

POLICE ORDINANCE PASSED BY COUNCIL WITH FEW CHANGES

After Heated Debate Reorgan- ization Measure Wins by Vote of 52 to 15.

BLOW TO UNITED POLICE

United Societies Succeed in Having It Modified as to Saloon Control.

MAYOR NAMES CITIZEN AUXILIARY

Council News Briefly Told.

Police reorganization ordinance passed with only slight changes.

The ordinance is claimed to remove the police force from politics. Of chief importance, probably, is the provision that the second deputy chief, in charge of supervision of public morals, is to be a civilian. This is a new post, and a fight was made by police interests against the specification of a civilian to fill it.

One of the amendments provides for inclusion of the 138 police operators as members of the force, making them eligible for the pension fund and empowering them with authority to make arrests. Another amendment provides for conference immediately after the law goes into effect, between the council police committee, Chief McWeeny, and Assistant Chief Schuettler to determine methods of qualifying for detective work.

Mayor Harrison appointed "citizens' auxiliary" to aid city in seeking state legislation.

Ald. Thomson urged reforms in building department recommended by civil service commission.

Annual budget presented and set for consideration at special session Thursday morning.

Ordinances passed limiting speed of vehicles near schoolhouses and churches.

Ordinance passed prohibiting ice plants within 400 feet of a church, school, or hospital.

Ald. Thomson caused defeat of plan to place "inadequate" weather strips on city hall windows.

Absence of orders for special building permits aroused comment.

All predictions of the success of the police reorganization ordinance fell short when the final roll call was taken on the measure yesterday. Fifty-two aldermen voted for the measure and only fifteen voted against it when the "showdown" on the efficiency plan came.

There was a more or less concerted warfare waged against specific provisions of the ordinance while it was under consideration. There were twenty-six aldermen voting in a consistent manner against the sections attacked, but they did not succeed in striking out any of the vital provisions. Only one change that the framers regretted was passed and when all the sections had been voted on separately a large part of the opposition "switched" into the affirmative column.

The one change criticized by the advocates of the measure included operators of the police department under the designation of "policemen." This was favored by the majority in order to give the operators the benefit of the police pension fund to which speakers said they were entitled.

Roll Call on Ordinance.

The final roll call follows:

Yeas—Harding, Tearney, Norris, Mayer, Joseph F. Ryan, Richert, Martin, Long, Nance, Helwig, Cross, Block, Bewersdorf, Schultz, Lawley, Clancy, Utpatel, Bellfuss, Kunz, Czekala, Sitts, Walkowiak, Brennan, Stewart, Healy, Powers, Bowler, Egan, Pitte, Geiger, Burns, Schaeffer, Hey, Kjellander, Krumholz, Haderlein, Capitain, Thomson, Lipps, Pretzel, Hyldahl, Wilson, Liltler, Trigg, McDermott, Kearns, Fisher, Holding, Hazen, Bradshaw, William F. Ryan, Toman—52.

Nays—Kenna, Coughlin, Carr, Emerson, Klaus, Vavrcek, Cullerton, Ahearn, McDonald, Bauler, Janovsky, McInerney, Swift, Bergen, and Donahoe—15.

The action was considered a rebuff for the United Police, which had opposed its principal provisions, but it was counted something of a victory for the United Societies, which compelled a change that it held might cause the enforcement of the Sunday closing law. This provision gave the civilian deputy supervision of saloons, dance halls, amusement parks, excursion boats, and other places of amusement.

United Societies Win.

Ald. Henry D. Capitain, author of the original section reintroduced it during the consideration section by section, but a roll call showed him defeated. The twelve men who voted for the provision were hailed as "heroes," who were not afraid of the United Societies. They were the following:

Long,	Lipps,
Nance,	Pretzel,
Kunz,	Kearns,
Brennan,	Fisher,
Capitain,	Holding,
Thomson,	Hazen.

During the debate on this amendment Ald. Kunz mentioned press statements that A. J. Cermak, secretary of the United Societies, had threatened the aldermen who voted against his wishes.

"He is not the representative of the United Societies," he charged, "but the representative of the brewery interests in Chicago. We all know the United Societies didn't donate that money to aldermanic candidates last spring—that money handed to them by Anton Cermak.

"Does he mean to say that as the representative of the United Societies he won't

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hand you \$250 to help elect you next spring? Is that his threat? It is the only threat I can see."

