

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 13, 1895; that he continued to serve as a member of that body from May 2, 1897 to July 8, 1895.

"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 10, 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 December 31, 1927, by decision of the electorate.

"I do further certify that the records of the city of Jamestown show that Samuel A. Carlson has served this city, in elective and appointive offices, for an aggregate of more than thirty years prior to this date, and that at the expiration of his term of office on December 31, 1927, he will have served the city, in appointive and elective offices, for a period of 31 years, 7 months and 20 days.

"Dated: November 25, 1927.

"ARA V. STONE,  
"Clerk of the City of Jamestown."

**Certificate From Mayor.**  
The clerk also read the following certificate from the Mayor:

"To the City Council:  
"I inform you that I will become 60 years of age on October 26, 1928; that during the last two years my salary as Mayor has been \$3,500 a year.

"Dated: November 25, 1927.  
"SAMUEL A. CARLSON,  
"Mayor."

**Text of Resolution.**

The resolution of Mr. Peterson, providing for the granting of the pension when the Mayor becomes 60 years old next October, was then read. It follows:

By Councilman Gust C. Peterson:  
"Whereas, this City Council has received the certificate of the City Clerk showing that Samuel A. Carlson has served in elective and appointive positions of the city of Jamestown for an aggregate period of more than thirty years, and that upon the expiration of his term of office as Mayor on December 31, 1927, by decision of the electorate, he will have served the city of Jamestown, in such positions, a total of 31 years, 7 months and 17 days, and that upon the termination of his term of office on the last day of this year he will have served the city for more than ten continuous years as Mayor, and it appearing that he will become 60 years of age on October 26, 1928, and that he will be entitled to receive, in the discretion of the City Council, a pension or annuity for which provision must be made in the preparation of the 1928 budget of the city:

"Therefore, be it resolved by this City Council, under the power vested in it by Section 152 of Title 12 of the 1923 Charter, and in recognition of the long services of Samuel A. Carlson to this city:

"1.—That as and when Samuel A. Carlson becomes 60 years of age on October 26, 1928, he shall receive out of the city pension created by Section 152 of the Charter, a pension equal to one-half of his annual salary for the two years

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. Mat-

ter has been 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 presume the new Council can rescind it if it doesn't favor it."

"That is right," Mr. Cawcroft advised. "The Council can rescind it at any time. Even you, yourselves, can rescind it at the next meeting."

The roll was then called on William Anderson's motion to table the pension resolution and the motion was lost, nine to three. Councilmen William Anderson, Sanbury and Brunacini voting in favor of tabling. They are the only members of the present Council who will remain in office next year. Mr. Brunacini explained in voting for tabling that he did not want his action to be taken as an indication that he was opposed to a pension for the Mayor, but that he thought the matter should not be rushed through. William J. Anderson made the same explanation.

**Pension Is Voted.**

The vote was then taken on the resolution to grant the pension and it carried ten to two, William Anderson and Mr. Sanbury voting no. All members of the Council were present.

Announcement was made at the close of the meeting by Mr. Cawcroft that at the next meeting reports will be submitted by City Treasurer George S. Doolittle and Comptroller Burlingame A. Reed, showing that the city will be able to pay all bills contracted by the present administration and will still have a surplus of money. "There have been many rumors," said Mr. Cawcroft, "that a deficit will come to the new Council, but we shall pay every obligation we have contracted at the next meeting and will have a surplus."

One or two Councilmen applauded.

**Committee on Inauguration.**

President Gust A. Anderson last night announced the appointment of Councilmen J. William Sanbury, William J. Anderson and Charles C. Brunacini as a special committee to make plans for the inauguration of Lars A. Larson as Mayor and of the new Councilmen on January 2d. Mr. Sanbury is to be the chairman of the committee, by designation of President Anderson. These three Councilmen are the only members of the present body who were re-elected. The Council has authorized appointment of the committee at its meeting two weeks ago. The committee is also empowered to meet with the new Council and give it any information about city affairs that it may require.