

# COUNCIL HAS TAME MEETING

**Only Routine Business Is Transacted—City Sealer Fight Hangs Fire.**

Routine business was transacted at the city council meeting last night. The election of the sealer of weights and measures was postponed until next Monday, and no action was taken in the case of Moses Cook, who had been cited to appear to show why his license should not be revoked.

Mr. Cook, who was fined by Judge Cutting in municipal court the other day on the charge of violating a city ordinance which prohibits the selling of jewelry at auction, was not incarcerated on refusal to pay the fine of \$35, but immediately began habeas corpus proceedings through his attorney, Albert Baldwin, and pending a continuation of the argument on Wednesday before Judge Cant, is out on his own recognizance. Mr. Cook contends that the ordinance is unconstitutional and that the city has no more right to restrict the selling of jewelry at auction than it has to restrict the selling of shoes, groceries, furniture or anything else in the same manner.

#### **To Prepare Sewer Estimates.**

The city engineer was ordered to prepare estimates for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Garfield avenue between Ash and Olo avenues with an outlet to the bay. The board of public works was also instructed to circulate a petition among the property owners in this district.

Some discussion was caused over the issuance of a license to W. J. Chestock to operate the pavilion at Fifth street and Twenty-sixth avenues west. Chief of Police Troyer said that the pavilion has been run in an orderly manner, and several of the aldermen said that they have heard no complaints. It was granted by a vote of 9 to 5.

#### **Ordered to Cease Work.**

Hugh Steel was requested to cease work on Commerce street until he had further instructions from the council. The petition for the improvement of this street was signed by the Omaha railway company, which owns one entire side. With their name stricken from the list the required 25 per cent is lacking, and an injunction has been secured by some of the property owners in that district to prevent the city from doing any more work there.

A resolution was passed asking the city engineer to get estimates on the cost of repairing Sutphin street and St. Croix avenue. He will determine whether this would be practicable, and if not, he is instructed to estimate the cost of paving the roads.

The electric and telephone companies who have failed to comply with the ordinance relative to putting their wires underground are due for a shaking up. Last night a resolution was passed to investigate the local conditions and to have a report made of the companies which are delinquent.

#### **Sprinkling Ordered.**

Sprinkling was ordered for the coming season, and the board of public works was instructed to advertise for bids.

The Y. W. C. A. was given permission to stretch a banner across Superior street in front of their building to advertise their campaign for funds for their new home. City Attorney Fesler was given permission to close the deal for the West End police station. He explained to the council that the building on the lot adjoining ran over the building line.

City Engineer McGilvray sent in a communication advising the building of the abutments for the new bridge which the city will have to build at the Jenswold street tunnel. He explained that this would prevent the ground from falling away from the supports of the bridge that is there now. He estimated the cost of the abutments at \$3,000 and that of the steel superstructure at \$6,000.