

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Ann Arbor, February 21st, 1898. }

Regular Session.

Called to order by Glen V. Mills, City Clerk.

Ald. Hamilton moved that Ald. Cady be elected president pro tem.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent Ald. Moore, Sweet, Vandawalker, Rhodes, Pres. Luick.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

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

Gentlemen: I hereby disapprove that part of your proceedings of the 7th, inst. relating to the adoption of a resolution requiring the publication of the names of all parties receiving help from the city. The poor fund is raised for the purpose of aiding those of our citizens in distress and while some claim it as a right others ask it only in their misfortune. The former class would be indifferent to this publicity and it might deter some deserving people from applying for what was really needed and be the cause of great suffering.

I believe the poor fund of the city is expended with reasonable care, from April 1st, '85 to April 1, '86 there was expended \$2,712.51 while from April 1st, '96 to April 1st, '97 the expenditures were \$2,079.22 and the average for past four years has been about \$2,100 not an unreasonable sum for a city of our size and population.

The monthly report of the Commissioner is filed in the City Clerks office, it is a matter of record and can be examined by any of our people interested in the matter.

Respectfully,  
CHAS. E. HISCOCK,  
Mayor.

Filed February 9th, 1898.

GLEN V. MILLS,  
City Clerk.

The resolution failed to pass the veto of the Mayor notwithstanding as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Grossman, Brown, Soule, Coon, Cady—5.

Nays—Hamilton, Koch, Dell, Spat-half, Danforth—5.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition signed by Paul Snauble and 51 others asking for a bridge across the Ann Arbor R. R. on Williams street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works would respectfully report to your honorable body that they consider it necessary that Mr. Geo. F. Key, City Engineer and Mr. E. W. Groves, Asst. Engineer be employed by the year and we would further report that further help is employed only at such times during the year when the work demands extra help.

Glen V. Mills,

Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

Ald. Koch moved that the report be laid on the table until the next regular session.

Adopted.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit for your consideration a report made in accordance with a resolution offered by Ald. Rhodes and adopted by the Common Council, Dec. 6, 1897.

1. The amount of foot frontage represented by the list of property owners signing in favor of brick pavement on concrete foundation is very nearly 65 per cent of the entire foot frontage of the in ended district.

2. Estimate of cost of pavement on a basis of foot frontage is as follow:

Excavation.....	\$0 52
Curbing.....	0 56
Concrete.....	1 82
Sand.....	0 09
Brick.....	2 57
Pitch.....	0 63
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Total.....	\$6 19
Less 20 per cent.....	1 22

Cost to Prop.....\$4 97

Property frontage 2,112 lineal ft. at \$4.97 per ft.....	\$10,496 64
General Street Fund, 762 lineal ft. at \$12.38 per ft.....	9,433 56
General Street Fund 2,112 lineal ft. at \$2.44 per ft.....	5,153 28

Total estimate, paving proper.....\$25,083 48

Amount to be assessed to private property.....	\$10,496 64
Amount to be charged to general street fund.....	14,586 84

Total estimate, cost paving proper....\$25,083 48

3. In order that the above indicated work may be done to the best advantage and be of the most permanent good, it is necessary to provide adequate means for effectually disposing of storm water in some other manner than by surface drainage. The plan I suggest is to use a 24 in. sewer pipe on each of the intersecting streets, and extending from Allen's creek to the east line of Main st. These storm sew-

ers will be on W. Liberty, W. Washington, W. Huron, W. Ann and W. Catherine sts.

The following is an estimate of the cost of the proposed sewer:

4,800 lineal ft. 24 in. pipe, at 55c per ft.	\$2,640 00
4,800 lineal ft. excavation and back fill at 35c per ft.	1,680 00
90 catch basins at \$35 each	3,150 00

Total estimated cost of storm sewers \$7,470 00

RECAPITULATION.

Estimated cost of pavement	\$25,083 48
Estimated cost of sewers	7,470 00

Estimated total cost of improvement \$32,553 48

DISTRIBUTION OF COST.

Assessed to private property	\$10,496 64
Assessed to General Street Fund	14,586 84
Assessed to General Sewer Fund	7,470 00

Estimated total assessment \$32,553 48

Geo. F. Key,  
City Engineer.

Referred to Street Committee.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners would respectfully report the following persons as not having paid for their lots in the Fifth Ward cemetery:

George Grau,	Lot 12 Block 10	\$15 00
Beal Barkham,	" 36 "	9 5 00
D S. Millen,	" 33 "	9 5 00
C. H. Winslow,	" 2 "	8 13 00
Unknown,	½ lot in "	9 5 00

And further that Thomas Speechly has paid into the treasury \$217 during his term as Commissioner.