Captain made a heated argument for a similar amendment concerning the duties of morals inspectors. He urged that the duties of the rank and file should be most clearly defined so the responsibility for nonenforcement of the laws could be evaded only by their superior officers. In spite of his argument this amendment also was tabled on a viva voce vote.

The fight for the ordinance was led by Ald. Ellis Geiger, chairman of the committee on schools, police, fire, and civil service, supported by Ald. Richert and Ald. Block, members of the subcommittee that drafted it. As soon as an amendment was presented he moved that it be tabled. This maneuver proved effective with the first opposition that arose. It took the form of a demand for delay because the printed council proceedings containing the revised ordinance had not been delivered before the meeting.

Asks for Postponement.

Ald. John Powers moved that consideration be postponed one week, but Geiger answered him by stating that only a few changes had been made in the measure since its previous publication. Had the postponement been taken the council action probably would have been too late to include in the annual budget the salary changes necessary for the reorganization. As it is now they will be taken up in connection with the budget at a special session set for Thursday morning.

The roll call on this proposition presented a strong lineup that appeared to threaten the ordinance. There were 29 votes in favor of the delay, but gradually on the successive roll calls this opposition diminished.

Ald. Geiger asked that the ordinance be taken up section by section and the reading of the first section was interrupted by Ald. Michael McInerney. He insisted that it created new offices and, therefore, would require forty-seven votes.

He also attacked the provision opposed by the United Police—the creation of the office of second assistant general superintendent, known as the civilian deputy, to have charge of all the business and clerical affairs and the inspection and investigation work inside the department. His motion to strike out the words creating the position was tabled on motion of Geiger by a viva voce vote.

Wants Word "Not" Cut Out.

When section 5 was reached Ald. McInerney again interrupted the reading to insist that one word be stricken out. It was the "not" in the provision that the second deputy should not be a member of the department. He charged that the supervision outlined would create a "spying" system.

"The chief of police has testified," said Ald. Geiger, "that his time is too much occupied with details. Chicago business men are losing thousands of dollars because our country neighbors are afraid to come here

after reading of the holdups and robberies committed daily."

His motion to table was carried by a vote of 43 to 23 and the only other amendment offered was passed on a viva voce vote.

Following the passage of the ordinance the mayor said he could not predict when he will sign it, as it is an important measure requiring close scrutiny. He also declined to intimate whether he has any one in mind for temporary appointment to the post of second assistant general superintendent after that position is placed in the appropriation bill.

Names "Citizen Auxiliary."

Acting on the resolution passed at the last meeting for the appointment of representatives of civic and other organizations to act with the council committees in seeking the passage of city bills by the state legislature the mayor appointed the following committee:

Alfred L. Baker, Unity club.
Frederick L. Bode, Industrial club.
Frank M. Bunch, board of trade.
Henry M. Byllesby, Civic federation.
Clyde M. Carr, Commercial club.
George E. Cole, Citizens' association.
Howard Elting, Association of Commerce.
Lessing Rosenthal, Municipal Voters' league.

Charles H. Wacker, Chicago plan commission.

Albert H. Wahl, Cook county real estate board.

Harry A. Wheeler, United States chamber of commerce.

Edward Willoughby, Chicago real estate board.

Reforms in Building Bureau.

Ald. Thomson had passed two orders directing reforms in the building department urged by the civil service commission last May. One directs Commissioner Ericsson what recommendations of the commission have been put into effect and the other directs the law department to prepare all ordinances and bills required by the recommendations.

He also "natted" an order for a special permit that had been passed in the omnibus without catching his attention at the time. It was passed on the motion of Ald. August Krumholz, but on Thomson's motion that action was reconsidered and it was referred to the building committee.

Speed of all vehicles within 250 feet of school houses and churches during the times large numbers of persons are entering or leaving them was limited to five miles an hour by an ordinance passed on the recommendation of the judiciary committee.

Ald. Richert asked an appropriation of \$500 for weather strips on the city hall windows that fail to shut out the winter winds, but Ald. Thomson opposed him on the ground that the strips proposed were inadequate. A tie vote resulted and the chair ruled the measure lost.

Ald. Thomson had passed the ordinance prohibiting the erection of ice houses within 400 feet of a school or hospital.