

Council Chamber,
Ann Arbor, Mich., March 29, 1923.

Special Session

Meeting called to order by City clerk and Ald. Lutz chosen to preside pro tem.

Present: Ald. Johnson, Haarer, Graf, Henderson, Lucas, Markey, Moore, Spathelf, White, Freeman, Lutz, 11.

Absent: Ald. Groves, Norris, 2.

Mayor's Call

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 28, 1923.
Isaac G. Reynolds, City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

You will call a special meeting of the Common Council to be held at the Council Chamber March 29, 1923, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the following purposes:

To receive a communication from W. G. Cowell, et al, relative to House Bill No. 271, which bill proposes to tax municipally owned property

To receive from the Board of Public Works recommendations relative to awarding contracts for construction of pavements in pavement Districts Nos. 52, 53 and 54 or any other recommendation from said Board relative to said pavements.

To consider proposed charter amendments which will be submitted to electors on April 2, 1923.

And to take such action on the above mentioned matters as the Common Council shall deem advisable.

Yours very truly

Geo. E. Lewis, Mayor.

Ordered entered in minutes.

Communication from W. G. Cowell, et al relative House Bill No. 271, and following memorial received:

To The Legislature of Michigan.

The municipalities of the State vigorously protest against the proposed taxation of their properties used for supplying their citizens with light, heat, power, water and other necessities.

They represent that such taxation is contrary to the time-honored principles of American Government, and of the Common Law upon which our jurisprudence is based is an unwise burden on a useful public service, tends to curtail the enjoyment of modern conveniences in smaller communities and among the poorer classes, and unless accompanied by taxation of all governmental agencies will re-

sult in an unequal and unjust distribution of the tax burden.

We urge that House Bill No. 271 to amend the tax exemption statute so as to exclude municipally owned property from such exemption be defeated.

Enter Ald. Norris.

Moved by Ald. Henderson that Council endorse and adopts memorial and authorizes the City Clerk to certify copies to W. G. Cowell, and to the Senator and Representative from this district

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Johnson, Haarer, Graf, Henderson, Lucas, Markey, Moore, Spathelf, White, Freeman, Lutz, Norris, 12. Nays, none

City Engineer informed Council that on account of the large number of combination of bids received for construction of pavements it was impossible to present tabulation of bids to Board of Public Works in time to take action, before this special meeting.

City Clerk presented budget which will be submitted to new council and asked permission to publish same so that the electors may know the approximate amount which will be raised in the various funds, and requested that Mayor Lewis, Ald. Norris and City Attorney prepare statement relative thereto.

Moved by Ald. Norris that the City Clerk's request be granted and that he be authorized to publish budget for the ensuing year, which he proposes to submit, with complete explanation of same.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Johnson, Haarer, Graf, Henderson, Lucas, Markey, Moore, Spathelf, White, Freeman, Lutz, Norris, 12. Nays, none.

By Ald. Johnson:

Resolved, that it be the sense of this Council that if the police Commission is created that it shall serve without pay and consequently will not increase taxation by the creation of such commission.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Johnson, Haarer, Graf, Henderson, Lucas, Markey, Moore, Spathelf, White, Freeman, Norris, 11. Nays, none. Ald. Lutz excused from voting as he will not be a member of next council.

On motion of Ald. Lucas Council adjourned.

Isaac G. Reynolds,
City Clerk.