Newton Felch reports that he owes the city \$6 00 for Mrs. King's lot and respectfully asks the Common Council to let him have work in the spring to pay for the same, but if no work is given, he will pay cash as soon as possible.

Glen V. Mills,  
Clerk.

Ald. Coon moved that the report be referred to the Cemetery Committee and City Attorney.

Adopted.

Ald. Moore, Sweet and Rhodes entered.

SEWERS.

To the Common Council.

Your Committee on Sewers to whom was referred the report of the City Engineer relative to the parties in the pavement district who have not connected with the sewer, and would recommend that the following named parties be directed to make their connections within sixty days:

And further that if the said connections are not made within the time

specified, that the Board of Public Works be directed to perform said work and assess the cost against the property with ten per cent added:

And further that the Clerk be directed to serve a copy of this report upon the following named persons:

Leonhard Gruner,	118 S Main
Christian Eberbach,	112 S "
Junius E. Beal,	101 S "
Wesley Hicks,	105 S "
Morgan estate: O. C. Johnson	109 S "
Adelia Cheever,	111 S "
Josie Stimson,	113 S "
Goodspeed & Son,	117 S "
A. A. Savings Bank	105 N "
F. L. and Julius V. Seyler,	109 N "
Geo. Clarcken,	113 N "
Henry Cornwell	115 N "
Louis J. Lisemer,	117 N "

Respectfully submitted,

John Koch,  
Geo. Spathelf Jr.,  
Harrison Soule,  
H. P. Danforth,  
Geo. L. Moore,  
Committee on Sewers.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Coon, Danforth, Cady—13.

Nays—None.

Ald. Brown excused.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

To the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I have examined the petition of Mrs. P. L. Bodmer relative to sewer tax on lots exempted by reason of the construction of the Main Sewer referred to me and find that the release given by P. L. Bodmer described lots 8 and 9 in block 5 south, range 3 east. The sewer does not cross said lots and they are not in any sewer district.

It should describe lots 10, 11, and 12 block 5 south, range 3 east.

I would recommend that Mrs. Bodmer pay the tax assessed against the above described lots and upon the receipt of a release of right of way that the money be refunded to her.

Very respectfully,

Thos. D. Kearney,  
City Attorney.

Ald. Koch moved that the report be adopted.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Rhodes, Spat-

helf, Soule, Coon, Danforth, Cady—12.  
Nays—None.

## REPORT FOR 1897.

To his honor, the Mayor, Recorder and Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Gentlemen: Your Board of Health begs leave to make the following report to your honorable body for the year ending December 31, 1897. Estimated population of city in round numbers, fourteen thousand. During the year of 1897 there have been 116 deaths as follows:

Appendicitis 2, asthma 2, apoplexy 3, brain fever 2, blood consumption 1, bronchitis 1, bright's disease 3, child birth 1, cystitis 1, consumption 8, convulsions 3, constipation 1, "cramps on whole body" 1, catarrh of bladder 1, cholera infantum 2, chronic gastritis 1, cerebitis 1, cancer 2, dropsy 4, dropsy of heart 1, drowning 1, diabetes 3, dysentery 1, debility and vomiting 1, diarrhoea 1, general debility 2, heart disease 11, heart and kidney 1, internal hernia 1, infants 3, inflammation of bowels 1, inflammation of liver 1, kidney disease 1, liver complaint 1, malarial fever 1, malignant tumor 1, neuralgia 1, old age 6, peritonitis 1, pneumonia 5, paralysis 3, remittent fever 1, spasms 1, sunstroke 1, suicide 1, spinal meningitis 4, summer complaint 1, stomach and liver 1, softening of brain 2, still born 1, throat trouble 1, typhoid fever 1, tumor on liver 1, tubercular peritonitis 1, ulceration of stomach 1, unknown 5.

All of which makes a very low death rate per thousand.

All complaints of nuisances have received prompt attention and were abated without litigation or expense to the

city. Quarantines have been complied with. The water supply is very efficient and wholesome. Our streets are in a *good condition* (?) as well as our sidewalks except on the south side of West Huron from First street to Third street where there are several holes dangerous to the public.

Respectfully,  
E. W. Moore, Pres.  
H. B. Dodsley, Insp.  
John Kapp, Health Officer.

Received and placed on file.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Ald. Coon moved to take the report of the street committee relative to Oxford street from the table.

Adopted.

Ald. Hamilton moved that the subject of the change of name of Oxford street be referred to the ordinance committee.

Adopted.

Ald. Rhodes moved that the subject of asphalt be referred to the street committee.

Adopted.

Ald. Danforth moved that the board of public works be directed to cut a tree down at the corner of Hill and Olivia avenue.

Adopted.

Ald. Rhodes moved that the board of public works be directed to rebuild the fence along the sidewalk on the bridge over the M. C. Railroad.

Adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.  
Glen V. Mills,  
City Clerk.