

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

[OFFICIAL]

COUNCIL CHAMBER.
ANN ARBOR, April 27th, 1892. }

Special meeting.

Council met and was called to order by President Cooley.

Roll called. A quorum present.

Absent—Ald. O'Mara.—1

City Clerk Miller stated the call of this meeting to be for the purpose of hearing report of Bond Committee and to consider the same. The call of special meeting having been stated, the following business was transacted:

BOND COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Bonds would respectfully report that they have examined the following bonds of liquor dealers and would recommend their acceptance with the sureties named.

Principal.

Sureties.

John Goetz, Jr.....	John Goetz, Sr. Wm. G. Henne
Anton Braham.....	Herman Hardinghaus. John Laughlin.
Jacob Ardner.....	A. A. Meuth. Gottlob Heefer.
P. Fred Reimold.....	W. Fred. Schlanderer. John Pfisterer.
John Goetz, Sr., & Wm. Goetz.....	Jacob Bissinger. Frederick Kirn.
Wm. A. Gwinner.....	Gottlob Luick. Emanuel Luick.
Polhemus & Saxton.....	Jacob A. Polhemus. Warren E. Walker.
Adolph Kemper.....	Henry Apfel. Matheus Fischer.
John Schneider, Jr.....	John Schneider, Sr. Geo. F. Stien.
Frederick Braun.....	Geo. F. Stien. Christian Helber.
Herman Hardinghaus.....	Herman Hutzel. Frederick Braun.
Lawrence J. Damm.....	E. V. Hangsterfer. John Hagen.
Hugh F. Shields.....	Henry C. Exinger. John M. Wagner.
William H. McIntyre.....	Geo. Clarcken. John Reynolds.
Geo. Clarcken.....	William H. McIntyre. William Walsh.
M. M. Nowlin.....	Allen L. Nowlin. Casper Kinsey.
Christopher G. Millman.....	Herman Hardinghaus. Hiram Kitredge.
William L. Frank.....	Michael Stabler. Jacob Laubengayer.
Fred Besimer.....	Henry Matthews. Chase L. Dow.
Martin & Fischer.....	Titus F. Hutzel. Charles Binder,

August Herz.....	John Hagen. Christian Gauss.
Eugene Oesterlin, Jr.....	Geo. Bross, Eugene Oesterlin, Sr.
Christian Gauss.....	August Herz. G. Henry Binder.
August Schneider.....	Geo. G. Waidelech. Henry Otto.
Jacob Dupper.....	John Steeb. Geo. G. Waidelech.
J. Jacob Koch.....	John Koch. Frederick Hausel.
Walsh & Clancy.....	Ambrose Kearney. Geo. Clarcken.
M. F. & J. Schaibel.....	John Hagen. Matheus Fischer.
William Rauschen- berger.....	Ernest A. Dieterle. Thomas Rauschen- berger.
Gottfried Schettle.....	John Heinzman. Christian Schlenker.
Fred Rettich, Jr.....	John Schmid. Jacob F. Schuh.

DRUGGIST'S BONDS.

Mann Bros'.....	Frederick Schmid. Henry J. Mann.
John Moore.....	H. J. Brown. E. C. Calkins.
Eleazer G. Calkins.....	H. J. Brown. John Moore.
H. J. Brown.....	John Moore. E. E. Calkins.
Bassett Bros'.....	Geo. L. Moore. L. Bassett.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. FILMORE,
H. G. PRETTYMAN,
Bond Committee.

Ald. Martin moved that the report be accepted, which motion prevailed.

Ald. Herz moved that the report of the Bond Committee be so amended to include the three bonds not included therein, namely:

Principal.

Surities.

Charles Binder.....	Christian Martin. William Herz.
Christian Spaeth.....	Christian Martin. Michael Staebler.
John Maulbetsch.....	John M. Weidmayer. Christian Martin.

Which amendment prevailed by a ye and nay vote as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Herz, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg and Pres. Cooley.—6.

Nays—Ald. Fillmore, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman.—4.

Ald. Wines and Ald Schairer asked to be excused from voting.

Ald. Martin moved that the report be accepted and adopted and bonds approved, which motion prevailed by a yea and nay vote as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Schairer, Martin, Herz, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg, Taylor, Pres. Cooley.—8.

Nays—Ald. Wines, Fillmore, Kitson, Prettyman.—4.

On motion the Council adjourned.
W. J. MILLER, City Clerk.

Council Chamber.

Ann Arbor, May 2d, 1892.

Regular meeting.

Called to order by Pres. Cooley.

Roll called. A quorum present.

Absent, Alderman O'Mara—1.

Minutes of April 18th meeting approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Section 46 of the charter of the city of Ann Arbor provides that, "The Mayor . . . shall from time to time give to the Common Council information in writing concerning the affairs of the corporation and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient."

Long continued use and custom have had the efficacy of law to make it incumbent upon the Mayor at one time in the year especially to transmit to the Council a communication in writing which partakes very much of the nature of an inaugural message. In obedience to that custom it is my duty and my pleasure to submit to you at this time a few words of salutation and perhaps of recommendation before we enter upon the duties and the responsibilities of the coming municipal year. It has been truly said that "the very essence of free government consists in considering offices as public trusts bestowed for the good of the country and not for the benefit of an individual or a party." We who have been called by our fellow-citizens to administer the humble but onerous offices of city government should always remember that the very nature of our responsible relation exposes us to peculiar peril either of political subserviency or of personal interestedness. For a city in its abstract entity is a political unit or factor of unusual interest and impor-

tance, while at the same time it is a "business proprietor in a higher degree than any other form of municipality." And so in striving to avoid the Scylla of excessive political and partisan zeal, let us beware lest we fall into the Charybdis of ignoble self-seeking. As we value the system of free government, of which our city is an integral part, let it be our constant endeavor to perpetuate and preserve its very essence that "public office is a public trust," untainted and unpolluted by any official act of ours unworthily or basely done.

I am confident that all of us have set for ourselves a high standard of municipal and official honor, and so long as we remember that our respective offices, lowly though they be, are bestowed for the good of our city and ultimately of our country, we shall always maintain that standard, for ourselves, at least, unpolluted and undefiled. The conscript fathers of ancient Rome in times of imminent danger passed the stately fabric of their government to stalwart hands, with this injunction: "See to it that no harm shall come to the republic." In these later days this quiet little city itself, in some respects an epitome of immortal Rome, passes the fabric of her municipal life to you, her conscript fathers, confident in the belief that your wisdom and your patriotism will see to it that no harm shall come to her. As the repositories of that honorable but exacting trust, I greet you, fellow citizens of the Council, and I trust that you will regard my congratulations which I now extend to you equally as sincere as my desires for your best and wisest deliberation in the year to come.

I have but few recommendations to submit to your honorable body. My experience with the affairs of the city during the past year has suggested to me very many ideas which I think might be used to the profit of the city, were it not for the fact that our limited income precludes, for the present at least, any radical departure from the customs now in vogue, even though ultimately their practical application would make for decided economy. Thus I am very much afraid that the city erred in previous years in placing itself at the mercy of corporate interests in matters which relate so intimately to our civic well-being as plentiful and pure water at lowest possible