

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Ann Arbor, March 2nd, 1896. }

Regular session.

Called to order by President Hiscock.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent, Ald. Coon, Cady.

The journal of February 17th, 1896, was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

Ann Arbor, Mich.,

February 18, 1896.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:

Gentlemen:—The resolution passed by your honorable body at your last session ordering the printing of the report of the Board of Public Works in pamphlet form and placing the distribution of the same in the hands of said board I hereby disapprove of, for the following reasons:

Such publication is not warranted by the city charter, which on page 75, Section 41, prescribes the manner in which such reports shall be published, namely, in the official newspaper of the city.

I consider the report to be in no shape to be presented to your honorable body, much less to be published and presented to the public who know nothing of the inside workings of the board. It is sadly misleading and unreliable. It has the appearance of unloading onto the common council the accumulations of a year's mismanagement.

I call your attention to the third section on page three, which reads as follows: "It has always been customary for the board to clean the streets, clear the sidewalks of snow and purchase gravel from cellars when the same could be obtained cheaply, without an express order from the council in each particular case. This board has followed that custom in those matters, although in so doing we have since discovered that we exceeded our authority.

All other expenditures have been at your special direction." Is your honorable body ready to approve this section and allow the board, after a year of alleged reckless squandering of the people's money, to unload the whole responsibility and place it upon you? I would advise the striking of this section from the report and not allow such a charge to go into print, much less to be distributed broadcast by the party unloading.

Your honorable body is informed by this report that individuals have encroached upon lands belonging to the city and recommends that the necessary steps be taken to enforce "in a systematic and effective manner the recovery of said lands." Why do they not state where these lands are, and why they blocked the City Attorney in his efforts to open these streets, when he made the effort last season? This section should be stricken out.

I fail to see in what way the people are to be benefited by publishing the board's eulogy of its employes. Gentlemen, I cannot believe that your honorable body has ever been to blame for all the blunders of the last year, that you are to blame for the present condition of our streets and the spending of all this money we hear so much about, but after all if this board and its employes are the embodiment of perfection, as all this gush on pages 29 and 31 would indicate, then it must be so.

I also call your attention to that part of an article under the heading "Brick Crosswalks" on page five of the report, which reads as follows: "Great care was exercised in the selection of these brick to secure suitable material at a minimum cost. Out of some 15 or 20 samples and bids submitted the Athens Paving Blocks, manufactured at Athens, Ohio, was selected. This brick was not only the cheapest per square yard offered, but was the only brick we could secure under a guarantee of not more than one per cent. of absorption of

moisture in 24 hours, and not more than 12 per cent. of abrasion."

Now, gentlemen, this may be a very fine thing for the Athens Paving Block Co., and coming in the manner and from the source it does would be an advertisement for them worth a great deal of money, but while it would work a great benefit to the Athens company what about the 15 or 20 firms manufacturing equally as good paving blocks, who also sent in their bids and samples? It looks to me as though the city was asked to advertise the Athens Paving Block Co.

I am in favor in publishing in the official papers of the city the reports of the various boards so far as the same are of interest to the citizens, but am not willing to spend any money in printing personal eulogies of the employes of the city government. Their good works should speak for themselves.

I am not in favor of publishing this report in pamphlet form.

W. E. WALKER, Mayor.

Filed February 20th, 1896.

Glen V. Mills,
City Clerk.

Whereupon the resolution failed to pass over the veto of the Mayor as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Maynard, Brown, Shadford, Pres. Hiscock—5.

Nays—Ald. Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer, Taylor, Prettyman, Butterfield—7.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition signed by Wm. Herz and 9 others asking for a sidewalk on the north side of West Washington street from 1st to 7th was read and referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

A communication from D. McGregor offering to put a fire alarm system in the city of Ann Arbor was read and referred to the Fire Department Committee.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Finance would report that they have had the following bills under consideration and would recommend their allowance, and that warrants be ordered drawn for the same.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. Brown,
C. H. Cady,
Emmett Coon,
Committee on Finance.

