

# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

[OFFICIAL]

## Council Chamber.

Ann Arbor, April 18, 1892.

Regular meeting.

Called to order by Pres. Cooley.

Roll called. A full board present.

Ald Kitson moved that the old rules governing the last year's council be adopted to govern this council.

Ald. Taylor moved as an amendment that we proceed to business under the old rules for this evening.

Which amendment prevailed.

Minutes of April 5th and 7th meetings approved.

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition signed by Adam Mager and several other residents and property holders of the city of Ann Arbor, asking that a sidewalk be ordered built on the east side of Traver st., in front of the property of J. C. Allmendinger, Nelson Rogers, W. N. Cooper, J. McNally and T., A. A. & N. M. R. R.

Referred to sidewalk committee.

Claims of Mary Dengler, et. al. Spencer Crawford and John F. Walter, setting forth that their property had been damaged to the amount of \$500 each by the lowering of the grade and cutting down of N. Fifth ave.

Ald Ferguson moved that the several claims be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed by a yea and nay vote as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Wines, Schairer, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, O'Mara, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—11.

Nays—Alds. Martin, Herz—2.

The following constable bonds were accepted and approved with the securities named:

PRINCIPAL.  
J. A. Herbert.

Paul Schall.

Geo. W. Brown.

Thomas F. Leonard.

Charles Fox.

Henry Marsh.

SURETIES.  
J. A. Herbert,  
G. H. Rhodes.

E. Wagner,  
O. O. Sorg.

J. J. Parshall,  
W. H. McIntyre.

Philip Bach.

John Eisele,  
E. P. Mason.

Chas. H. Worden.  
A. F. Martin.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Martin:

Resolved, That the President do appoint a committee of three members of the council to be called Committee on Liquor Bonds, and that such committee be a standing committee of this council.

Which resolution prevailed.

By Ald. Martin:

Resolved, That the amount of the liquor bonds be fixed at \$3,000 and druggist bonds at \$2,000 for the coming year.

Which resolution prevailed.

By Ald. Taylor:

Resolved, That the sum of \$300 be and the same is appropriated from the Bridge, Culvert and Cross-walk Fund for the purpose of replanking bridges No. 1-5.

Ald. Wines moved that the appropriation be made from the street fund instead of the bridge, culvert and cross-walk fund.

Which amendment prevailed by a yea vote as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Wines, Schairer, Martin, Herz, Ferguson, O'Mara, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—9.

Nays—Alds. Fillmore, Snow, Rehberg, Taylor—4.

The original resolution as amended prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Wines, Schairer, Martin, Herz, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, O'Mara, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—12.

Nays—Ald. Rehberg—1.

By Ald. Martin:

Resolved, That the City Clerk notify the banks of this city and receive bids for the city deposits and charge for overdrafts, and present the same to the council on the first Monday in May.

Which resolution prevailed.

By Ald. Ferguson:

Resolved, That the deed of the Ann Arbor Gas Company of lands between Detroit and Beakes streets be accepted and recorded.

Which resolution prevailed.

By Ald. Wines:

Resolved, That the City Attorney is hereby instructed to immediately take the necessary steps to finish the opening of South 4th Ave. from Madison to Hill St., and that the necessary cost for the same be spread on the general tax list, and that the original motion creating a special assessment district be rescinded.

Ald Martin moved that Ald. Wines resolution be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed as follows:  
Yeas—Alds. Martin, Herz, Fillmore,

Snow, O'Mara, Rehberg, Taylor, Pres. Cooley—8.

Nays—Alds. Wines, Schairer, Ferguson, Kitson, Prettyman—5.

By Ald. Ferguson :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby ordered and directed to procure a gold dollar and have the same suitably inscribed, and present the same to William G. Doty as his salary for the past year as Mayor.

Which resolution prevailed by a yeas and nay vote as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Schairer, Martin, Herz, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, O'Mara, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—13.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Wines :

Resolved, That in the event Mrs. Ann Evans shall apply to the Superintendent of the Poor for aid, and if the said superintendent shall find that she shall be entitled thereto, then he, the said superintendent, is hereby authorized to grant such aid, not exceeding the sum of six dollars per month, in money. That said superintendent do draw an order for such aid, so by him to be granted, to be signed by the City Clerk and Mayor, on the City Treasurer, and include all such aid so granted in his monthly reports to the Common Council.

