

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 (1) approved an ordinance giving the health department power to examine 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 cooperate with army authorities in the cleanup. (3) approved a resolution instructing the council's judiciary committee to call a public meeting to discuss a new curfew law.

Aldermen also adopted an ordinance authorizing the city clerk to advertise for bids for Reservoir Heights property required in connection with right-of-way purchase; approved the final estimate of \$1,179.60 for the East Nebraska ave. sewer job; approved a committee report calling for completion of the Elliott-Saratoga project with the present grade at both Moss ave. and Seventh ave., and authorized the legal department to prepare an ordinance providing for forgiveness of penalties, interest and costs, except advertising costs, on delinquent special assessments.

Petitions asking wage increases of \$25 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 evening, a regular feature of all council sessions, was attended to by Mayor Woodruff and Alderman A. E. Conner, of the second ward and came as the council had under consideration the resolution calling for co-operation in the vice cleanup of the mayor and his police officers.

Ignoring the fact that the resolution bore signatures of all the council members, Alderman Conner arose to ask a roll call vote, there went into a tirade directed partly against the mayor, and insisting that conditions could have been cleaned up long now had there been co-operation between the city administration and the health department.

Challenges Mayor

The alderman asserted that action 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 ill-fame, or had he honored a similar motion last week.

"Young grandstanding," the city's chief executive replied, "The health department is clothed with arbitrary power. They can do everything. They have done nothing. I know more about this than Dr. Miller knows."

In the communication accompanying the ordinance giving more power to the health department, Corporation Counsel J. Edward Radler and C. E. McNemar, his assistant, said that Dr. Sumner Miller, city health commissioner, had declared his inability to proceed with the cleanup ordered by army authorities a few weeks ago, without additional legislation.

Power To Placard

The ordinance, passed under suspension 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 ordinance justified. However, he warned that parents and the churches have been delinquent in one respect—that they should in

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