

Monday Evening, April 12, 1920

The Council met at 8 o'clock with the following members present: Councilmen Lewton, Lillie, Hendrick, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

In the absence of the Mayor from the city the Council was called to order by the Clerk. On motion of Mr. Lewton, Mr. Taff was elected Mayor [pro tem

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 65341.24	Street work: labor	\$ 211.50
Receipts:		material	527.12 738.62
From general taxes	\$ 1177.41	General expenses: printing	5.25
special "	3002.71	telephones	7.85
water rents	1213.65	postage	21.44
builders deposits	10.00	miscellaneous	37.45 71.99
gas permits	5.00	Street lighting	172.50
building permits	18.00 5426.77	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00
	70768.01	supt. of public work	125.00 175.00
Disbursements:		Building deposits returned	25.00 1280.76
Parks	97.65	Balance on hand	69487.25

On motion of Mr. Lewton the report was received and ordered filed.

The Mayor pro tem announced that in accordance with public notice this evening had been designated for a public hearing with reference to the proposed public work designated in Ordinance No. 338, passed and approved February 9, 1920, and stated that the Council was now ready to hear from any parties interested in said proposed improvements.

Mr. Charles W. Darr, Attorney, of Washington, D.C., addressing the Council, stated that he appeared in behalf of Mrs. Margaret Stewart, residing at the corner of Flower and Carroll Avenues, and in opposition to the proposed sidewalk abutting Mrs. Stewart's property on the Carroll Avenue side. Mr. Darr stated that in the first place his client was not properly notified according to law of this public hearing the notice thereof not having been served ten days prior to the date of the hearing. It having transpired through adequate testimony that Mr. Darr's contention was correct the Mayor declared the hearing adjourned and the proceedings terminated.

Mr. Morris Bien submitted to the Council a report of Mr. Manning with reference to the matter of civic planning which report was ordered referred to the Committee on Civic Betterment for its consideration and appropriate action.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills, duly examined and approved for payment:

Columbia B. and C. Co. Crushed stone - \$ 17.10	Maltingly Bros. 2 doz. O.K. disinfectors \$ 4.20	S.F. Harris, Services health officer - - \$ 6.00
Good Roads Mch. Co. 1 1/2 ton roller 485.00	Tak. Auto. Supply Sta. Gasoline, etc - - 16.75	Potomac Electric Power Co. Moving light - 5.00
Taylor and Balderson, 420 cy cinders 294.00	Evening Star, Advertising - - - - 14.40	J. B. Kendal Co. Bar for tractor - - - 7.13

On motion of Mr. Rogers the bills were approved and ordered paid, except that of the Good Roads Machinery Company for road roller which was ordered held up pending negotiations for its return.

Mr. Hendrick, from the Health Committee called attention to certain properties, that of the late Mr. Snodgrass on Maple Avenue and of Mr. Adams on Carroll Avenue, which should be connected with the public sewers and urged appropriate action relative thereto. The Health Committee also recommended and the Council approved, that the Suburban Sanitary Commission be requested to provide sewer facilities for Grant Ave. and the Carroll subdivision. The recommendation was approved.

On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Health Committee was authorized to set aside a "Clean-up Week" in accordance with the usual custom and to make all the required arrangements with respect thereto.

Mr. Rogers, from the Street Committee, recommended that Mr. M. Frank Ruppert be allowed \$25.00 as the cost of replacing the fence along his property made necessary by the improvement of Carroll Ave. The recommendation was approved.

A petition from certain residents on Flower Avenue, in the Fletcher Subdivision, requesting certain street improvements, was returned by the Street Committee with the recommendation that the street be graded and cindered during the present summer to a point where the present improved street terminates. The recommendation was approved.

A numerously signed petition for the construction of a passage for pedestrians on the Sliquo Bridge was submitted by the Street Committee with recommendation that the work be done at an estimated cost of approximately \$3000, definite bids to be secured.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Street Committee be authorized to consult with a competent bridge engineer and to secure plans and estimates for a foot-walk on the Sliquo bridge and that an appropriation of \$100 be authorized in connection therewith. The motion was carried.

