

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 21, 1895.

Regular session.

Called to order by President Wines.

Roll called. Full board present.

The journal of the last session approved as corrected.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works herewith submit the sewer specification as amended by the board, also a set of the sewer and plumbing rules for your approval or disapproval.

By order of the Board of Public Works,  
W. J. MILLER, Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

A petition signed by Frances M. De Puy, of the City of Ann Arbor, setting forth that on the 16th day of November, 1894, she sustained a very severe injury to her entire person, by falling into the sewer trench at the intersection of Liberty and Thompson streets, there being no danger signal lights or barriers at said locality, and that she has been damaged in consequence to the extent of at least \$5,000.

Referred to the Committee on Sewers and the city attorney.

A petition signed by Catherine Stoll, of the city of Ann Arbor, asking to be remitted from a sidewalk tax, which has been assessed against her property, as the said sidewalk was built by the petitioner, except furnishing the lumber.

Referred to the Committee on Finances and sidewalks.

The Engineer's estimate of the Fifth ward branch of main sewer was again reported to the Council, and the same was referred to the Sewer Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Chairman Brown, of the Water Committee, submitted a report of a bacteriological examination of the drinking water that is furnished by the Ann Arbor Water Co., report shows that the water in its present condition is very good, was received and filed.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

To the Common Council:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the matter of procuring some suitable person to take charge of the heating apparatus in the city offices, would report that your committee have secured the services of Kenny & Quinlan to take charge of the heating at \$10 per month, and your committee recommend that the offer be accepted and a contract be closed with said parties for such services.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANK WOOD,  
C. H. MANLY,  
H. G. PRETTYMAN.

Accepted, and recommendations concurred in, as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Wood, President Wines—13.

Nays—None.

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Chairman Prettyman, of the Ordinance Committee, made a verbal report what the committee was doing with the ordinances of this city. First was made a record of the passage, amendment, and repeal or continuance in force of every ordinance ever passed by the Common Council of this city since the establishment of a city government under the first charter.

President Wines stated that the hour of 8:30 o'clock having arrived, as the time fixed for receiving report from the Special Committee on Amending the Charter.

Ald. Wagner, chairman of the Special Committee on Amending the Charter, reported the different amendments that the committee had under consideration, and asked for further time to make a final report in full to this Council.

Ald. Manly stated as a member of the Special Charter Committee, he would have a minority report to submit to the Council.

On motion of Ald. Manly the Council agreed to meet in an adjourned session, Friday evening, Jan. 25, and the hour of 8 o'clock be fixed for receiving reports from the Charter Amending Committee.

President Wines stated that if there were no objections the ordinances reported by the Ordinance Committee will be considered read, and it was so ordered.

## ORDINANCES.

Ald. Prettyman, leave having been granted, introduced an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Relative to the Licensing of Plumbers;" to amend an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Relative to Licenses," passed July 6, 1891, by inserting three new sections therein.

Ald. Manly moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be given its second reading by sections.

Adopted.

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## REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

ANN ARBOR, Jan. 21st, 1895.

To the Common Council:

I hereby certify that the pressure of water on guage at engine house has been 65 pounds or more at all times since Jan. 7th, the date of last report.

FRED SIPLEY.

Chief of Fire Department.

Received and filed.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

In accordance with the provisions of the charter, I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, Robert Leonard as policeman, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. Eldert.

C. G. DARLING,

Jan. 21, 1895.

Mayor.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the appointment of the mayor be confirmed.

Adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

I have the pleasure of submitting to you a business proposition for your consideration, that the Fireman's Hall now occupied by the fire department be so enlarged and improved that it may provide convenient room for the fire department, city offices and a "lock up." When the Common Council provided offices for the various branches of the city government, they without doubt expected the time to come when it would not only be a matter of economy, but a necessity for the city to own a building where provisions would be made for office room and other use. The fact that the city can rent property only from year to year makes it impossible to secure low rates and the emergency might arise, whereby

we might be compelled to seek new quarters, a change which might involve considerable expense without improvement.

The city offices should be permanently located and contain vault accommodations for all of the valuable maps and papers belonging to the city.

The wise change recently made by the Council in ordering a city "lock up" cannot be fully appreciated until one that is properly constructed can for a time be used. However the present experiment demonstrates the value of such a course and the necessity for constructing something better for the purpose.

Our Fire Department, the pride of every citizen who recognizes good work—will be greatly benefited by the change, a benefit not estimated by dollars and cents, but one adding to that economy which is practiced when the efficiency of the department is increased regardless of cost.

Having set forth a few of the reasons for a larger city building (not to mention the conveniences) let me call your attention to the business side of the proposition.

The plans placed before you have been carefully prepared by the city engineer, and a liberal estimate has been given for constructing the building. The new part and all changes necessary in the old, and to cost \$5500 (five thousand five hundred dollars). These plans allow for the use of the furniture now in use in the city offices which belongs to the city, the rooms in the proposed building being planned with reference to the use of said furniture. The present method of heating the city offices is expensive and the proposed building can easily be heated for the same sum which is required to heat the present offices. The establishing of a city "lock up" will certainly turn a considerable sum of money from other channels into the city treasury. To this add the sum paid for rent (\$350) and you will find that the sum so obtained for six years will be sufficient to pay for all the proposed changes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. DARLING.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the communication be referred to a special committee of three, of which the president of this council be made a member of the committee. Adopted.

President Wines appointed Ald. Wood and Ald. Taylor as the other two members of said committee.

By Ald. Manly:

*Resolved*, That the city attorney be and he is hereby directed to prepare and present to this council an ordinance relative to the regulations and control of club-rooms, situated in the city of Ann Arbor.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Wood, Pres. Wines—13.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Brown:

*Resolved*, That the Water Co. be, and are hereby ordered, to make the necessary connections with the flush-tanks on the lateral

sewers, now constructed or in course of construction, in accordance with the proposition of the said Water Co. to the Board of Public Works.

Adopted as follows :

Yeas—Alds. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Wood, Pres. Wines—13.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Martin :

*Resolved.* That the matter of title of land, where the city built a walk along the north side of Felch street, west of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & North Michigan Railway Co.'s lands and assessed against John Molkenthin, be referred to the city attorney for a report on the matter, where said title lays, by the next meeting of this Council.

Ald. Manly moved an amendment that the city attorney procure an abstract of title, if necessary, which amendment prevailed, as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Ferguson,

Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Wood, Pres. Wines—13.

Nays—None.

The original resolutions as amended prevailed.

By Ald. Ferguson :

*Resolved,* That the mayor and city clerk be, and they are hereby ordered and directed, to draw a warrant on the University Hospital Aid Band Fund for three thousand four hundred and eighty dollars (\$3,480), for principal and interest due Feb. 1st, 1895, payable to Harrison Soule, treasurer of the University of Michigan.

Adopted as follows :

Yeas — Aldermen Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Wood, Pres. Wines—13.

Nays—None.

On motion the Council adjourned.

W. J. MILLER.

City Clerk.