CITY TO KEEP ITS HANDS OFF TRADE IN GARBAGE CANS

Council Committee of Whole Rejects All Bids and Declines To Enter Field—Have Warm Discussion.

COLLECT WITH NO COST

City To Gather Refuse for Crematory With No Charge To People—Amendments To Ordinance.

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The city of Racine will not engage in the business of buying and selling garbage cans. This was definitely decided by the council committee of the whole last night. Besides all of the aldermen, Mayor Goodland, city engineer Connolley and City Attorney Burgess, attended.

Recently the board of public works under instructions, advertised for bids on 1,000 garbage cans, the idea being that the city purchase 1,000 cans and then dispose of them to the people in the city in which to deposit their garbage for the collectors of the new incinerator plant.

A number of bids were received and from ten to fifteen sample cans left at the board of public works office. Discussion on the question came up at the meeting when the ordinance regulating garbage collection was presented for consideration.

It was feared that if the city entered into this character of business it would cause trouble. It would necessitate a set of books to keep a record of the cans. Then again the city would not require the large citizens to buy...
ord of the cans. Then again the city could not legally force citizens to buy its cans and merchants might enter into competition and sell cans cheaper than the city. Thus the city might find itself with the cans on its hands.

It was agreed to reject all bids and that the city divorce itself from having anything to do with purchase and sale of cans.

However, the board of public works will have full charge of the method of collecting garbage and the size of the cans shall not be larger than of two bushels' capacity.

All garbage will be collected free, with the exception of large hotels, restaurants, large boarding houses, commission houses, groceries, butchers' shops and similar places. From these places charges will be made, or the owners shall remove the garbage, if it is required more than three days a week.

Placing of Cans

President William Dooley presided.

The question arose, upon inquiry of

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Alderman Broecker, as to where the garbage can shall be placed, as it was not provided whether they should be in a back yard or on the sidewalk. Alderman Broecker argued that women could not carry heavy garbage cans to the sidewalk, which would often be necessary when the man of the house is not at home.

City Engineer Connolley explained that cans should be placed in the backyard or other place accessible to the garbage collector.

Board Care For Them

Another suggestion was made that the board of public works take care of the cans, but Alderman Liegier argued that the board had no time. "Well, let them kick then," answered Alderman Dooley.

City Engineer Connolley came back with the retort: "We do kick, but I did not want to start the discussion. We would have to store 1,000 cans and dole them out and we would have to keep a set of books to keep track of them. I believe that the people should buy their own cans."

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Then it was stated that the city had advertised for bids for cans and received a few and that the board of public works offices were half filled up with sample cans.

Mayor Goodland suggested that bids be received with the provision that the cans be delivered by the person receiving the contract, but City Engineer Connolly said that the bids called for the cans to be delivered at the city hall. He further said that there was another important thing to take into consideration and that was that about 1,000 people in the city for whom N. F. Reichert collected garbage, already had garbage cans.

Alderman Stoffel did not believe that the city of Racine ought to buy, sell and deliver cans and Alderman Kannenberg opposed any such deal.

Alderman Broecker moved that it be the sense of the committee of the whole that all bids shall be rejected.

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Alderman Dooley retorted that as a
member of the finance committee he
wanted to know what the council thought about it.

Alderman Hanson could not under-
stand why there was this change of
front about the city buying the cans.
The only reason he could see was that
the cans would take up too much
room. His reason for wanting bids
was to get the lowest price for cans
and for the benefit of the people.

The bids were read and the mayor
suggested that the question be left to
the finance committee to thrash out.
Alderman Widner then moved that
all bids for garbage cans be rejected
and that no cans be bought. The mo-
tion carried. Aldermen Nielsen and
Hanson voting no.

Collect Dead Dogs
The matter was turned over to
section 17 of the ordinance and
Mr. Libman, Mr. Schuh, Mr. Jones
and Mr. Kaufer were appointed a
committee to draft a resolution.

No person shall deposit or
place garbage, offal or dead
animals in any street, alley, lane or other place within
the city of Racine. Nor shall any
treasurer place any garbage, offal, dead
animals or other refuse matter upon
private property, whether owned by
such person or not. Unless the same
shall be enclosed in proper vessels or
vessels, such vessels or cans to be wa-
ter tight, provided with handle or
bales and a cover which shall not be
removed except when necessary to
place garbage in such can or to em-
pty or cleanse the same. The location
of garbage cans shall be in an easily
accessible place on the premises and
under direction and control of the
board of public works. Such cans
shall be of a capacity of not less than
two bushels. All such vessels or cans
shall be promptly delivered to the
collector when called for. No gar-
bage shall be buried in the earth or
fed to swine on any premises in any
part of the city.

No one except authorized persons
by the city shall collect garbage. The
words garbage shall include every re-
use accumulation of animal, fruit
and vegetable, rags, paper, etc., but
it shall be unlawful for any person to

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As the ordinance was read section by section the question of whether dead dogs should be collected came up and it developed that removal of dead dogs in the past had cost the city a lot of money. It was decided that dogs should be cremated.

City Engineer Connolley told the committee that there would be no superintendent of the plant; that there would be two men hired and the board of public works would take care of it. The question of paying the employees came up and it was decided that they be paid by the week, same as other employees under the board of public works.

Own Its Horses

There was a provision in the ordinance that the city own its wagons, but not horses. The city engineer explained that there was six stalls in connection with the plant for the care of horses.

Alderman Broecker spoke of the property owned by the city east of the city hall and that the city had teams and horses scattered all over the city and rent was being paid for barns and other places. He argued that all of these things should be centralized, that the method was entirely wrong, that no well regulated business concern would permit it. He favored the city owning its horses.

The collection, removal, etc., shall be under the supervision of the board of public works and with additional rules and regulations that may be made by the board of health. The board of public works shall employ all necessary labor. The city shall own its own horses and wagons for drawing the garbage. All garbage and offal before being placed in said garbage cans, shall be thoroughly drained and well wrapped in paper.

Made Three Times

The collection and removal of the garbage of the hotels, restaurants and larger boarding houses, commission houses, groceries, butchers shops and similar places, shall be made three times a week, during the months of June, July, August and September, and twice a week during the remainder of the year, provided that in case it is found that such number of collections are insufficient to properly care for such garbage, then, in that case the city shall at their own expense make the necessary deliveries of such excess garbage in a
wrong, that he would not concern would permit it. He favored the building of a large barn on the city property in the rear of the city hall, where everything could be concentrated.

City Engineer Connolley explained that the conditions were different now than the time to which Alderman Broecker alluded. He said that the horses and wagons of the city on one side of the river were taken care of in large barns owned by Commissioner Grenier and on the north side at stables owned by Commissioner Blessinger and that they were always on hand at night to look after the horses in case anything happened.

Wrapping Up Garbage

Draining the water from garbage and wrapping it in papers was discussed. Alderman Miller believed that it would work a hardship on the poorer people.

Mayor Goodland explained how it was done at Minneapolis; that the method was more sanitary than any other and he believed that it should be rigidly enforced.

Collection of garbage from large hotels, restaurants, boarding houses and similar places, received attention. It was the opinion of the aldermen that the owners of these places should either haul their own garbage to the incinerator plant or pay the city for doing it. At present garbage is re-
incinerator plant or pay the city for doing it. At present garbage is removed from these places daily and is paid for. It was decided that if the garbage is removed more than three times a day it shall be paid for.

The ordinance, as amended, will be presented to the council at its next session.

Ordinance Provisions
The ordinance provides that it shall