Upon request of the Street Committee and on motion of Dr. Miller, the Committee was authorized to purchase a large scoop and to investigate and report to the Council the possibility of obtaining a cement mixture within the price of \$300.

On motion of Mr. Lilly the Clerk was directed to request the Suburban Sanitary Commission to notify the Clerk, in writing of contemplated water and sewer work and the probable dates of beginning and ending of such contemplated work.

A request for the grading of Eastern Avenue was deferred until it was definitely determined whether, under existing law, the street is in the corporation limits, the probability being that it is not.

Mr. Rogers moved that cinders be placed on Denwood Avenue to its intersection with Park Avenue provided the permanent pavement of this street is found to be temporarily impracticable. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Lilly the Street Committee was authorized to have permanent grades established of all streets upon which water or sewer mains are to be laid.

The following Ordinance was laid before the Council for its consideration:

Ordinance No. 341

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:
Sec. 1. That in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 of the Town Charter a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 3, 1920, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, on Maple Avenue, at which time the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for a Mayor and three members of the Council for a term of two years beginning Monday, June 7, 1920.
Sec. 2. The polls for said election will open at 6 o'clock a.m., and will close at 6 o'clock, p.m.

The Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor pro tem and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Lilly, and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Rogers Messrs. S.R. Kyle, L.M. Mooers and E.N. Jackson were appointed Judges of Election and the Mayor was authorized to fill any vacancies due to inability of any of those named to serve.

Mr. Lewton, from the Committee on Civic Betterment reported that preliminary work on park improvement had been initiated by the cutting out of underbrush and superfluous trees and that considerable wood had accumulated which the Committee recommended be sold and the money deposited to the credit of the Park Improvement Fund. The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Rogers, from the Street Committee, submitted the following Ordinance for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 340

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:
Sec. 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, Chapter 22, 1904, the Mayor and Council, in furtherance of the public safety and comfort have in contemplation the following proposed public work:
Construction of cement concrete roadway in Takoma and Carrall Avenues, together with cement concrete curbing, between Chestnut and Buffalo Avenues and between the District Line and Laurel Avenue, adjacent to the following described property, to-wit: The Baltimore and Ohio right of way; lots 4 and 6, block 11, Gilbert's subdivision; lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 21, block 76, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 77,

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and lot 1, block 78, Takoma Park Trust Company subdivision; lot 2, block 3, Gilbert's subdivision; lots 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38, block 3, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 5, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, subdivision; which property will be assessed for two-thirds the cost of said proposed work, such cost being estimated at \$10.00 per lineal foot.

Construction of cement sidewalks on Carroll, Garland, Flower and Park Avenues, Alleghany Street, Holt Place and Crescent Place, abutting the following described property, which property will be assessed for the total cost thereof estimated at \$1.50 per lineal foot, said proposed walk to be of the uniform width of 4 feet: lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, in block 101; ^{the unsubdivided land of B.W. Palmer on Carroll Avenue} the unsubdivided land of Margaret R. Stewart, corner of Carroll and Flower Avenues (north of Carroll and east of Flower); the unsubdivided block 51, Gilbert's subdivision; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 48; lots 4, 6th and 10, block 49; lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, block 1, and lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 2, Hill Crest Subdivision; lots 76, 78, 79, 80 and 81 of the resubdivision of lots 21, 22 and 23, block 16, Gilbert's subdivision.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council, at a special meeting, to be held Monday evening, May 3, at 8 o'clock, in the basement of the Presbyterian church, will hear all persons interested in the work herein contemplated.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor pro tem and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Miller, Lilly and Rogers; voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Treasurer was authorized to pay balance due on the Cleveland Tractor recently purchased.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned:

Approved:

Mayor pro tem.

Burd Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 3, 1920

The Council met in special session at 8 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election for the annual Town election, to hear all persons interested in certain proposed public improvements and for such other business as may be presented.

There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Lilly, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

Mr. Samuel R. Kyle, Chairman of the Judges of Election delivered to the Mayor the ballot box and tickets voted, and in connection therewith, submitted the following report:

The Mayor and Council,
Town of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., May 3, 1920.

Centlemen:- The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report with reference to

the Annual Town Election, held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, in the said Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, this date.

