

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
ANN ARBOR, Feb. 18th, 1895. }

Regular session.

Called to order by President Wines.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent--Ald. Allmendinger.

Ald. Manly moved that the journal of the last session of the Common Council, as printed, be corrected so as to include the following:

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.

After the words "The Mayor and each member of the Common Council shall be paid one hundred dollars per annum," on page 157 of printed report.

Adopted.

Subject to this correction the journal of the last session was approved.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition signed by Fred Harpst and 19 other free holders and residents of the sixth ward, asking for the location of an electric light on the corner of Packard and East University Avenue, was read and referred to the Committee on Lighting.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ANN ARBOR, FEB. 18, 1895 }

To the Honorable Common Council:

According to the provision of the charter, I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, James W. Green to the office of Poundmaster in the City of Ann Arbor.

C. G. DARLING,
Mayor

Ald. Prettyman moved that the appointment of James W. Green as Poundmaster be confirmed.

Adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Police asked for further time to report in the case of Hugh Johnson.

Granted.

COMMITTEE ON BONDS.

Chairman Prettyman submitted the bond of Glen V. Mills as City Clerk with F. G. Schleicher and John Burg as sureties.

Bond accepted.

COMMITTEE ON SEWERS.

To the Honorable Common Council:

Your Committee on sewers, to whom was referred the matter of the Fifth Ward Main Sewer, would report that after careful consideration of the same, they are of the opinion that the building of said sewer should be deferred for the present. We find that in a communication from the school board, referred to your Committee, that said board do not deem it desirable that the public school for the Fifth ward be connected with the city sewer system, and further believing that a majority of the taxpayers of said ward are not in favor of same at this time; therefore your Committee recommend that the building of said sewer be postponed until a majority of taxpayers of said ward ask for it.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR J. KITSON,
H. J. BROWN,
CHRIST. MARTIN,
FRANK WOOD,
P. L. BODMER,
C. H. MANLY.

Ald. Manly moved that the report be received and placed on file.

Adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CITY OFFICES.

To the Honorable Common Council:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the question of city offices, beg leave to make the following report;

We have considered the plans furnished by the City Engineer and have instructed him to draft a second set to include our recommendations.

We consider the design preferable for the following reasons: there are fewer alterations to be made, and the cost of making the necessary changes will be much less. It will give the fire department the advantage of a wide street for exit or entrance, and the use of the present walk built for that purpose at a great expense.

That if at any future time it is deemed desirable to change the location of the city offices to another building, the contemplated addition is so designed that two or even three new truck or engine rooms, with accommodations for necessary horses can be fitted up at a small expense.

It gives ample accommodations for a city lock-up, with outside light and ventilation; a thing not accomplished by the first plan.

There is also provided an extra stall to be used in case of sickness among the horses of the department. A wash room for the apparatus of the department is designed immediately in connection with a tower for washing and drying hose. It is also possible, with the second plan, to drive through the building from the rear to the front, an advantage in taking in hay, grain, etc.

We therefore recommend: First that the City Engineer be instructed to complete the second plan and furnish specifications for the same. Second, that he furnish estimates for the construction of the same. Third, that he include in his plans and estimates such alterations in the present building as will enable it to be properly heated by steam, and accommodate all necessary plumbing. That he furnish estimates for excavating under the same and for replacing the present brick partition walls with iron posts and steel joists.

Respectfully submitted,
L. D. WINES,
FRANK WOOD,
W. L. TAYLOR.

Special Committee on City Offices.

Ald. Wood moved that the Council take a recess of five minutes to consider plans submitted by the committee.

Adopted.

At the expiration of the allotted time the Council was called to order by Pres. Wines.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The Clerk submitted the following bids for printing the Amended Sewer Specifications and Plumbers' Rules: Beakes & Hammond, Ann Arbor Courier and Sid W. Millard.

Ald. Martin moved that the bids be referred to the Finance Committee.

Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Brown:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and are hereby ordered to defer advertising for bids for the construction of the Fifth ward sewer until further orders from the council.

Adopted.

By Ald. Manly:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works submit to this Council at its next regular meeting a statement showing the different sizes of sewer pipe, the number of feet of each size used in the construction of the main sewer, the amount of and kind of material on hand, the amount paid engineers and assistants, the amount paid foreman, also amount paid for day labor, also the location of and the number of cross-walks built during the year 1894, the kind of material used and the cost thereof, including labor, also a full and complete inventory of all city property under their control.

The resolution prevailed as follows:

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

Nays—None.

