

Seybold & Allmendinger, blacksmithing	\$11 20
Bailey & Dow, repairs	2 65
Fred Chapin, hay	19 66
E. B. Hall, coal	20 33
Mrs. E. Backhaus, labor	3 80
Rinsey & Seabolt, supplies	24 11
H. J. Brown, liniment	1 25
Rinsey & Seabolt, brooms	3 00
James Tolbert, lumber	12 63

Total

POLICE FUND.

James R. Murray, salary	65 00
David Collins, salary	50 00
Noble C. Tice, salary	50 00
Louis Rohde, coal	7 25

Total

POOR FUND.

Fred Siple, salary	10 00
John Burg, shoes	5 25
Bach, Abel & Co., clothing	4 00
Doty & Feiner, shoes	1 75
Mrs Ann Evans, aid	5 00
John Eisele, groceries	1 76
Eberbach Drug Co., medicine	75
John Goetz, jr., groceries	4 95
William F. Lohholz, groceries	7 70
William H. McIntyre, groceries	8 03
O'Hara & Boyle, groceries	5 21
Caspar Rinsey, groceries	9 00
Rinsey & Seabolt, groceries	5 52
Louis Rhode, wood	9 00
Fred Siple, freight on wood	18 90
Frank Butler, wood	81 32
Louis Rohde, wood	33 75
Fred Stein, meat	28

Total

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent Fund	\$ 850 59
Street Fund	341 35
Fire Fund	523 63
Police Fund	172 25
Poor Fund	212 17

Total

Respectfully submitted.

WALTER L. TAYLOR,
WILLIAM HERZ,
Finance Com.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the report be accepted and adopted, and warrants ordered drawn for the sums stated therein.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Herz, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg, Taylor, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley.—7.

Nays—None.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

WATER FUND.

Ann Arbor Water Co., six months rental fire hydrants, from July 1st, 1892, to Jan. 1st, 1893. Claimed \$2,800.00.
Allowed,

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. TAYLOR,
WM. HERZ,
Finance Committee.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the report be accepted and adopted, and warrant ordered drawn for the sum stated therein.

Adopted as follows,

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Herz, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg, Taylor, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley.—7.

Nays—None.

Ald. Prettyman moved that we now adjourn to meet in an adjourned session next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, local time.

Adopted.

W. J. MILLER,
City Clerk.

COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Ann Arbor, Jan. 4, 1893.

Adjourned session.

The council was called to order by the President, the Hon. Mortimer E. Cooley.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Ald. Schairer, Herz, Fillmore, Ferguson, Rehberg.—5.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR.

City of Ann Arbor,

Mayor's Office, Jan. 4th, 1893.

To the Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen: Over ten years ago the charter and ordinances of the city of Ann Arbor were compiled and published by the authority of the city.

Since that time the city has received a new charter, numerous ordinances have been enacted or repealed and amendments equally numerous perhaps have been made to ancient legislative enactments. This accumulated mass of ten years of municipal legislation reposes in the book of ordinances in the office of the city clerk, inaccessible save to those who have expert knowledge to aid their search and a careful memory of the office hours of the city clerk. Surely if the maxim "ignorance of the law excuses no one" is ever inapplicable it is doubly so in the case of the citi-

zens of Ann Arbor who can honestly plead ignorance of their own local laws. In these days of reviving interest in law, when a peaceful and orderly people, law-abiding and self-respecting seek only to know the law in order to give it their obedience and their respectful devotion, it ought not to be said of our civic legislature that it withheld from them that which is and ought to be "the rule of their civil conduct prescribed by their supreme municipal power commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong." Professional agitators and shrewd attorneys might profit by this dereliction, the one at the expense of the city's good name for law and order, and the other at the expense of their uninformed clients; but the council ought not to be accessory before the fact to either misfortune.

The records of your honorable body disclose the fact that an appropriation was made Sept. 5th, 1892 for the purpose of revising the ordinances of the city. I have repeatedly urged upon the city attorney the necessity of expedition in the premises, but I am informed that he has been unable as yet to secure the assistance of his coadjutor, Ald. Wines, the chairman of the ordinance committee. To the end that the charter and ordinances may be eventually and speedily compiled and published, I trust that the council will exert its authority to hasten the work already too long delayed.

WILLIAM G. DOTY, Mayor.

Ald. Martin moved that the communication be accepted and placed on file.

