

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 25, 1895.

Adjourned session.

Called to order by President Wines.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Allmendinger—1.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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To the Hon. Common Council;

There being still unpaid upon the tax rolls in my hands, the sum of about \$15,000 00, I am compelled to ask that in accordance with your usual custom the time for the collection of the same be extended to, and including, February 28th, 1895

Very respectfully,
GEO. H. POND,
City Treasurer.

Ald. Manly moved that the request of the city treasurer be granted, that the time for collecting the taxes be extended to and including February 28th, 1895.

Adopted unanimously.

President Wines stated that the hour of 8 o'clock having arrived, as the time fixed for receiving report from the special charter committee.

Chairman Wagner offered the following report:

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor.

Gentlemen:

Your committee on revision of charter begs leave to report that the following amendments and alterations of the charter are deemed advisable, viz:

1st. That Sec. 17 of the charter be so amended that the polls at all charter elections shall be opened at seven o'clock in the morning and shall be kept open until five o'clock in the afternoon.

2nd. That Sec. 30 be amended as follows. "The following city officers, viz: A mayor, president of the common council, six aldermen, (three of whom shall be elected each year) city clerk, two justices of the peace, and an assessor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the whole city, and a supervisor, one alderman and a constable shall be elected in each ward"

3rd. That Sec. 31 be amended by striking out the words, "a city Marshal."

4th. That Sec. 33 be amended by striking out the words, "The Mayor," "the President of Council"

5th. That Sec. 34 be amended by inserting the words, "The Mayor." "Pres. of Council," thus making the term of the mayor one of two years.

6th That Sec. 61 be amended so as to read as follows: "The Mayor shall appoint a City Marshal who shall be the chief of the police of the city, and subject to the direction of the Mayor. The Mayor shall appoint such numbers of policemen or night-watchmen as the Common Council may deem necessary for the good government of the city and for the protection of the persons and property of the inhabitants thereof; and may appoint such special policemen from time to time as the Common Council may authorize, when in

his judgment the emergency or necessity may so require and may provide for and appoint subordinate officers for the police and night-watchmen" It shall be his duty, etc. Also strike out all of Sec. 66, after the words, "and may arrest persons found drunk in the streets, etc."

7th. That Sec. 69 be amended as follows: The Mayor, President of the Council and each alderman shall receive the sum of One Hundred Dollars per annum which shall be in full for all services; the city clerk shall receive such sum as the common council shall determine, not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum.

8th. That section 83 be amended to read as follows: The city marshal and any policeman or night watchman appointed to office by the mayor, by authority of this act, may be suspended or removed by the mayor, and in case of the suspension or removal of any such officer, the mayor shall present to the common council at its next regular meeting his reasons for such suspension or removal, in writing, which shall become a part of the record of such meeting. Any other person appointed to office by the mayor may be suspended or removed by him by and with the consent of the majority of the members elect of the council, and the council may expel, etc.

9th. That subdivision second of Sec. 88 be amended by inserting the words "and destroy" after the word "seize" and before the words "all instruments."

That subdivision twelfth of said section be amended to read as follows: "To arrest and punish drunkards, and persons found drunk in the streets, lanes, alleys and public places of said city, disorderly persons, vagrants, common prostitutes, common street walkers, mendicants, street beggars and persons soliciting alms or subscriptions for any purpose whatever"

That subdivision 21st of said section be amended to read: "To regulate, license and control hackmen, omnibusmen, porters, runners and all others soliciting passengers and others to ride in any hack, omnibus or upon any railway, or to go to any hotel or other place, and to prevent said hackmen, omnibusmen, porters and runners from entering within any railroad station at such times as the common council may determine."

10th. That Sec. 90 be amended by inserting after the words "for any purpose" these words: "They shall have power to determine by ordinance the punishment of all persons convicted of any violation of the same, by imprisonment at hard labor or otherwise, and they may prescribe fines, imprisonment, penalties, and forfeitures for the violation of the same, not exceeding," etc. After the words "House of Correction" add the following: "And they shall also have the power to impose imprisonment on any person at hard labor, in default of the payment of any fine imposed for the violation of such ordinance."

11th. That Sec. 107 be amended by striking out words "by and with the consent of the council."

12th. That Sec. 111 be amended by striking out the words "with the consent of the common council."

13th. That this council petition the legislature for a special act authorizing the city to enter into a contract for lighting the city for a term not exceeding five years.

C. W. WAGNER,
P. L. BODMER, } Committee.
J. W. BENNETT,

Ald. Manly submitted the following minority report.

To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:

As a member of the committee to whom was referred the matter pertaining to the amendments to the City Charter, would report that the whole committee have not at any time met or a majority of said committee signed a report of its deliberations. As a member of said committee, would most respectfully submit for your consideration the following proposed amendments, and recommend that they be adopted.

