

USE FOR HYDRANT FUND.

An Ordinance That May Stir Up the Water Works Company.

It Provides for the Purchase of Four Fire Steamers Out of the Money Major Jones Has Been Trying to Secure.

Owing to the absence of President Tierman, who went with the Commercial Club delegates to attend the Cherokee strip convention in Guthrie, O. T., Alderman Hunter presided at the meeting of the upper house last night. The following document, signed by the members of the board of public works, was read and placed on file:

"WHEREAS, The chief of the fire department has reported to this board that the city is in great danger of fire by reason of the inefficiency of the fire pressure furnished by the National Water Works Company, of New York, and by its failure to comply with its contract to furnish fire pressure; as provided in its contract; and,

"WHEREAS, The chief of the fire department has recommended to this board that four fire engines be purchased for the purpose of supplying the pressure that should be furnished by said company; therefore, the board of public works recommends to the council that an ordinance be adopted authorizing the purchase of four fire engines, to be paid for out of the fund apportioned and set aside for paying hydrant rents."

An ordinance instructing the board of public works to receive bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of four fire engines, subject to the approval of the council, was passed, after it was discussed by Aldermen Butler, Muehlschuster, Johnston and Shinnick.

A resolution authorizing and instructing the comptroller to sell securities in the city's sinking fund on the best obtainable terms, provided that none of them are to be sold at less than their par value, was adopted. The money that will be obtained from the sale of the securities will be used to redeem the city's bonds that will mature on May 1.

An ordinance amending the ordinance providing for the inspection of weights and measures so as to require the inspection of railroad scales was passed.

The resolution providing for the paving of Eleventh street from Grand avenue to Olive street with vitrified brick was adopted. The lower house resolution providing for the paving of Ninth street from Oak street to Forest avenue was also adopted.

Improvement Measures Passed.

The lower house held a brief session and about the only business it transacted was the passage of a few minor improvement measures brought over from the upper house. The principal measure originating in the lower house was the passage of the measure for the opening of Fourteenth street from Oak to Locust. This is the measure which affects the Progress Club, which has purchased a site for a club house in Irving place. It now goes to the upper house.