

Council Chamber,  
Ann Arbor, May 23, 1893.

Adjourned session.

Called to order by Pres. Watts.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Alds. Wagner, Fillmore,  
Ferguson, Taylor—4.

Pres. Watts announced that the first order of business be miscellaneous business.

Pres. Watts appointed the following special committee to meet with the Soldier's Relief Commission: Alds. Schairer, Herz, Snow O'Mara, Taylor and Prettyman.

Ald. Martin moved that we proceed with regular order of business. Adopted.

The journal of the last session was approved as corrected.

On motion of Ald. Prettyman, ex-President M. E. Cooley was allowed the privileges of the floor.

On motion of Ald. Manly, his Honor the Mayor, was invited to a seat inside the railing when attending the council meetings.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Honorable Common Council.

Gentlemen: I would respectfully report to your honorable body that I have not approved of so much of your proceedings of May 15, 1893, as grants permission to Richard Kearns to erect a frame dwelling house on Lot 3, Block 3, north Range 4 east in this city. Said lot is within the fire limits. You have no power to legalize a violation of the ordinance establishing fire limits. Your action, therefore, is no protection whatever to Mr. Kearns, and its only effect will be to mislead that gentleman and embarrass those whose duty it is to enforce this ordinance.

Yours respectfully,

B. M. THOMPSON,  
Mayor.

May 19, 1893.

The question being upon the action of granting permission to Richard Kearns to erect a frame house in the fire limits, the mayor's veto

notwithstanding, the question was lost, two-thirds of the aldermen elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays as follows:

Nays—Alds. Schairer, Herz, Manly, Prettyman, Kitson—5.

Yeas—Alds, Martin, Snow, O'Mara, Pres. Watts—4.

A petition signed by R. Kempf, asking the council to order the removal of certain electric light poles in front of his residence on Ingalls street, to the outside of the curb. Received and read.

Ald. O'Mara moved that the petition be referred to the lighting committee with power to act.

Adopted.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

##### ORDINANCES.

Chairman Manly introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to Trespassers," which was read the first time by its title and referred to the committee on ordinance.

Ald. Manly moved the rules be suspended and the ordinance be given a second reading.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Schairer, Herz, Martin, Snow, O'Mara, Manly, Prettyman, Kitson, Pres. Watts—9.

Nays—None.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

##### SEWERS.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your committee on Sewers beg leave to report that they have further considered the matter of lateral sewers and plans for defraying the expense of their construction. A joint meeting of the Sewer Committee and Board of Public Works, at which his honor, the Mayor, and Professors Greene and Cooley were invited to be present, was held Friday evening last. A report of the final work done by the Special Committee of the last Council was submitted by Prof. Cooley. This report is hereby submitted as part of our report. Of the four plans presented as having received the most favorable consideration of the former committee, number three is regarded as most nearly meeting the views of your committee, and is believed to possess fewer objections than any yet presented. Special effort has been made to find a plan that will apportion the expense in an equitable and, we hope, satisfactory manner. Such

a plan must work little or no hardship on those least able to bear the expense; at the same time, it must enable and encourage the largest number of property owners to make use of the sewers at an early day. Many of our citizens are able and would prefer to pay the entire expense at once; many might find it inconvenient, others, almost impossible, to meet the expense in one payment. The plan recommended we believe will accommodate all. At the same time it permits the city to pay cash as the work proceeds. In this way a large number of our own citizens may be provided with employment, and the necessity to let the work by contract to outside people does not exist to the same extent as would be the case were we obliged to put off for several months the times of payment. While this plan increases the liabilities of the city somewhat, it does not increase the direct taxes, as the interest on the bonds is paid by the persons who make use of them. A double benefit results: first, the city gets its work done cheaper for cash; second, the people who cannot pay the entire amount at once can make their payments in installments, and have the benefit of a low rate of interest.

By reducing the expense of house connections to the lowest possible point many more will find it convenient to connect at once, and thus will the true benefit of a sewer system become a reality at a much earlier day than would be possible with a plan involving a uniform charge per foot of all laterals and house connecting sewers.

The plan which your committee recommend is as follows: Determine the average cost per foot of all laterals, including man-holes, flushing tanks and other accessories and expenses, but not including the cost of house connecting sewers. This cost may be determined for the entire city considered as one district, or for special assessment districts, as found most expedient.