Ald. Wines moved as a substitute that the communication be referred back for correction.

Which motion was lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines.—1.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Snow, O'Mara, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley.—7.

Ald. Prettyman moved to lay communication on the table.

Which motion was lost by a ye and nay vote as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley.—4.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Snow, O'Mara, Taylor.—4.

The yeas and nays being called on the original motion, it prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Herz, Snow, O'Mara, Taylor.—5.

Nays—Ald. Wines, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley.—4.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Lighting to whom was referred the matter of lighting the city for the next year commencing Jan. 1st, A. D., 1893, would respectfully recommend that the proposition of the Ann Arbor T. H. Electric Company be accepted under the same condition as last year.

Your committee would further report on petitions referred to your committee, and recommend the following: the petition for two lights on west Huron street be denied and that one light be granted and located near the west line of John M. Wheeler's land, on a 60 foot pole, and the light now located at the intersection of Huron and 7th streets be moved further east as Lighting Committee may locate, also a light be located on State street and placed on a 60 foot pole at the entrance of the main building to the University Hall, and we further recommend the three lights, one at the intersection of Detroit and North streets, one at the intersection of Division and Lawrence streets, and one at the intersection of Third and West Huron, be each placed on a 60 foot pole.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM HERZ,
ARTHUR J. KITSON,
Lighting Committee.

Ald. O'Mara moved that the report be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed. Adopted as follows:

Yeas.—Ald. Wines, Martin, Herz, Snow, O'Mara, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, President Cooley.—9.

Nays—None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Ald. O'Mara, Chairman of Special Committee on city Buildings, reported progress and moved that President Cooley be added to the Committee. Adopted.

ANN ARBOR, January 2, 1893.

To the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee appointed November 21, 1892, to consider and recommend a plan for securing a system of sewers for the city of Ann Arbor, beg leave to report as follows:

The committee has had three meetings, at which the different features of the problem have been considered in detail, thoroughly discussed, and voted on separately.

Your committee is unanimously of the opinion that the construction of a system of sewers for the city of Ann Arbor is a necessary public improvement, and that the work should be commenced as soon as practicable.

The system and plan recommended by the Board of Public Works in their report to the Council under date of January 28, 1892, is regarded as the more desirable, all things considered, for this city. Any further enlargement of the main or lateral sewers for the purpose of providing for surface drainage is not considered advisable.

Your committee does not wish to be understood, however, as not in favor of surface drainage in certain portions of the city, but suggests that this question may be more readily met and disposed of with less expense to the city by the use of separate drains laid to the nearest accessible natural water courses.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption by this Council of the system and plan as submitted by the Board of Public Works, above referred to, with the addition of a twelve-inch branch main sewer extending from Broadway down Wall street, crossing the river, and joining the main sewer, if found practicable, otherwise discharging into the river at the nearest suitable point; and with the further addition of such auxiliary plan of surface drainage as may be found expedient and necessary. The different methods of raising the money to construct such a system of sewers have received much consideration. The question naturally divides itself into two parts; first, the main, or trunk, sewer; second, the system of lateral sewers. In order to reach a conclusion likely to meet with the approval of a majority of our citizens, the opinion of experienced financiers has been sought, also the opinion of a number of our citizens known to hold opposing views. While at first it was the vote of your committee to raise the money for the entire system by bonding, that plan did not, on more mature consideration, commend itself so strongly.

A careful measurement of the sewer map discloses about twenty miles of sewers laid down in the original plan, which does not embrace the recent extensions of the city limits. At an average cost of \$6,000 per mile, the lowest estimate for the entire system would approximate \$120,000, while it is possible the amount might reach \$150,000, or more.

Your committee is unwilling to recommend

placing this city under so large a bonded indebtedness, when freedom from such debt has always been a matter of pride to our citizens.

The construction of the entire system would, under bonds, probably be demanded at once, so that of necessity a large proportion of the laboring help would have to be imported. As about 80 per cent. of the cost of a sewer system is for labor, any plan tending to favor our own people and keep our money at home, it seems, should meet the approval and command the support of our citizens.

The more natural and economical plan would be to build the main sewer at once, and put in the laterals as they are demanded, or found necessary. This will admit of extending the major part of the work over a period of two or three years, at least, and provide work for a number of years as extensions are made.