By Ald. Wagner:

Resolved, That Charles E. Greene be allowed four hundred and fifty dollars for his services as consulting engineer on the main sewer.

Ald. Manly moved that the resolution be referred to the Finance Committee for investigation.

Ald. Prettyman moved as a substitute that the matter be referred to the City Attorney.

The substitute prevailed as follows:

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

Nays—None.

By Ald. Prettyman:

Resolved, That the Poundmaster be authorized to use the barn at his place, No. 37½ Wall street, as a dog pound until further provision is made by the City Council.

Adopted.

By Ald. Ferguson:

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars are hereby appropriated from the Water Fund to employ a clerk to assist the Water Committee in preparing a report on revising the water rates.

Ald. Prettyman offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Water Committee be authorized to employ such assistance in preparing a report as may be necessary.

Which prevailed as follows:

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

Nays—None.

By Ald. Wood:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five dollars be appropriated from the Contingent Fund for the purpose of having drafted bills ordered by this Council to be presented to the Legislature at its present session, and that a warrant for that amount be drawn to the order of the City Attorney.

Which prevailed as follows:

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

Nays—None.

Ald. Manly moved that the Council go into committee of the whole to consider the bill before the Legislature providing for a charter reincorporating cities of the third class.

Motion failed.

Ald. Wood moved that when the Council adjourn it adjourn until Monday, Feb. 25, at 8 o'clock p. m., to consider the above charter.

By Ald. Prettyman:

Resolved, That an invitation be extended to the citizens of Ann Arbor to meet with the Council on the evening of Feb. 25th, to discuss the bill to provide for the reincorporation of certain cities as cities of the third class.

The City Attorney addressed the Council regarding the damage cases against the city caused by the opening of North Fifth avenue.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the matter be referred to a special committee of three. Carried.

Pres. Wines appointed the following as the special committee:

Ald. Prettyman, Martin. Taylor.

On motion the Council adjourned.

GLEN V. MILLS,
City Clerk.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
ANN ARBOR, MICH., Feb. 25, 1895.

Adjourned session.

Called to order by President Wines.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Ald. Bodmer, Wood and Ferguson.

PETITIONS.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned, your petitioners, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that they are the owners of lots 1 and 2, block 4, south range, 2 last in said city. That sometime in the year 1892 the Board of Public Works made a contract in writing with your petitioners to purchase the gravel on said lots. Said board agreeing to pay therefor the sum of \$250 and lower the cooper shop on said premises and replace the stone foundation under the same. Afterwards said written contract was thrown up by the consent of both parties and an oral contract made between the parties by which \$250 was to be paid for the gravel and the city leave the lots graded off in good condition and grade and build the sidewalk on Ashley street. Afterwards when notice was served on your petitioners to build a sidewalk on Ashley street, they called the attention of Mr. Sutherland, the street commissioner, to the fact that the city was to build the sidewalk, he answered that it would be all right, that the city would build the walk. The city did build the walk and your petitioners were not aware until a few weeks ago when they went to pay their taxes that the expense of building the walk was charged to them and added to their taxes.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable body remit such tax and hold your petitioners harmless on account of the same.

PHILLIPP JACOB VISEL,
LOUISA VISEL.

Ann Arbor, Feb. 25th, 1895.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of special committee, to whom was referred the matter of the cases brought against the city by Spencer Crawford, Elizabeth Wolpert, Mary Dengler, Jacob Dengler, George Den-

gler and Henry Dengler, for damages on account of the cutting down of North Fifth avenue, beg leave to submit the following report, in view of the fact that no grade had been established on said avenue before the excavation of the same. We therefore recommend that the sum of \$400 be appropriated from the street fund and paid to Chas. H. Kline, attorney for the above plaintiffs as full satisfaction for all damages, claims and costs of said suits.

The report was adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, President Wines.
—10.

Nays—None.

Ald. Prettyman moved that Chapter II. of the proposed charter be recommended stricken out.

Adopted.

Ald. Manly moved that Chapter III. be recommended stricken out.

Adopted.

Ald. Manly moved that Chapter IV. be recommended passed.

Adopted.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the words "President of the Council" be inserted after the word "Mayor," in line 1, section 1, of Chapter V.

Adopted.

Ald. Wagner excused.

Ald. Martin moved that the words "Police Justice" be stricken out in line 3, section 1, Chapter V.

Adopted.

Ald. Kitson moved that "Supervisor" be inserted after "Aldermen" in section 2, Chapter V.

Adopted.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the Common Council request Representative Kempf to use his influence to defeat the bill for the reincorporation of certain cities as cities of the third class.

The motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Allmendinger,