One-half the cost thus found shall continue a rate per foot for all property adjoining or abutting upon that portion of a street or alley through or along which the lateral sewers shall extend.

Determine a second average cost per foot of all house connecting sewers sufficient to cover the actual expense from the middle of the street to the point of connection with the house. This latter point may be at the house or at the point of connection to a cess pool now in use, provided it is suitable.

This second cost shall constitute a rate for each foot of connecting sewer that may be necessary or that may be desired by the property owner, to connect the lateral sewer with said property.

The city shall assume and defray all other expenses incident to the laying of such lateral and connecting sewers.

When a sewer is built on two sides of a corner lot, 4 rods by 8, or its equivalent, the two sides shall be added together and divided by two to determine the frontage on which the first rate for laterals shall be charged.

When more than one house is built on a lot of standard size (4 rods by 8) (the property of a single individual) a certain fixed charge, not less in amount than the average cost of a single connecting sewer shall be made for each additional house, even though one connecting sewer may serve for all such houses.

The rates for stores and similar property shall be the same as for dwellings.

The rates for ware houses, manufacturing and other establishments using large connections, shall be at the actual cost of such connection. Property owners making use of the

main sewer shall be charged at the same rates as those making use of the laterals.

The entire cost of laterals and connecting sewers may be paid in one or more installments; or the cost of the connecting sewer may be paid when the connection is made and the cost of the laterals in one or more installments shall not exceed five years. Interest at the rate which the bonds bear shall be added to each installment for the time which it may have run.

The laterals and connecting sewers shall be built by the city. The money shall be raised by issuing short term bonds running not to exceed five years. The total amount of these bonds outstanding at any one time shall not exceed in amount forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

The plan outlined, your committee believe, will be found acceptable to a large majority of our citizens.

We would therefore recommend that the necessary enabling acts be procured from the Legislature now in session, in order that work may begin without unnecessary delay.

Ann Arbor, May 23rd, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIAN MARTIN,  
C. H. MANLY,  
H. G. PRETTYMAN,  
W. G. SNOW,

Committee.

Ald. Martin moved that the report be accepted and adopted.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Schairer, Herz, Martin, Snow, O'Mara, Manly, Prettyman, Kitson, Pres. Watts—9.

Nays—None.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

City clerk reported one bid for printing council proceedings, on his table.

On motion of Ald. Martin the bid was left over to the next regular meeting.

Ald. Ferguson at this point arrived and took his chair.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Martin:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Mayor Thompson, President Watts, Aids. Manly, Prettyman, and city attorney be appointed and instructed to draft a suitable bill and present to the legislature, providing for the method of constructing lateral sewers, as indicated in report of the sewer committee this day approved by this council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Schairer, Herz, Martin, Snow, O'Mara, Ferguson, Kitson, Pres. Watts—8.

Nays—Alds. Manly, Prettyman—2.

By Alderman Herz :

Resolved, That the city boards and the council committees do submit to the finance committee at once, their respective estimates of the amounts of money necessary to be raised on the tax roll for the need of the city during the next fiscal year, and the said finance committee do report the same to this council at its next meeting, to the end that the matter may be discussed, determined, and duly certified.

Adopted.

Ald. Kitson moved to reconsider the vote on approving the last minutes.

Adopted.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the minutes be corrected and changed so that it will appear that Ald. Kitson voted against the majority report of fire committee.

Adopted.

The minutes were then approved and corrected.

REPORT OF BOND COMMITTEE.

Chairman Prettyman, of the Bond committee reported that they had examined the bond of City Treasurer Pond, with John F. Lawrence, Fred A. Howlett, Moses Seabolt, Arthur Brown, John E. Travis, H. J. Brown, John R. Miner, James L. Babcock, C. G. Darling and A. L. Noble as sureties and recommended its acceptance with the sureties named.

On Motion of Ald. Prettyman the bond was approved, as follows :

Yeas—Alds. Herz, Martin, Snow, O'Mara, Ferguson, Manly, Prettyman, Kitson, Pres. Watts—9.

Nays—None.

On motion the council adjourned.

WM. J. MILLER, City Clerk.