The final estimates for the cost of the main sewer submitted by the Board of Public Works showed that it can be built for about \$22,000 or \$23,000. To provide for street crossings, flushing tanks and other accessories, this sum may properly be increased to \$30,000.

Inasmuch as no system of sewers is practicable in this city without the main sewer, and as it serves for all alike, both for the present and the future, it seems entirely proper that the money for its construction should be raised by bonding.

Your committee would therefore recommend the raising of this sum by issuing bonds for a term of years, and that the Finance Committee and City Attorney be instructed to procure the necessary legislation at the present session of the Legislature.

As to the best method of raising the money for the lateral sewers, your committee do not at present feel prepared to recommend definitely. The question has been discussed at length, and various plans considered, but none of them appear to be totally free from objection. As more information is desired, and is being sought, your committee would respectfully ask further time before submitting its final report.

Respectfully submitted.

M. E. COOLEY.
L. D. WINES.
H. G. PRETTYMAN.
W. G. SNOW.
J. O'MARA.
W. L. TAYLOR.
WILLIAM HERZ.

Ald. Snow moved that the report be, and the same is hereby approved and confirmed. Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Martin, Herz, Snow, O'Mara, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley.—10.

Nays—None.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1892.

To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor :

Balance overdrawn as per last report..... \$ 5,382.44

MONEY RECEIVED.

Contingent Fund -	
Miller, licenses	2.50
Street Fund -	
Sutherland	36.54

Police Fund—		
Pond, fines.....	\$3 00	
Fire Fund--		
Sipley, building permits..	2.00	
Cemetery Fund—		
Manly, lot.....	5.00	
Total	49.04	\$ 5,333 40

MONEY DISBURSED.

Contingent Fund.....	\$1,139.99	
Street Fund.....	631.92	
Firemen's Fund.....	530.29	
Police Fund.....	165.00	
Poor Fund.....	220 35	
Water Fund.....	11.50	
Soldiers' Relief Fund.....	38.00	
Bridge, Culvert and Crosswalk Fund.....	62.20	
		2,699.25

Total ove. drawn 8,032.65

BALANCE ON HAND.

Contingent Fund, over-drawn.....	3,377.75	
Street Fund, over-drawn.....	6,878 01	
Firemen's Fund over-drawn.....	468 45	
Police Fund overdrawn.....	20.22	
Poor Fund.....	769.08	
Water Fund.....	1 083.21	
Cemetery Fund.....	188.67	
Soldiers' Relief Fund.....	650.69	
University Hospital Aid Bond Fund.....	840 .00	
Delinquent Tax Fund overdrawn.....	1,036.27	
Dog Tax Fund.....	100.00	
Bridge, Culvert and Crosswalk Fund,....	16.40	

Total.....\$ 3,648.05 \$11,680.70

Total overdrawn..... \$ 8,032.65

Respectfully submitted,
S. W. BEAKES,
 City Treasurer.

Ann Arbor City, January 2, 1893.

ANN ARBOR SAVINGS BANK.)
 ANN ARBOR, MICH., Jan. 4, 1894. }

To the Common Council:

This is to certify that there was on deposit to the credit of S. W. Beakes, City Treasurer, the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety-two, and 42 100 Dollars, (\$36,292.42).

Yours Respectfully,
 CHAS. E. HISCOCK, Cashier.

The monthly reports of the City Treasurer, City Clerk, Marshal, and Superintendent of the Poor were read and placed on file.

By Alderman Herz:

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to contract with the Ann Arbor T. H Electric Co., for the city street lighting according to terms of last years contract.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Martin, Herz, Snow, O'Mara, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—10.

Nays—None.

By Alderman Rehberg:

Resolved, That the sum of eight dollars be appropriated from the Poor Fund to purchase a pair of bobs to be used for the delivering of wood for the poor of the city of Ann Arbor

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Martin. Herz, Snow, O'Mara, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—10.

Nays—None.

By Alderman Prettyman:

Resolved, That a Charter Amendment Committee consisting of the Ordinance Committee and City Attorney be requested to report necessary amendments to the city charter.

Adopted.

Mr. Wm Miller,

City Clerk City of Ann Arbor,)
 Jan. 4th, 1892. }

I hereby tender my resignation as chairman of the Ordinance Committee.
 L. D. WINES.

Ald. O'Mara moved that the communication be laid on the table.

Adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

W. J. MILLER,
 City Clerk.