

Council Chamber, Ann Arbor, Mich.,
December 5th, 1913. Special ses-
sion.

Meeting called to order by the
president. Present: Ald. Schultz,
Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Proch-
now, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk,
Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz,
Sink, Pres. Schmid—15. Absent, none.

Call.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 5th,
1913.

Ross Granger, City Clerk: Sir—
You will call a special meeting of the
Common Council, to meet in the
council chamber, City Hall, Friday
night, at 7:30 o'clock, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Mayor's veto of
that part of the Council proceedings
of December 1st, 1913, relative to an
ordinance creating a Waterworks de-
partment and the management and
control of the municipal waterworks
plant, and to take such action on
same as is deemed best.

Signed, Alderman William Schultz,
Alderman H. G. Pipp, Alderman I.
L. Sherk.

Called under section 73, of the City
Charter.

Mayor's Veto.

December 3rd, 1913.

To the Honorable, the Common
Council: Gentlemen—I am returning
to you, without my approval, that
part of your proceedings of December
1, 1913, relative to an ordinance
creating a Waterworks department,
and the management and control of
the municipal waterworks plant.

I do not approve of this for sev-
eral reasons. The creation of a Wa-
terworks department and the control
of the plant lately acquired is a mat-
ter which means much to the people
of the City of Ann Arbor. It has
been the proud boast of the officers
and citizens of our city that politics
never enters into matters under con-
sideration in the Common Council.
However, in this case, no fair mind-
ed person who has followed the ac-
tion of the Council could reach that
conclusion. As Mayor and chief
executive of the city I have not once
been consulted relative to this mat-
ter. Common courtesy would have
dictated a different policy. The duties
of Mayor are restricted enough at
the present, without placing any
more restrictions on them.

I am not disapproving of this ordi-

nance because I want the power my-
self. But I feel that it is a duty
which I owe to my successors. I feel
that the appointment of the commis-
sioners should be made by the chief
executive of the City, and that the
appointments should be confirmed by
the Common Council. I feel that in
that way we would have some check
on the actions of all bodies and of-
ficers, and no single body or officer
would have the absolute say in the
matter. The answer to this will no
doubt be that the charter or our city
does not give the Mayor that power.
However you could have given your
chief executive the right to make
such appointments by the passage of
an ordinance.

I believe that a serious mistake is
made when we adopt methods that
have not been tested by other
municipalities.

Very truly yours, R. G. MacKenzie,
Mayor.

Communication from the Mayor.

December 5th, 1913.

To the Honorable Common Coun-
cil: Gentlemen—I would request
your Honorable Body to defer action
on my veto of the Water ordinance
till the next regular meeting. It
would seem that under the charter
you would have no legal authority to
overrule my veto at a special meet-
ing.

I have ten days after official notice
from the Clerk to file my objections
in detail. I intend to do this within
my time limit, and before the next
regular meeting of the Council, at
which time you may take such action
as you deem best.

There is no need to rush this mat-
ter, as it is too important to act in
haste.

Respectfully, R. G. MacKenzie,
Mayor.

Section 91 of the Charter.

The president put the question,
"Shall this ordinance pass the Mayor's
veto notwithstanding?"

Moved by Ald. George Lutz, that
the ordinance pass.

Passed by the following vote: Yeas,
Ald. Schultz, Prochnow, Koernke,
Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash,
Groves, G. Lutz, Sink, Pres. Schmid
—12. Nays, Ald. Fiegel, Hanselmann,
A. Lutz—3.

The Council adjourned.

ROSS GRANGER, Clerk.