The Board of Judges organized by the selection of Samuel R. Kyle as Chairman and J. Milton Derrick as clerk, after having taken the usual oath of office before the Mayor.

The polls were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock a.m. and remained open constantly until the legal hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m., at which latter time they were closed.

The following persons were balloted for and received the number of votes respectively as indicated:

FOR MAYOR:		FOR COUNCILMEN:	
James L. Wilmeth	300	John R. Adams	130
		Louis D. Bliss	237
		F. L. Lewton	69
		Scott Lilly	47
		J. W. Shadle	221
		H. F. Taff	288

The total number of votes cast was 341.

It therefore appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast and are hereby declared duly elected to the positions indicated for a term of two years beginning on the first Monday in June, 1920: Mayor, JAMES L. WILMETH. Councilmen; LOUIS D. BLISS, J. W. SHADLE, H. F. TAFF.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

J. MILTON DERRICK, Clerk

SAMUEL R. KYLE, Chairman
L. M. MODERS
E. G. FULTON
Judges of Election

There being no objections or protests and the proceedings appearing to have been regular the Mayor declared the election in accordance with the report of the Judges.

The Mayor announced that in accordance with public notice legally given this night had been designated for a public hearing upon the proposed improvements designated in Ordinance No. 341, passed and approved April 12, 1920, and called for representations from parties interested.

The Clerk announced that due and proper advertisement and notice had been given in strict requirement of law.

No objections were presented to the proposed concreting of Carroll Avenue between Laurel Avenue and the District Line.

With reference to the proposed concrete roadway on Takoma Avenue protests were presented as follows: by Dr. Llewellyn Jordan on behalf of himself and Mr. Haislip; by Mrs. Parker, Mr. Leary, Mr. Dawkins, Mr. Kellar and Mr. Wallace; a letter of protest was read by the Clerk from Mr. William L. Worthington. Mr. Daniel Miller expressed himself in favor of the proposed roadway.

The proposed cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue was favored by William Zeidler, S. M. Butler, for the Washington Missionary College; G. W. Stillson, Mr. Fairchild, the Messrs. McMullan and E. G. Fulton. Opposition to the walk was voiced by Mr. Charles W. Darr, Attorney, on behalf of Mrs. Margaret R. Stewart.

Professor Milton Whitney spoke in advocacy of the proposed cement walk on Holt Place and Crescent Place.

Mr. E. M. Douglas opposed the construction of cement walk on Flower Avenue. No objections were presented to the proposed cement walk on Flower Avenue.

No further objections or remarks being presented the hearing was declared closed and the matter taken under advisement by the Council.

On motion of Mr. Taff the usual compensation was authorized for the Judges and clerk of election.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:45 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 10, 1920

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Lilly, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of May 3, were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The regular monthly report of the Treasurer, duly examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 69487.25	Cement walks	14.40	14.40
Receipts:		Street lighting	177.50	
From general taxes	\$ 168.46	Telephones	8.90	
" special "	2102.62	Miscellaneous	39.91	
" water rents	51.40	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00	
" gas permits	10.00	Supt. of Public Work	125.00	175.00
" building permits	12.00	Plumbers' deposits returned	10.00	2454.02
	2344.48	Balance on hand		69377.71
	71831.73			
Disbursements:				
Street work: labor	\$ 365.76			
material	1662.55			
	2028.31			

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was approved and ordered filed.

This night having been set aside for the Council to sit as a Board of Review to hear any and all complaints with respect to the Revised Assessment as submitted by the Board of Assessors, the Council, upon motion of Mr. Taff resolved itself into a Board of Review for the purposes above stated. The Mayor called for objections or remarks from any one concerned.

Dr. Llewelly Jordan, of Takoma and Baltimore Aves. addressed the Council briefly inquiring as to the basis of assessment and expressing his concern only with respect to the equitability of the assessments. Dr. Jordan's inquiries were answered by the Mayor and no objections were offered by the former to his assessments.

No further remarks or objections being submitted the Mayor announced the adjournment of the Board of Review and the Council resumed its session

(The Clerk laid before the Council the following communications and petitions:) x x

From residents of Boyd Avenue requesting that the parking space be narrowed thus permitting a wider roadway. To the Street Committee.