Dated this second day of March, 1896.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Glen V Mills, salary.....	\$ 66 67
Patrick O'Hearn. "	83 34
Charles H Kline, "	25 00
Charles H Manly, salary.....	8 34
Marvin C Davenport, janitor.....	17 00
Mack & Schmid, rent.....	8 33
Clay A Greene assigned to J L Rose...	29 17
Michael Staebler, coal.....	41 21
Ann Arbor Register, printing.....	2 50
Ann Arbor Argus, "	15 40
George Haller, repairing clock.....	1 75
David Crawford, services.....	1 00
Charles H Manly witness fees, ass'ng..	8 50
Sid W. Millard, printing.....	24 50
Ann Arbor Argus, printing.....	3 50
S A Moran assigned Ann Arbor Sav-	
ings Bank.....	21 22
Glen V Mills, postage and supplies....	1 80
George Wahr, supplies.....	2 50
Ann Arbor T-H Electric Co lighting..	416 14
Richmond & Backus Co., supplies....	3 50
Ann Arbor Democrat, printing.....	30 04
Nathan D Corbin, clerical work... ..	21 35
Total.....	\$ 832 76

SEWER FUND.

District No. 3

Geo F Key, salary.....	\$ 75 00
J F Schuh tile and labor.....	7 68
A A Terry, inspector.....	6 75
Total.....	\$ 88 43

STREET FUND.

Ann Arbor Saving Bank accounts as-	
signed them:	
Michael Hession, labor.....	\$ 1 80
C Winkle "	5 40
Abram Voorhies, labor.....	2 60
Geo F Key, salary.....	9 80
Bailey & Dow, repairs.....	25 00
Wurster & Kirn, repairs.....	3 05
Chas Winkle, labor.....	2 85
Leonard Bassett, salary	3 30
Chas A Ward, "	26 66
Atlantic Refining Co., machine oil...	40 00
Minnie A Wells, salary.....	13 65
C E Godfrey, freight.....	20 00
	96
Total.....	\$ 145 27

STREET FUND—STONE ACCOUNT.

Ann Arbor Savings Bank accounts assigned them:			
C J Snyder, stone.....	\$	8 40	
Edward Hurst ".....		13 20	
John P Rockol ".....		10 20	
David F Taylor ".....		8 40	
John Kittel ".....		11 40	
Wm J Cochran ".....		10 40	
Zenas Sweet ".....		18 30	
Wm J Cochran ".....		6 00	86 30
C H Manly account assigned him:			
C J Snyder, stone.....		13 50	
F L Allen ".....		18 60	
J E Allen ".....		18 00	
Christian Aprill ".....		13 00	
E T Blake ".....		7 80	
Fred B and C Braun ".....		18 60	
H Braun ".....		4 80	
Edward Bycraft ".....		29 10	
Cutting, Ryer & Co. ".....		5 40	
Chester Dunn ".....		37 80	
C H Eaton ".....		20 40	
John Forshee ".....		24 00	
Joseph Frederick ".....		27 60	
Bennett French ".....		10 20	
Leonard Gruner ".....		2 40	
George Haas ".....		28 80	
Heinzmann & Laubengayer, stone...		60	
D Hiscock stone.....		6 90	
Ed Hurst ".....		6 20	
John Huss ".....		60 00	
John Jetter, ".....		30 60	
C F Kayser ".....		11 50	
Charles Kempf ".....		13 20	
John Kempf ".....		3 60	
Matthew Klager ".....		3 00	
Wm Lansky ".....		5 00	
C F Lutz ".....		60	
Wm Mager ".....		18 00	
Martin Nagel ".....		27 10	
Gottlieb Nagel ".....		15 20	
Ed Ransom ".....		3 00	
P D Rogers ".....		10 00	
Glen V Mills, assigned by John Robinson.....		3 00	
W J Randall ".....		43 80	
Fred Reimold ".....		7 60	
Zenas Sweet ".....		64 20	
Henry Schwab ".....		21 40	
Chris Tessmer ".....		13 20	
Leonard Thomas ".....		30 00	
Clinton Snyder assigned to the Ann Arbor Savings Bank.....		9 90	
Cornelius Tuomey, stone.....		24 00	
George Zahn ".....		6 40	
Louis Rohde ".....		76 00	
Geo W Sweet ".....		24 20	
George Stoll ".....		26 00	
Elias Saddler ".....		6 49	
Fred Kuebler ".....		60	
F J Bartlett ".....		24 00	
John Stator ".....		3 00	
		964 50	
		145 27	
Total.....	\$	1109 77	

BRIDGE, CULVERT & CROSSWALK FUND.

Ann Arbor Savings Bank accounts assigned them:			
H Long, labor.....	\$	30	
Ed. Walker ".....		30	
M Williams ".....		2 70	
H Kittredge ".....		38	
N Healy ".....		1 20	
M Herey, snow plowing...		3 00	7 88
Bennett French ".....		3 00	
John Kittel ".....		3 88	
Wm Wheeler ".....		1 50	
John McHugh ".....		1 50	
Richard Burns ".....		1 50	

M Nagel ".....		3 00	
J Weinberger ".....		3 00	
A Voorheis ".....		6 00	
Pat McCabe, labor.....		75	
W Fletcher ".....		45	
M Hessian ".....		75	
M Kuster ".....		75	
Barney Morrison, labor.....		30	
M M Wheelock, snow plowing.....		3 00	
C Thompson ".....		7 50	
Chas Winkle, labor.....		3 22	
M Williams ".....		2 55	
Total.....	\$	49 65	

POLICE FUND.

