock, yesterday morning, Mayor Knight in the chair, and present Ald. Lucas, Gehrig, Ryan, Lenehan, Robison, Jaeger, Kaiser, Pleins, Coates and Weigle.

WATER WORKS.

The first business in order was a proposition submitted by J. K. Graves, R. A. Babbage, M. S. Robison, Jno. H. Lull, W. Hyde Clark, and a number of others, proposing to supply the city of Dubuque with the Holly system of water works. The proposition is as follows:

Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Dubuque:

The undersigned, together with such others as may hereafter associate themselves with us, respectfully ask for a charter for furnishing water to the city and citizens of Dubuque, under an organization to be known as the Dubuque Water Works Company.

We desire to include in the charter the agreement upon your part that the city shall take, for a period of years, at least 100 fire plugs, or the water therefrom, at \$75 each per annum, and at \$70 each per annum for all in excess of one hundred.

As the undertaking involves the outlay of considerable money and may not for a time at least prove remunerative, we wish the charter to contain a clause to the effect that the corporate property and capital stock of the company shall be exempt from city taxation.

We expect to adopt the Holly system, or some other equally as good system, and ask the charter especially for the introduction of water works under that or such approved system. Under the foregoing provisions we will complete our organization immediately, giving all our citizens an equal opportunity with ourselves to become interested in this enterprise, and with the assurance given us here and elsewhere we feel confident of our ability to carry the matter through successfully.

We would ask for sixty days' time during which to perfect our arrangements, and if within that time we do not close contracts for pipe and machinery, we will ask no further hearing from your honorable body.

Our intention is to have the pipes laid this fall, and the machinery up and entire works completed by close of this year, or soon after.

J. K. Graves,	R. A. Babbage,
John Thompson,	R. E. Graves,
L. D. Randall,	Peter Kiene,
J. A. Rhomberg,	J. M. Griffith,
Sol. Turck,	Wm. Andrew,
Wm. Andrew,	J. F. Bates,
R. S. Harris,	Francis Jaeger,
W. H. Peabody,	Jno. H. Lull,
M. S. Robison,	W. Hyde Clark.

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M. S. Robison and John Thompson addressed the Council upon the subject, setting forth the advantages of the proposed enterprise.

Ald. Jaeger said that at a meeting of the Council Committee it had been agreed that both companies should submit propositions, but he noticed that only one company was represented.

Ald. Robison, in view of this fact, was in favor of referring the whole matter back to the committee, with instructions to report at an early day.

The Mayor stated that he believed the water works should be constructed by the city, but as that project had been abandoned nothing remained but to grant a charter to a private company. He believed that the Council should grant a charter immediately.

Ald. Gehrig asked for the proposition from the Level Company. The Mayor said that they had no one to submit, but he understood that they would not come in and compete with the other company.

Ald. Jaeger did not believe in putting the thing off a week or two. The parties representing the Holly system were present, why not grant them a charter at once.

Ald. Robison was in favor of granting a liberal charter, but did not propose to vote upon the subject until he knew what he was about.

M. S. Robison stated that the cost of the hydrants at Peoria at the foundry was \$40 each, and did not expect that they could be procured for a less amount than that here.

Ald. Gehrig was in favor of the water works, but was not in favor of binding the city to a contract with any private company. To do so would run the city \$100,000 in debt. Let the company take their own chances.

Ald. Jaeger presumed that the gentleman from the 2d ward was not very well informed in regard to manner of making contracts. Our fire department cost about \$5,000 a year, but by adopting the Holly water works this could be abandoned. The rates of insurance would also be reduced, which was no small item. The company must have some encouragement. Give them the same privileges the gas company had, and let them go ahead.

Ald. Robison submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the communication of the citizens in reference to the building of water works be referred back to the committee on water works, to report in a week from to-day.

To this Ald. Kaiser submitted the following amendment: That the committee be instructed to correspond with the different cities where the Holly system is in use, to ascertain the cost of a hydrant per year, so that we have some guide to go by.

Ald. Weigle announced himself in favor of the Holly system, or some other system, and did not support the amendment offered by Ald. Kaiser.

Ald. Ryan, offered the following as a substitute for both the motion and the amendment.

Resolved by the City Council, That this Council is willing to adopt the Holly system of water works, and is willing to grant the charter asked for provided proper terms can be agreed upon with the corporation asking the charter.

The above was adopted.