Council Votes Cleanup Power

Health Department Given Authority

In a session devoted largely to consideration of vice conditions in Peoria, the city council last night 
approved an ordinance giving the health department power to 
examines persons suspected of being infected with venereal disease 
and power to segregate those so 
found. 2) approved a resolution 
 instructing the mayor, chief of police 
and all police officers, to co-operate with army authorities in 
the campaign. (3) approved a resolu-
tion instructing the council's 
judiciary committee to call a public 
meeting to discuss a new curfew law.

Aldermen also adopted an ordin-
ance authorizing the city clerk to 
advertise for bids for Reservoir project property acquired in connection with right-of-way purchase, approved the final estimate of $1,170.68 for the East Nebraska Ave sewer job, approved a committee report calling for completion of the Elliot-Saratoga project with the present grade at both Mass ave. and Seventh ave. and 
authorized the legal department to 
prepare an ordinance providing for 
forfeitures of penalties, interest 
and costs, except advertising costs, 
on delinquent special assessments.

Petitions asking wage increases of $2.50 per month for policemen 
and firemen were referred to the 
mayor.

Mackley Speaks

Maj. Harry Mackley, United States army reserves, on lend-lease 
from his job as communications officer of the Peoria police department, was introduced and spoke briefly.

The name-calling portion of the 
eyesing, a regular feature of all 
council sessions, was attended to 
by Mayor Woodruff and Alderman 
A. E. Conner, of the second ward 
and same, as the council had under 
consideration the resolution calling 
for cooperation in the vice cleanup 
of the mayor and his police 
oficers.

Ignoring the fact that the resolu-
tion bore signatures of all the 
council members, Alderman Con-
ner arose to ask a roll call vote 
thereby going into a bristle directed 
partly against the mayor, and insin-
uating that conditions could have 
been cleaned up two years ago had there 
been cooperation between the city 
administration and the health de-
partment.

Challenges Mayor

The alderman asserted that ac-
tion on the resolution would have 
been unnecessary had Mayor 
Woodruff carried out the will of 
the council two years ago when it 
voted to close the houses of 
prostitution that be honored a similar 
resolution last week.

"You're gramasiding." the 
mayor's chief executive replied. "The 
health department is clothed with 
arbitrary power. They can do 
everything. They have done noth-
ing." "I know more about this 
than Dr. Miller knows..."

In the communication accom-
panying the ordinance giving more 
power to the health department, 
Corporation Counsel J. Edward 
Radley and C. E. McNemar, his 
assistant, said that Dr. Sumner 
Allen, city health commissioner, 
had ascribed his inability to pro-
cede in the cleanup ordered by 
army authorities a few weeks ago 
without additional legislation.

Power To Placard

The ordinance, passed under sus-
pension of the rules, also gives, the 
health department power to placard 
and quarantine premises which 
have harbored persons found to 
have been infected with venereal disease.

Speaking on his resolution calling 
for a public meeting to discuss 
a new curfew law, Alderman 
James Manning, sixth ward, indicated he thought the present ordi-
nance outdated. However, he 
warned that parents and the 
churches have been delinquent in 
one respect that they should be.