

By Ald. Manly :

Resolved, That the bill of Richmond & Backus Co., of \$12.00, for justice docket, be allowed.

Lost as follows, a majority of the aldermen not voting therefor :

Yeas—Alds. Wagner, Snow, Wood, Taylor, Manly, Pres. Watts—6.

Nays—Alds. Martin, Ferguson—2.

By Ald. Manly :

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to remove the street signs on Mrs. McCollum's residence and barn and place the same on opposite side of street.

Adopted.

By Ald. Wagner :

Resolved, That the Chief of the Fire Department be, and is hereby instructed to take a reading of the pressure gauge at the engine house, from date, said reading to be taken four times each and every day, and the record of such reading be reported to the Common Council at each regular meeting when called for, and until further orders.

Adopted.

By Alderman Taylor:

WHEREAS, it having been made to appear to this Council that diseases known as the yellows and black knot prevail in certain fruit trees, within the city of Ann Arbor, therefore,

Resolved, That Charles C. Clark, Leonard Gruner, and Jacob Ganzhorn, freeholders, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners and shall constitute a board of commissioners in and for the city of Ann Arbor, empowered to take suitable action for the suppression of such diseases under the laws of the state.

Adopted.

Ald. Martin moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet Monday, Aug. 14, 93, at the usual time.

On motion the council adjourned.

W. J. MILLER,
City Clerk.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER.
ANN ARBOR, Aug. 9, 1893.

Special Session.

President Watts being absent, the Council was called to order by the Clerk.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Ald. Herz, Ferguson, Prettyman and Pres. Watts.—4.

On motion of Ald. Kitson, Ald. Manly was elected president pro tem.

Chairman Manly assumed the chair and announced that the first order of business would be to hear the call read for this meeting:

Following is the call:

Wm. J. Miller, City Clerk:

SIR—You will call a special meeting of the Common Council for this evening, August 9, at 8 o'clock, to consider the question of our present water supply with reference to fire protection.

B. M. THOMPSON,
August 9, 1893. Mayor.

The call for special meeting having been read by the Clerk, the following communication from the Mayor was read:

Ann Arbor, Aug. 9, 1893.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: This city today is without any adequate fire protection. For a portion of each day during the past three weeks it has been wholly without protection from the water works. When we consider the danger from fire at this season of the year, at all times, and the present condition of the weather, and the additional fact that there is not a single fire-proof building in the city, the situation is full of alarm.

You have now under consideration the condition and character of our water supply with reference to its quality for culinary purposes. The city ought to have an abundant supply of pure and wholesome water. Pure water is a prime necessity both from a financial and sanitary point of view. Foul water promotes neither good health nor immigration. Upon this view of the subject there is no occasion to dwell, nor need I make any suggestion, since you have already taken prompt and efficient action in the matter.

I think it is agreed among all those who are familiar with the situation that the main reservoir is in as good a condition today as it can be put in until it is paved. In my judgement, we ought not to order it paved now and thus assume the increased fire risk involved. I am informed by the water company that if the use of water for sprinkling is discontinued for three days that the company can fill the reservoir full. If this can be done, it should be done, for then we shall have immediately ample fire protection. As soon as the reservoir is filled, then the water in the catch basins can be drawn off and those basins thoroughly cleansed without impairing or endangering our fire protection.

I therefore recommend that the water company be requested to fill the main reservoir immediately; that all water consumers in the city be prohibited from using water for sprinkling for the next three days and that the water company be requested to turn off the water from any consumer who violates that order and to keep it turned off until the end of said three days; that all person who are using water for power purposes, who can do so without serious injury do so, for three days, and that all our citizens be urged to be as economical as possible

in the use of water during that period.
B. M. THOMPSON, Mayor.

Ald. Wagner moved that the message be received and placed on file.
Adopted.

After several hours of discussion by the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens, on motion of Ald. Martin, the Council adjourned to meet tomorrow evening, August 10th.

W. J. MILLER,
City Clerk