Which resolution prevailed by a yeas and nay vote as follows :

Yeas—Alds. Wines, Schairer, Ferguson, O'Mara, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—7.

Nays—Alds. Martin, Herz, Fillmore, Snow, Rehberg, Taylor—6.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

To the Common Council:

The annual report of the chief of the fire department, containing the receipts and expenses of the department for the year is hereby respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. POND, Pres.

WM. J. MILLER, Clerk.

Ann Arbor, April 15th, 1892.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners.

Gentlemen:—I again have the honor of submitting to you my annual report, (this being the third) as chief of the Fire Department. I assure you that the monotony apparent in the similarity of the reports is greatly relieved in the actual performance of duty. I will endeavor to show in detail the work performed by the department during the year ending April 1st, 1892, also make a statement of losses by fire, the insurance

paid thereon and the cause of fires as far as can be ascertained, together with such other information as I trust will be of interest to your honorable body.

No. of alarms responded to.....	45
“ fires destroying property.....	30
“ chimney fires.....	12
“ burning rubbish.....	3
Value of property destroyed.....	\$ 4,470 00
Ins. pd. on “ “.....	3,263 50
Loss in excess of insurance paid.....	1,206 50
Total amount of insurance on property in which the above losses occurred.....	36,850 00

This shows a slight increase over the losses of last year, also an increase in the amount of losses in excess of insurance paid, which may be ascribed to the burning or suffocating of horses (on which there was no insurance), in the barn of H. Kittridge, the building itself receiving slight damage.

While under the head of losses I mention the deplorable fact that, within the last year, two human beings in our city have lost their lives through the medium of fire. Let us hope that their loss may prove beneficial to the community by furnishing an example of the danger in careless handling of gasoline, the number of fires from which has greatly increased over those of the previous year.

CAUSES OF FIRES.

Defective chimneys.....	5
Gasoline stoves.....	4
Children with matches.....	3
Lamp explosions.....	2
Electric wires during storm.....	2
Cigar stubs.....	2
Cigarettes.....	2
Incendiary.....	1
Stove pipe falling down.....	1
Tipping over lantern.....	1
Spark from locomotive.....	1
Spark from chimney.....	1
Gas jet in contact with window curtain.....	1
Carelessness in exterminating vermin from hen house.....	1
Unknown.....	2
No. of miles traveled responding to alarms.....	34 1/4
No. of feet of hose laid.....	10,500
No. of chemicals used.....	23

Of the above alarms, 29 were by telephone, the others were carried directly to the engine house. I again call your attention to the necessity, for some form of fire alarm, either telephone or telegraph.

VALUE OF DEPT. PROPERTY.

Real estate and buildings.....	\$18,000 00
Aparatus and tools.....	2,960 00
Five horses.....	900 00

Two sets double harness.....	240 00
One single harness.....	75 00
200 bushels oats.....	68 00
Six horseblankets.....	30 00
Whips, curry combs and brushes.....	5 00
2650 ft. hose.....	1,600 00
Thirteen beds.....	175 00
Four stoves.....	35 00
Chairs.....	5 00
Brooms, towels, etc.....	5 00
190 lbs. waste at 10½c.....	20 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$24,058 00</b>

EXPENSE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

For salaries.....	\$4,342 82
one new H. and L truck.....	1,000 00
beds, bedding and towels.....	52 81
washing " " ".....	48 00
brooms.....	5 30
soap, scrub brushes, etc.....	3 55
oil, lantern globes and wicks.....	21 88
matches.....	1 30
repairs to stoves.....	11 10
fuel.....	96 75
oats.....	289 66
hay.....	95 68
straw.....	18 27
bran.....	12 58
corn.....	2 00
oilmeal.....	5 75
carrots.....	7 02
medicine and medical attendance for horses.....	31 25
one new collar.....	27 75
repairs on harness.....	9 70
whips, currycombs and brushes.....	3 50
blankets.....	7 50
horse shoeing.....	48 68
general blacksmithing.....	6 75
brake for H. and L. truck.....	17 00
pair shafts.....	8 00
repairs on aparatus.....	7 83
paint and glass.....	24 24
lumber.....	32 51
repairs on building and sidewalk.....	2 86
two play pipes.....	15 00
two cut off nozles.....	30 00
229 lbs waste at 10½c.....	24 04
polish.....	5 50
chemicals.....	10 20
freight and express charges.....	8 15
Fire and Water Journal, one year.....	3 00
one pair clippers.....	2 00
one shovel.....	75
pails and sprinkler.....	35
repairing tools.....	1 84
salt.....	1 15
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,346 82</b>

RECEIPTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

For building permits.....	\$ 5 00
5th ward engine house bell.....	10 00
lumber wagon.....	24 95
hand engine hose cart and hose.....	425 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$464 95</b>

APPARATUS.

The apparatus of the department in actual service consists of two hose wagons and one hook and ladder truck, carrying 211 feet of ladders, together with ropes, hooks, axes, crow-bars, etc., all of which are in first class condition, with the exception of hose wagon No. 1, from which the

paint is peeling, although I think it can be run another year without much injury aside from its looks. There is also upon each one of the above pieces of apparatus, two hand chemical (4 three and 2 six gallon ones) which we find very convenient in case of small fires. We hold in reserve the Button Steam Fire Engine in good working order.

HOSE.

We have at present, 2,650 feet of rubber-lined cotton hose in good condition, although some of it has been in use 10 or 12 years. When asking the council for an appropriation for the ensuing year, we based our estimates upon only absolutely necessary requirements, which included 1,000 feet of hose. But owing to the fact that the committee on finance recommended a cut therein, and to the further fact that your honorable body, as well as myself, have a desire to see the department out of debt at the beginning of another year, I recommended you purchase only as much hose as can be paid for with the amount received for the fire engine sold to the village of Milan, relying upon the present council to devise means of furnishing us the necessary equipments for putting the department on first-class, practical footing.

HYDRANTS.

The number of hydrants has been increased from 117 to 123, exclusive of the one on the hospital grounds, which is maintained by the state. There have also been about three miles of water mains laid, making a total of about 271-2 miles. The water supply has been increased by the drilling of several wells, furnishing an abundance of water which is unexcelled in quality.

HORSES.

There are in the service five horses all of which at present are doing very well.

MEN.

The manual force consists of eight full-time men (including the chief) and

five call men. There have been, during the year, five resignations from the service, 24 days time lost on account of sickness, and three men have served as substitutes. Fortunately none of the men or property of the department have met with serious accident during the year.

Wm. H. Carroll a former member of the department, died Jan. 17th, '92, having resigned from the service on account of sickness, in June '91. This is the only occurrence of death to a member of the department, since its organization, three years ago.

#### ACCIDENT FUND.

On Oct. 3d '91, at 3.40 a. m., there was a fire in the house of Mrs. Isreal Hall, on Washtenaw ave. Mrs. Hall, on account of the prompt response of the department, made the boys a present of \$25.00, which was deposited in the Savings Bank as an accident fund, to be drawn on only in case of injury to some of the firemen.

#### FIRE LIMITS.

The enforcing of the ordinance relative to wooden buildings within fire limits, has proven quite a task, and in some cases has met with opposition from persons whose philanthropy should have dictated the contrary, but I am pleased to state that in all cases we have been able to gain the desired end without recourse to the courts.

#### FIRE ESCAPES.

I will again call your attention to the question of fire escapes for hotels and places of amusement, (the ordering of which I have heretofore recommended). There are a number of these buildings in our city which at any time may prove crematories for unfortunate occupants, if the owners are not compelled to provide adequate means of escape.

#### STREET OBSTRUCTION.

Another matter of no small importance to which, if may be pardoned, I will call your attention, is the question of street obstruction. Last season especially, many of our streets were at times in an almost impassable

condition, caused by the placing of building material therein. I would suggest that you ask the council to impress upon police officers and the street commissioner, the necessity of strictly enforcing the ordinance relative thereto. It seems unnecessary for me to state that negligence in this matter may cause loss of life and property, as can readily be seen by anyone giving it a thought. I will also mention street railway crossings some of which are very bad.