From residents and property owners on Denwood Avenue requesting construction of cement sidewalk and agreeing to a waiver of all legal requirements and agreeing to be bound for all special assessments for cost of the work. Referred, on motion of Mr. Taff, to the Street Committee with instructions to include the desired work in proposals to be submitted provided the petitioners represent a continuous line of property along which the walk is to be constructed.

From residents on Takoma Avenue protesting against the injury done their property by the railroad spur in front of it and urging that effort be made to have the B. and O. Railway remove and abandon it. Referred, on motion of Mr. Taff to the Judiciary Committee with direction to confer with the Corporation Counsel and ascertain what measure of relief, if any, is possible and to report back to the Council with conclusions and recommendations.

From W. B. Walters requesting cement walk in front of his property on Park Ave. and agreeing to a waiver of all legal requirements. Referred to the Street Committee on motion of Mr. Rogers with authority to act.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council relative to requesting the Baltimore and Ohio railway to improve the clay embankment along their tracks in North Takoma and stated that a formal petition to this effect will soon be submitted to the Council.

Mr. Charles J. Gardner, of Cedar Avenue called the Council's attention to the fact that the sign post belonging on the corner of Cedar and Ethan Allen Avenue had not been replaced and urged that this be done to facilitate deliveries on this street. Assurances were given that the sign post would be replaced without further delay.

Mr. A. M. Trogner, of Cedar Avenue again requested repair of cement walk on that street where crushed by truck

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills duly examined and approved for payment:

J. B. Simpson, Sundries	\$ 6.52	Evening Star, Advertising	\$ 18.00	J. Bond Smith, legislative expenses	\$ 21.27
Lewis M. Thayer, Printing	13.00	Mathingly Bros. O.K. disinfectors	1.75	W. C. Carroll, Copy Maryland code	37.50
W. F. Brenizer Co. Balcon cement walks	394.92	Taylor and Balderson, cinders	235.20		772.16
Takoma Auto Supply Co.	34.70	Barber & Ross Scoops and rakes	9.30		

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was approved and payment of the bills directed when properly O.K'd.

Mr. Hendrick, from the Health Committee, announced that the Committee had arranged for the annual "clean-up week" for the week of May 17 and that the necessary notices and literature would be distributed during the present week. The Committee's action was approved.

The Health Committee, through Mr. Hendrick, also recommended, which recommendation was approved, that the biweekly garbage collection during the summer be resumed and continued in the discretion of the Committee.

The Street Committee submitted a report involving several recommendations as follows which, upon motion of Mr. Hendrick, were acted upon separately as indicated: 1. Construction of a concrete roadway and curb on Carroll Ave., from Laurel Ave., to the District Line the curb on the north side to be same distance from the sidewalk as the curb already in place on the south side. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Taff. 2. That a 4-foot cement sidewalk be constructed from the entrance to the Sanitarium grounds along the northerly side of Carroll Ave. to the easterly line of lot 1, block 101, and along the westerly side of Garland Avenue to the northerly line of lot 12, block 101. Approved on motion of Mr. Rogers. 3. That a 4-foot cement walk be constructed on Flower Ave. abutting lots 4, 6, 8 and 10, block 49 and lots 1 to 6 inclusive, block 48. Mr. Rogers moved to approve the recommendation with an amendment eliminating the walk from the frontage of lots 4 and 6, block 49. The recommendation as amended was approved. 4. That 4-foot cement walk be constructed on Crescent and Holt Places and Park Ave., abutting lots 24 to 31, inclusive, block 1 and lots 17 to 21, inclusive, block 2, Hill Crest subdivision. Approved on motion of Mr. Hendrick.

Mr. Rogers moved that, in view of the preponderating sentiment of the residents on Takama Avenue against the construction of a concrete roadway thereon, due to the high cost of such work under present conditions, that such work be indefinitely postponed. The motion was [adopted.]

Mr. Rogers moved that the concreting of the west half of Laurel Avenue, between Eastern and Carroll Avenues, be included in the proposed work, at the expense of the Town, the property owners having already been assessed their proportionate share for this street. Motion adopted.

