

MAYOR CARLSON GRANTED PENSION BY COUNCILMEN

Retiring Chief Executive Will Receive
\$1,750 Annually Beginning on October
26th, Next; His Sixtieth Birthday.

Passed December 5, 1927

RESOLUTION IS CARRIED BY VOTE OF TEN TO TWO

J. W. Sanbury and W. J. Anderson Opposed Hasty
Action and Brunacini Voted With Them to Table
the Matter for Two Weeks, Later Supporting the
Pension Resolution—City Clerk Files Certifi-
cate Showing Carlson Has Served Total of
More Than Thirty-one Years as Alderman,
Member of Board of Public Works and
Mayor—Inaugural Committee Named.

Mayor Samuel A. Carlson, who will retire at the close of the month, last night was granted a pension of \$1,750 a year, effective October 26, 1928, when he becomes 60 years of age. The pension will amount to half of the Mayor's present salary of \$3,500.

The resolution providing for the pension was offered by Councilman Gust C. Peterson and was carried by a vote of ten to two, J. William Sanbury and William J. Anderson voting in the negative after explaining that they were opposed to hasty action on the pension matter.

In bringing up the pension matter, Corporation Counsel Ernest Cawcroft said: "There has been considerable discussion verbally and in the public prints about the granting to Mayor Carlson of a pension and certain citizens have asked me to prepare preliminary papers so that might be carried out. It is necessary to do this now so the new Council can make a budget preparation for it."

Certificate of Mayor's Service.

The City Clerk then read the following certificate of the Mayor's service for the city:

"To the City Council:

"The undersigned does hereby certify that the records of the city of Jamestown, in his official custody, show:

"1.—That Samuel A. Carlson was elected a member of the Common Council on May 2, 1893, and took the oath of office on May 8, 1893; that he was re-elected on May 7, 1895, and took the oath of office on May 12, 1895; that he continued to serve as a member of that body from May 2, 1923 to July 6, 1925.

"2.—That Samuel A. Carlson was appointed a member of the Board of Public Works on July 8, 1895, and took the oath of office on July 9, 1895; that he continued to serve as a member of that board until April 19, 1905.

"3.—That on April 7, 1908, he was elected Mayor of the city of Jamestown and took the oath of office on April 13, 1908, and that by successive re-elections he has served as Mayor of the city of Jamestown without interruption, from April 13, 1908, to this date, and that his term of office as Mayor will expire at midnight on

preceding his retirement from the office of Mayor, which annual pension or annuity shall be the sum of \$1,750, and shall be payable in twelve equal monthly installments, as provided by the terms of this resolution.

"2.—That on the 1st day of December, in the year, 1928, there shall be paid to Samuel A. Carlson the first monthly installment of his annuity, which is hereby fixed at the sum of \$145.83, and that on the first day of each and every month thereafter he shall be paid an equal one-twelfth of the annuity fixed by the terms of this resolution. The Treasurer is authorized to pay for the last month of each year the odd number of cents necessary to make the total yearly payment of \$1,750.

"3.—That the proper officers of the city be authorized to pay this annuity from month to month, in the regular course of administration, and without further authorization from this Council, and until otherwise provided by this body under Section 152 of the 1923 charter.

"4.—Provided, however, that in event of Samuel A. Carlson occupying any salaried public office, during the time that this resolution remains effective, then the payment of the monthly installments of the annuity fixed by this resolution shall be suspended during the period that Samuel A. Carlson is the occupant of that salaried office."

Says Action Hasty.

"I don't feel prepared to act on this matter tonight," said Mr. Sanbury. "This seems to have been brought in rather hurriedly. Matter should be tabled for months and even years. It seems of sufficient importance to be referred to some committee. The pension does not become effective for nearly a year and the proper committee might look into it a little."

"I feel about the same way as Mr. Sanbury does," said William J. Anderson. "I don't see why this should be acted on so suddenly, either." Mr. Anderson then moved that the matter be tabled for two weeks.

"I don't see any need for laying this on the table," remarked Mr. Peterson. "It is all there; nothing more can be learned about it. I