#### REPAIRS.

It will be necessary to repair floors two of the apparatus rooms, also to thoroughly ventilate the building. I further recommend that before another winter, the doors on the front of the engine house be replaced by lighter and better fitting ones. It would be advisable too, to consider the question of steam or water heating. Last, but not least necessary, is a coat of paint and kalsomine for the men's sleeping apartment.

Thanking your honorable body, as well as other city officers and the public in general to whom we are under many obligations for courtesies and confidence, I very respectfully submit the above report.

FRED SIPLEY.

Chief of Fire Dep't.

On motion the report was received and filed and ordered printed.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Annual report of the city treasurer of Ann Arbor for the year ending March 1, 1892.

To the Common Council:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending March 1, 1892.

#### CONTINGENT FUND.

March 1, 1891. Balance over-drawn..... \$ 2,094 83

#### Receipts.

County Treasurer — Liquor Tax .....	\$ 8,062 69
Savings Bank Interest.....	215 97
City Clerk--Licenses.....	76 00
Sale of Pound.....	130 00
Sale of Lamp.....	10 00
Sale of Bench.....	1 50
Officers' fees.....	51 20
Fines.....	8 00
Appropriation.....	5,900 00
Plus of Tax Roll.....	100 54
Total receipts.....	14,555 90

<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	12,357 99
	<u>12,357 99</u>
Balance on hand Mar. 1, '92	103 08
STREET FUND.	
March 1, 1891. Balance on hand.....	\$ 942 11
<i>Receipts</i>	
Dirt and stone sold.....	420 10
Sutherland's services.....	23 40
Appropriation.....	9,000 00
Appropriation, sidewalks.....	290 60
	<u>9,734 10</u>
Total receipts.....	10,676 21
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Order paid.....	10,094 29
	<u>10,094 29</u>
Balance on hand Mar. 1, '92	581 92
SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND,	
March 1, 1891. Balance on hand.....	604 40
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Appropriation.....	600 00
	<u>600 00</u>
Total receipts.....	1 204 40
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	139 00
	<u>139 00</u>
Balance on hand Mar. 1, '92	1,065 40
BRIDGE, CULVERT AND CROSSWALK FUND.	
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Appropriation.....	4,000 00
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
None.....	-----
Balance on hand Mar. 1, '92	4,000 00
DOG TAX FUND.	
March 1, 1891. Balance on hand.....	100 00
March 1, 1892. Balance on hand.....	100 00
DELINQUENT TAX FUND.	
March 1, '91. Bal. overdrawn	623 37
<i>Receipts.</i>	
County Treasurer.....	255 49
Appropriation, rejected tax.....	15 78
	<u>271 27</u>
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Real estate tax returned.....	282 52
Real estate tax rejected.....	61 12
Personal tax returned.....	406 12
	<u>749 76</u>
Bal. overdrawn Mar. 1, '92	1,101 86
FIREMENS' FUND.	
March 1, 1891. Balance on hand	3,960 69
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Building Permits.....	5 00
Sale of Bell.....	10 00
Appropriation.....	7,000 00
	<u>7,015 00</u>
Total receipts.....	10,975 69
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	6,300 16
Balance on hand.....	4,675 53

POLICE FUND.	
March 1, 1891. Balance on hand	1,525 28
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Officers' fees.....	16 95
Appropriation.....	2,250 00
	<u>2,266 95</u>
Total receipts.....	3,792 33
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	2,094 75
	<u>2,094 75</u>
Balance on hand March 1, 1892...	1,697 48
POOR FUND.	
March 1, 1891. Balance on hand	1,812 09
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Appropriation.....	1,250 00
	<u>1,250 00</u>
Total receipts.....	3,062 09
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	1,262 50
	<u>1,262 50</u>
Balance on hand March 1, 1892...	1,799 59
WATER FUND.	
March 1, '91. Bal. on hand..	3,559 71
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Appropriation.....	5,500 00
	<u>5,500 00</u>
Total receipts.....	9,059 71
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	5,270 00
	<u>5,270 00</u>
Bal. on hand Mar. 1, 1892...	3,789 71
CEMETERY FUND.	
Mar. 1, '91. Balance on hand	189 66
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Manly & Speechly, sale of lots	85 00
Appropriation.....	50 00
	<u>135 00</u>
Total receipts.....	324 66
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	192 73
	<u>192 73</u>
Bal. on hand Mar. 1, '92....	131 93
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AID BOND FUND.	
Mar. 1, '91 Balance on hand	840 00
<i>Receipts.</i>	
Appropriation.....	3,840 00
	<u>3,840 00</u>
Total receipts.....	4,680 00
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	3,840 00
	<u>3,840 00</u>
Bal. on hand Mar. 1, '92....	840 00
OPENING DIVISION STREET FUND.	
Mar. 1, '91. Bal on hand....	375 00
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid.....	375 00
	<u>375 00</u>



## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The actual amount of cash paid out from March 1st, 1891, to March 1st, 1892, was as follows:

Contingent Fund.....	\$ 12,357 99
Street Fund.....	10,094 29
Firemen's Fund.....	6,300 16
Police Fund.....	2,094 75
Poor Fund.....	1,262 50
Water Fund.....	5,270 00
City Cemetery Fund.....	192 73
Opening Division Street Fund.....	375 00
University Hospital Aid Bond Fund.....	3,840 00
Soldiers' Relief Fund.....	139 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$41,927 42</b>

Recapitulation.	Overdrafts March 1, 1891.	Receipts.	Disburse- ments.	Balance, March 1, 1892	Overdraft, March 1, 1892.
Contingent Fund.....	\$ 2,094 83	\$ 14,555 90	\$12,357 99	\$ 103 08	
Street Fund.....	942 11	9,734 10	10,094 29	581 92	
Firemen's Fund.....	3,960 69	7,015 00	6,300 16	4,675 53	
Police Fund.....	1,525 28	2,266 95	2,094 75	1,697 48	
Poor Fund.....	1,812 03	1,250 00	1,262 50	1,799 57	
Water Fund.....	3,529 71	5,500 00	5,270 00	3,789 71	
Dog Tax Fund.....	100 00			100 00	
City Cemetery Fund.....	189 66	135 00	192 73	131 93	
Opening Division Street Fund.....	37 00		375 00		
University Hospital Bond Fund.....	840 00	3,840 00	3,840 00	840 00	
Soldiers' Relief Fund.....	604 40	600 00	139 00	1,065 40	
Bridge and Culvert Fund.....		4 00 00		4,000 00	
Delinquent Tax Fund.....		271 27	749 76		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>13,908 94</b>	<b>49,168 22</b>	<b>42,676 18</b>	<b>18 734 64</b>	<b>1,101 86</b>
<b>Less Overdraft.....</b>	<b>2 718 2</b>			<b>1,101 86</b>	
<b>Net Balance.....</b>	<b>11,190 74</b>				

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BEAKES,  
City Treasurer.

On motion the report was accepted and filed and ordered printed.

By Ald. Snow:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the president and charged with the duty of investigating conditions of the Aliens creek Mill race, and report what arrangement can be made for the discontinuance of the same.

Which resolution prevailed.

The chair appointed the following committee: Aids. Snow, Wines, and Prettyman.

A communication of Mrs. Foley was read, and on motion was laid on the table.

Pres. Cooley, after some remarks, made the following appointments of standing committees for the coming year.

Finances—W. L. Taylor, Wm. Herz, A. H. Fillmore.

Ordinances—L. D. Wines, C. Martin, Wm. G. Snow.

Streets—C. Martin, A. P. Ferguson, Wm. G. Snow, H. G. Prettyman, W. L. Taylor, L. D. Wines.

Sidewalks—A. J. Kitson, E. Rehberg, A. H. Fillmore, Wm. Herz, D. F. Schairer, John O'Mara

Fire Department—Jno. O'Mara, E. Rehberg, H. G. Prettyman.

Water—A. P. Ferguson, E. Rehberg, A. H. Fillmore.

Police—Wm. G. Snow, A. J. Kitson, W. L. Taylor.

Lighting—Wm. Herz, D. F. Schairer, A. J. Kitson.

Bonds—A. H. Fillmore, Jno. O'Mara, H. G. Prettyman.

Licenses—D. F. Schairer, Wm. Herz, A. P. Ferguson.

Parks—H. G. Prettyman, Jno. O'Mara, D. F. Schairer.

Poor—E. Rehburg, C. Martin, L. D. Wines.

On motion the council adjourned.  
WM. J. MILLER, Clerk.