M C Peterson, salary and expenses..	\$	67 00	
Reuben Armbruster ".....		50 00	
George Isbell, ".....		50 00	
David Collins, ".....		50 00	
John O'Mara, ".....		50 00	
James Murray, special police.....		8 00	
Total.....	\$	275 00	

FIRE FUND.

Fred Siple, salary.....		60 00	
C A Edwards, ".....		50 00	
W H McLaren, ".....		50 00	
Max Whittinger, ".....		50 00	
Albert West, ".....		50 00	
Eugene Williams, ".....		50 00	
Herman Kirn, ".....		50 00	
Samuel McLaren, ".....		50 00	
Chas Carroll ".....		15 00	
Louis Hoelzle, ".....		8 00	
Ed. Hoelzle, ".....		8 00	
W L Schneirle, ".....		8 00	
Wm Rettich, ".....		8 00	
Geo Hoelzle ".....		8 00	
Bailey & Dow, repairs.....		2 35	
P Gibney, hay.....		47 70	
Mrs. Ream, washing.....		5 00	
Schairer & Millen, blankets.....		2 50	
James E Harkins, supplies.....		5 77	
M Staebler, coal.....		24 34	
Henne & Stanger, supplies.....		12 65	
Total.....	\$	565 31	

POOR FUND.

Fred Siple, salary.....	\$	10 00	
Ann Arbor Railroad, freight.....		28 62	
Martin Haller, supplies.....		3 95	
Clarence Lumber Co., wood.....		45 74	
Treas. Anti-Tramp Society, labor furnished.....		20 90	
Mrs Evans, aid.....		5 00	
Frank Burg, groceries.....		1 68	
F Bigalke, groceries.....		1 25	
C Dwyer, groceries.....		2 00	
Ed Duffy, groceries.....		3 00	
Doty & Feiner, shoes.....		1 50	
C H Cady, groceries.....		3 12	
John Eisele, groceries.....		1 68	
John Goetz, Jr., groceries.....		5 03	
John Goetz & Son, groceries.....		8 95	
G Hoeffler, groceries.....		7 50	
Heinzmann & Laubengayer, flour....		56	
C Lutz, meat.....		3 00	
W F Lodholz, groceries.....		11 73	
John Moore, medicine.....		2 90	
Wm H McIntyre, groceries.....		7 88	
E P Mason, livery to County House..		75	
A Mummery, medicine.....		5 00	
Fred Siple, Mrs. Evans aid.....		5 00	
O'Hara, Boyle & Co, groceries.....		7 00	
Rinsey & Scabolt, groceries.....		15 13	
C Rinsey, groceries.....		10 22	
Geo Spathelf, meat.....		2 25	
M Staebler, coal.....		29 70	
Salyer, grocery Co., groceries.....		4 00	
Staebler & Co., groceries.....		4 87	
W F Stimson, groceries.....		4 98	

C W. Vogel, meat.....	48
Wahr & Miller, shoes.....	3 00
Chas Zuern, meat.....	2 21
Total.....	\$ 265 93

RECAPITULATION.
February, 1896.

Contingent.....	\$ 832 76
Sewer District No. 3.....	88 43
Street.....	1109 77
Bridge, Culvert and Crosswalk.....	49 65
Police.....	275 00
Fire.....	565 31
Poor.....	265 93
Total.....	\$3186 85

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Maynard, Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer, Brown, Taylor, Shadford, Prettyman, Butterfield, Pres. Hiscock—12.

Nays—None.

President Hiscock here stated that the time had arrived when he had made arrangements for an engagement and wished to be excused.

Ald. Koch moved that Ald. Butterfield act as President pro tem.

Adopted.

ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Construction, Maintenance and Operation of an Electric Telephone Exchange" was given its third reading by sections and placed upon its passage.

Ald. Maynard moved that the Reading of the Ordinance be postponed until the City Attorney present the law relative to telephone exchanges to the Council.

Adopted.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to Railroad Crossings and Speed of Railroad Trains" was given its third reading by sections and placed upon its passage.