On motion of Mr. Taff the water and Sewer Committee was directed to thoroughly investigate the needs of the Town relative to fire protection and to submit a report thereon with recommendations at the earliest practicable date.

Mr. Rogers submitted a report from Mr. C. R. Whyte, bridge engineer, relative to a proposed foot-walk over the Sliqa bridge and requested that the Street Committee be given time for further consideration and investigation of the matter, which request was granted.

Certain recommendations of the Street Committee were embodied in the following proposed Ordinance submitted by Mr. Rogers:

Ordinance No. 342

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904 (Chapter 22, 1904) the Mayor and Council, after full and complete hearing of all parties interested, as provided by law, are of the opinion that the public health, safety or comfort requires the construction of so much of the public improvements proposed in Ordinance No. 340, passed and approved April 12, 1920, as hereinafter mentioned, to-wit:

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Cement concrete roadway and curbing in Carroll Avenue, between Laurel Avenue and the District Line and adjacent to and abutting the following described property: lot 2, block 3, Gilbert's subdivision; lots 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38, block 3, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 5, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, subdivision.

Cement sidewalks on Carroll, Garland, Flower and Park Avenues, and on Holt Place and Crescent Place, adjacent to and abutting the following described property: lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, in block 101; the unsubdivided land of B.W. Palmer on Carroll Avenue; the unsubdivided land of Margaret R. Stewart, corner of Carroll and Flower Avenues (north of Carroll and east of Flower); the unsubdivided block 51, Gilbert's subdivision; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 48; lots 8 and 10, block 49; lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, block 1, and lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 2, Hill Crest subdivision.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the cost of the concrete roadways and curbing and the total cost of the cement sidewalks herein provided shall be assessed in accordance with the provision of law, against the property above enumerated or so much thereof as the Mayor and Council may deem specially benefitted by the proposed work.

Section 3. The special assessments resulting from the work herein provided for shall be due and payable thirty days from the completion of said work. Provided, that said assessments, when so desired, may be divided into and made payable in five equal annual installments, the first payable within thirty days from the completion of the work and the remaining installments due and payable within each succeeding year until paid; all deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; provided, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, with accrued interest, may be made at any time prior to becoming due, within the five-year payment period, if so desired.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Lilly, Miller, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The Finance Committee submitted the following Ordinance for consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 343

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That a general tax of Seventy-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed Valuation of real property within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as shown by the assessments adopted by the Council for the forthcoming fiscal year, be and the same is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1920.

Mr. Taff moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Lilly, Miller, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Lewton, from the Committee on Civic Betterment submitted a verbal report on progress being made on park improvement work.

A petition was presented from property owners on Denwood Avenue requesting construction of cement walks on that street abutting lots

4 to 9 inclusive, block 4, and lots 9 to 17, inclusive, block 3, Hill Crest Subdivision, and agreeing to a waiver of all legal requirements and assessments to be fully and legally bound for the special assessments thereon. Mr. Rogers moved that the petition be granted in accordance with the terms stated therein and the work ordered in conjunction with similar work now pending. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Rogers a cement walk was ordered abutting the property of Mr. W. B. Walters on _____ Avenue, Mr. Walters having petitioned therefor and submitted a written waiver of all legal requirements.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned:

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 7, 1920

The Council met at 8 o'clock with the following present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Lilly, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The Mayor informed the Council that they had been called together for the purpose of closing the business of the present Council and turning the municipal affairs over to the newly elected Mayor and the new Council. The Mayor briefly reviewed the progress of the Town during the past few years and thanked the Members of the Council for the hearty cooperation they had constantly given him in administering the Town Affairs. He heartily commended the Mayor elect and predicted for him a successful administration. There being no further business for consideration and as the Mayor was about to adjourn the Council without date, former Mayor John B. Kinnear requested permission to submit some brief reminiscent remarks.

Mr. Kinnear called attention to the fact that he and Mayor Platt were among the first residents of Takoma Park and that they had witnessed the growth of the Town from a mere hamlet in the woods to its present position of the leading and largest suburb of the National Capital. He called special attention to the many years of civic duty performed by Mayor Platt as Member of the Council and as Mayor of the Town, to all of which service he had given freely of his time, his money and his ability. Concluding his address Mr. Kinnear stated that he had