No. 1.—Section 19, Page 12.

Amended by striking out, (inspectors shall appoint one of their number.)

Inserting in lieu thereof, (senior aldermen shall be.)

No. 2.—Section 30, Page 15.

Amended by striking out, (President of the Common Council.)

No. 3.—Section 31, Page 15.

Amended by striking out (members of the Board of Public Works).

Inserting after the word "Treasurer" in fourth line (Street Commissioner).

No. 4.—Section 32, Page 16.

Amended by striking out all after the word "made" in third line.

Inserting in lieu thereof (on or before the first regular meeting in June of same year).

No. 5.—Section 33, Page 16.

Amended by striking out (President of the Common Council).

No. 6.—Section 49, Page 18

Amended by inserting the word (elective) between the words "of and officers" in the first line.

No. 7.—Section 43, Page 18.

Amended by striking out the words, (President of the Common Council.)

No. 8.—Section 46, Page 20.

Amended by inserting in the second line after the word "City" (presiding officer of the Common Council.)

No. 9.—Section 50, Page 20.

Amended by striking out the words, (President of the Common Council.)

Inserting in its stead, (Mayor.)

No. 10.—Section 69, Page 30.

Amended by striking out (all of said section to and including annum) in the twelfth line.

Inserting in lieu thereof, (the officers of said corporation shall be entitled to receive out of the City Treasury the following sums in full payment of their service. The Mayor and each member of the Common Council two hundred dollars each, per annum, the Clerk and assessor each one thousand dollars per annum, the City Attorney six hundred dollars per annum, the City Treasurer one hundred dollars).

And further amended and striking out all after the word "Allow" on line seventeen to and including the word "office" in line twenty-one.

No. 11.—Section 70, Page 31.

Amended by striking out words, (President of said Council.) And inserting in lieu thereof, (Mayor.)

No. 12.—Section 71, Page 31.

Amended by striking out, (President of the Common Council) wherever the same occur. Inserting in its stead, (Mayor.)

No. 13.—Section 73, Page 32.

Amended by striking out, (or the President of the Common Council.)

No. 14.—Section 77, Page 34.

Amended by inserting (Street Commissioner) after the word "attorney" in first line.

No. 15.—Section 134, Page 69.

Amended by striking out all of the section. Inserting the following, to be known as section 134.

(The respective chairmen of the Street, Sidewalk and Sewer Committee shall constitute a board and be known as the Board of Public Works.)

No. 16.—Section 135, Page 70.

Amended by striking out all of said section down to and including the word "act" in eighth line.

Inserting in lieu thereof (the aldermen comprising the Board of Public Works).

No. 17.—Section 139, Page 73.

Amended by inserting (subject to the approval of the Common Council) after the word "commissioner" in sixth line from the bottom of the page, and after the word "Commissioner" in first line on page 74.

No. 18.—Section 143, Page 75.

Amend by striking out (no member of said board) also striking out (with the consent of the Common Council in the last line of section).

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. MANLY,

President Wines stated that the amendments will now be taken up by sections for approval or disapproval.

The yeas and nays being called on the 1st amendment in Sec. 17 was adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—10.

Nays.—Ald. Martin, Manly—2.

The yeas and nays being called on the 2d amendment in Section 30 lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Brown, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines—6.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Manly, Taylor.—6

Ald. Manly moved to amend Section 30 to strike out in line two the word, "president of the common council."

Lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Manly—1.

Nays—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—11

The yeas and nays being called on the 3rd amendment in Sec. 31, and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—7.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown—5.

The report of the 4th amendment in Sec. 33 was on motion of Ald. Prettyman amended as follows, by striking out the words "president of the common council."

The amendment of Ald. Prettyman prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Wood, Snyder, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—10.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Ferguson—2.

The original amendment as amended prevailed as follows:—

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Brown, Manly, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines—7.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Taylor—5.

The report of the 5th amendment was read. Ald. Brown asked for a division of the question as to making the term of office of Mayor and President eligible to more than two years, and it was adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Wood, Snyder, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—10.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Ferguson—2.

On motion the last clause in said amended section be stricken out.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Pres. Wines—8.

Nays—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Prettyman—4.

The following vote was taken on the original Section as amended. Lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Brown, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines—6.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Manly, Taylor—6.

The yeas and nays being called on the 6th amendment Sec. 61, and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Brown, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—7.

Nays—Ald. Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Manly—5.

Ald. Wagner moved that inasmuch as several amendments have been lost, the report be laid on the table.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines—12.

Nays—None.

On motion the Council adjourned.

W. J. MILLER, City Clerk.