

# MOUNT VERNON ARGUS.

December 10, 1909

## THE CITY WILL IMPROVE DIKE

Dike To Be Extended If City Enlarges Limits

### LIGHT VOTE AT ELECTION

Property Owners Want City To Build Restraining Wall On River Front Or Vacate Street So They Could Protect Property.

Mayor Dale and Councilmen Anable, Springer, Ferris, Moody, Taylor and Perin and City Attorney Brickey and Clerk Bowen were in attendance at the regular session of the council last Wednesday night.

A delegation of property owners on Main street appeared before the council to consider the urgent need of protecting that portion of Front street, lying between Montgomery and Division streets, against the inroads of the river. The property owners signified their willingness to construct a bulk head or rip-rap, to protect their property against the river if the city would vacate the street, or should the city decide that it would not be advisable to vacate said street, they urged that it take immediate steps to build a suitable restraining wall to safeguard the street and abutting property against destruction. The council agreed to resolve itself into a committee of the whole to investigate the matter and decide what course it would pursue and report the same at the next regular meeting.

The council resolved itself into an equalization board to equalize the assessment the improvement of Kincaid street.

The bid of C. E. Andres for the graveling and sidewalking of Tenth street was accepted and the contract for the improvement of the same was awarded to him.

It was moved by Councilman Ferris and seconded by Councilman Taylor that the city take immediate steps looking toward the raising and strengthening of the dike and the protection of the river front within the city limits; and that in case the present limits are extended as now proposed that the dike from the present limits to the new limits if extended, be raised, widened and strengthened to the same extent as that within the old limits before being so extended. The motion carried.

The council canvassed the returns of the recent general municipal election, which resulted as follows:

Mayor, Wm. Dale  
Councilman-at-large,  
William Anable  
Clerk, J. S. Bowen  
Treasurer, Roger G. Hannsford,  
Attorney, Verne Branigin  
Councilman First ward,  
E. W. Ferris  
Councilman Second ward,  
B. D. Moody

Councilman Third ward,  
Peter Gunderson

The canvass showed that the total vote cast was 164. The vote was distributed in the several wards respectively as follows, first ward 89 votes; second, 58, and third, 17. As there was no contest and the election was merely a ratification of the nominees chosen at the primary election which was held the first of November last, there was really no incentive to bring out a full vote. The total vote for mayor was 150; clerk, 137; treasurer, 154; attorney, 137, councilman-at-large, 152; the three ward councilmen elected received practically the entire vote cast in their respective ward.