

COUNCIL 'STUMPED;'

MAKES FRESH START

Boylan's Veto "Sticks," but the City Dads Adopt a Resolution, Anyway.

PUT DAHL ON THE JOB

He Doesn't Want to Be There, and Aldermen Don't Want Him There, but He's There.

VIRGINIA, July 24.—Six councilmen tonight voted against Mayor Michael Boylan's veto of the resolution authorizing an investigation of bribery charges. It was one less than enough to defeat the mayor.

Council however, "readopted" another resolution appointing M. H. McMahon special and temporary assistant attorney, with power to defend the city in the injunction proceedings brought by Rev. Thomas K. Leech in the Mike Kostansek liquor license grant controversy.

What It Means.

It was similar to that adopted at last Tuesday night's meeting, but which Boylan did not sign. The upshot of the whole thing is that City Attorney S. S. Dahl, despite his unwillingness, will have to appear at the injunction proceedings to uphold the grant of the license, which he opposed.

Dahl has asked to be excused, on the ground of prejudice. He wanted to appoint E. J. Larson for the job and asked council to ratify the appointment, asserting at the same time that he would not make a "forced appointment." No action was taken on the Larson recommendation. Dahl asked that it be put to a vote, but no one even made a motion.

Injunction Case Saturday.

The injunction case will be tried Saturday in district court and the final resolution naming the assistant city attorney cannot become a law until it is either signed by the mayor or passed over his veto. As the council does not meet until Tuesday night, the injunction case will be under way, if not settled, with City Attorney Dahl acting for the city. McMahon's appointment cannot possibly be made effective.

Reasons given in a statement by Mayor Boylan for vetoing the original resolution were that the appointment of McMahon by council is illegal, according to the charter that it calls for an expenditure of public money to clear up private matters and that the bribery charges are a matter for the grand jury to probe.

Boylan's Statement.

"The council is taking the criticism of the press too seriously," said Mayor Boylan. "Before election I was subjected to slanderous abuse in one of the local papers that supported three of the present councilmen. I didn't call for an investigation. I answered the charges publicly."

President R. J. McGhee in an address to the large crowd in the council chambers said that he believed the accused councilmen had the right to go ahead with the investigation by themselves.

Attorney McMahon offered to serve the council in the investigation without incurring any expense to the city. It was under this arrangement that he was appointed by the final resolution. Under the charter, City Attorney Dahl declared council cannot accept gratis the services of any attorney.