

INTERESTING SESSION OF COMMON COUNCIL

Otto Roenius Elected Alderman to Fill Vacancy Caused by Death of Christ Gettslaff

The common council of the city of Grand Rapids met in regular monthly session at the west side hall, Mayor E. W. Ellis presiding. All members were present.

The claim of H. C. Demitz against the city for changing the grade of the street in front of his residence, necessitating his putting in new cement side walks, etc., was referred to the City Attorney to ascertain if there was an established grade on that street formerly, and as to the liability of the city for making the change.

The committee who had been appointed to look after the erection of a drying rack for the fire hose reported that the same had been erected and completed. The committee to whom the purchase of the McDonough tract of land which had been offered to the State Department today for pre-purchasing the same for a clay pit at \$1,000, if there was 30 acres in the tract and the title was perfect. Their report was adopted.

The street committee and the City Attorney were instructed to investigate the matter and report on same at the next meeting.

The claim of Gust Kruger for damages to his crop on account of the city pumping water thereon while building their new reservoir on 16th street was allowed at \$50.00.

The claim for rebate of taxes on City Hospital lot as referred to the

City Attorney.

The petition by 18 of the saloon-keepers asking the common council to pass an ordinance cutting out all free lunches in saloons was on motion laid on the table.

The usual grist of bills and accounts as O. K'd. were read and allowed in the usual manner.

A resolution under section 1090 extending the time for the payment of taxes without penalty until the first day of March 1917 was adopted.

Mayor Ellis in a few appropriate remarks paid Alderman Christ Gettslaff, recently deceased, a eulogy on his valuable services rendered to the city as alderman from the fourth ward.

Mr. Gettslaff was always faithful to every trust imposed upon him and his valuable services as alderman to the city was always attended with fidelity and efficiency. The Mayor appointed as a committee to draft suitable resolutions of respect, Messrs. Jackson, Bever and Gilmaster and City Attorney Jeffrey.

Alderman Plenke of the fourth ward nominated Otto R. Roenius as alderman to succeed Christ Gettslaff, deceased and the same was seconded and passed by unanimous vote of the council. City Attorney Jeffrey was instructed to draw an amendment to the dog ordinance forbidding owners of female dogs to allow them to run at large.