Ald. Taylor moved that the ordinance be amended so as to provide that south bound trains on the Ann Arbor Railroad shall whistle at all street crossings north of the Huron River.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Maynard, Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer,

Brown, Taylor, Shadford, Prettyman, Butterfield—11.

Nays—None.

Whereupon the question was put "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Maynard, Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer, Brown, Taylor, Shadford, Prettyman, Butterfield—11.

Nays—None.

The City Attorney presented the required law to the Council.

Whereupon the reading of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Construction, Maintenance and Operation of an Electric Telephone Exchange was continued.

Ald. Brown moved to amend section 12 by inserting the words "or any other town or village in Washtenaw County" after the words "City of Ypsilanti."

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Maynard, Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer, Brown, Taylor, Shadford, Prettyman, Butterfield—11.

Nays—None.

Whereupon the question was "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Maynard, Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer, Brown, Taylor, Shadford, Prettyman, Butterfield—11.

Nays—None.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to Porters, Hack-Drivers and Runners and to Regulate the use of Drays and Hackney Carriages was given its second reading by sections.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Repeal Certain Ordinances" and give effect to the Revised Ordinances of 1896" was given its second reading by sections.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to Curbstones and to regulate the use of the same" was given its second reading by sections.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The reports of the City Clerk, City Treasurer, Chief of the Fire Department, City Marshal, Superintendent of the Poor, were read and ordered placed on file.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 1896.

To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:

Balance on hand, last report.....		\$13665 40
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MONEY RECEIVED.

Contingent fund		
Interest at State Savings Bank.....	529 97	
Glen V. Mills.....	24 50	
Police fund		
M. C. Peterson fees.....	8 10	
Cemetery fund.		
E. S. Manly, Com.....	15 00	
Dog fund		
Glen V. Mills.....	9 00	586 57
Total.....		\$14251 97

MONEY DISBURSED.

Contingent fund.....	\$1138 08	
Main Sewer Bond fund...		
Street fund.....	437 30	
Poor fund.....	145 17	
Bridge, Culvert, and Crosswalk fund.....	27 40	
Police fund.....	292 51	
Firemen's fund.....	910 21	
University Hospital Aid Bond Fund.....	3360 00	
	6310 67	6310 67
Total.....		\$7941 30

BALANCE ON HAND.

Contingent fund.....	\$ 909 51	
Main Sewer Bond fund....	100 00	
Street fund.....	979 90	
Poor fund.....	1813 40	
Bridge, Culvert, and Crosswalk fund.....	2970 49	
Police fund.....	2079 93	
Firemen's fund.....	3246 63	
City Cemetery fund.....	137 86	
Soldier's Relief fund.....	519 90	
Water fund.....	2512 40	
Dog Tax fund.....	171 00	
University Hospital Aid Bond fund.....	840 00	
Delinquent tax fund.....		1354 34
Uncollected City Tax.....		11985 38
City Building site.....	5000 00	
	\$21281 02	\$13339 72
	13339 72	
Total.....	\$7941 30	

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Manly,
Treasurer.

The State Savings Bank,
Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 3, 1896.

To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:

This is to certify that there is on deposit in this bank, payable to the order of C. H. Manly, treasurer of the City of Ann Arbor, Mich., the sum of \$54,-078.76 at this date.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Phillips,
Cashier.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Brown.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer one thousand dollars from the Bridge, Culvert and Crosswalk fund to the Street fund.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Maynard, Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer, Brown, Taylor, Shadford, Prettyman, Butterfield—11.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Brown.

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to secure from the Michigan Electric Light Co. a statement as to whether the said company has assigned the contract which they made to light this city and if so to whom.

Adopted.

By Ald. Allmendinger.

Resolved, That a stone culvert of sufficient capacity be built in place of the wooden bridge across West Washington street from Wm. Herz to Mrs. A. Eisele's land and that the matter be acted on at the earliest possible convenience as the present bridge is in poor and unsafe condition.

Ald. Snyder moved that the resolution be referred to the Street Committee.

Ald. Taylor moved that the subject be postponed and referred to the incoming Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Maynard, Brown, Taylor, Shadford, Prettyman, Butterfield—6.

Nays—Ald. Moore, Allmendinger, Koch, Snyder, Laubengayer—5.

By Ald Prettyman.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be required to make a report to the Council on the subject of macadamizing streets in the City of Ann Arbor.

Adopted.

By Ald. Prettyman.

Resolved, That a special Committee of three be appointed to recommend to the Council such action as should be

taken in regard to securing a site for City buildings.

Adopted.

Acting President Butterfield appointed Pres. Hiscock, Koch, and Brown as such Special Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned.

GLEN V. MILLS,
City Clerk.