

# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

[OFFICIAL]

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
ANN ARBOR, April 16, 1894. }

Regular session.

Called to order by President Wines.

Roll called. Present, Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines—13.

Absent, None.

On motion of Ald. Prettyman, the council proceeded to business under the old rules until new rules are adopted.

The journal of the last session was approved.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR.

*To the Honorable, the Common Council:*

According to custom, it becomes my duty as well as pleasure to greet you with a few words of recommendation concerning our work for the coming year.

That our city has made wonderful progress in certain directions, is a sentiment silently expressed by the people who are continually coming here to build substantial homes.

The improvements, which have been instituted from time to time, are in accordance with public demand and they show the value which our citizens place upon progress.

There are, however, some questions concerning the welfare of our citizens that will require action by the common council during the present year, if our city is to be progressive or even maintains the place which she now holds among the cities of the state.

That the finances of our city have been well conducted in the past is shown by the low rate of taxation and the prompt payment of taxes. Few cities can boast of so little want and discontent among the laboring classes. While factories in other cities have been shut down, ours have been running on full time, thus giving the laborer the opportunity to provide for himself and family.

Among the questions which the council should consider early, is the completion of the main sewer, or putting it in such a condition that the

building of laterals may be started at once. This is necessary that we as citizens may begin to realize on our investment.

The Street Railway company has made little progress towards reorganizing and equipping their road and they will probably expect some concession from the Council. So far as I am able to learn, there have been no serious efforts made to increase our water supply.

Our streets and sidewalks are not in a good condition and should receive immediate attention.

There is no ordinance to regulate the closing of saloons. As the matter now stands, they must be regulated by the law of custom or close under the State law.

The unequal representation of the people by the wards as they now stand should be considered.

All of these topics are of public interest affecting the welfare of every citizen and with this end in view—our progress and happiness—I offer the following recommendations:

That the Council request the Board of Public works to put the main sewer in proper condition to be used, as soon as possible. The building of lateral sewers shall be done by contract according to the requirements of the charter, and it should be specified in all contracts that only citizens of Ann Arbor should be employed on public works

The Street Railway is a public improvement though operated for private interest. The company should receive all the encouragement in the way of concessions for changing route or necessary delay in reorganizing that can consistently be given.

The dangerous climax which has nearly been reached in our water supply on more than one occasion should not be repeated. While no hardships should be imposed upon the Water Company they may be warned, to live close to the requirements of their charter in furnishing an adequate supply of pure and wholesome water.

Our streets, while comparatively inexpensive are occasionally our reproach. They are so nearly flat as not to be well drained, and are frequently repaired with gravel that has but one redeeming quality of being cheap. An

ordinance establishing a cross section of a street properly elevated in the center and rounded to the gutter would greatly improve the drainage as well as the appearance of the streets. I would also suggest that the common council consider the advisability of paving parts of some of our principal streets at the expense of the adjacent property holders. Many of our streets have been beautified by the extension of the lawns to the curbstone. The time has come when the council should compel these extensions to be built at the expense of the property holder, when by so doing they can greatly improve the appearance of the street, and at the same time increase the value of the property. The ordinance which governs the building and repairing of sidewalks should be strictly enforced, not only for the benefit of pedestrians, but to prevent damage suits because of injuries sustained by falling on a defective walk.

Our city is fairly well lighted, yet the cost of lighting is great when compared with that of other cities owning their own plants. We should look forward to the time when we can furnish our own light with a large annual saving to the city.

Any person passing along our street at night, must be painfully surprised at the number of small children playing about at a very late hour. Many of these children are already beyond the control of parents and are rapidly becoming "tough." I would recommend the passage of an ordinance which would subject to arrest all children under twelve years who were out after eight o'clock without parent or guardian.

The city ordinances should be revised and published in proper form, not only for the convenience of city officers, but for citizens as well, that they may study them and understandingly comply with the requirements of the law.

As a last recommendation, let the council of '94 make a record, to which this and the next generation may point with pride and say, they worked for the greatest good to the greatest number.

CYRENUS G. DARLING,  
Mayor.

ANN ARBOR, April 16, '94.

On motion of Ald. Kitson the Mayor's message was received, ordered printed and placed on file.

President Wines here appointed the following Standing committees of the common council for the ensuing year:

Finance.—Wood, Kitson, Manly.

Ordinance.—Prettyman, Bodmer, Manly.

Sewers.—Kitson, Manly, Brown, Wood, Martin, Bodmer.

Streets.—Martin, Wood, Taylor, Bodmer, Ferguson, Prettyman.

Sidewalks.—Manly, Brown, Kitson, Snyder, Allmendinger, Wagner.

Fire Department.—Wagner, Prettyman, Allmendinger.

Water.—Brown, Kitson, Martin.

Police.—Bodmer, Wagner, Allmendinger.

Lighting.—Ferguson, Martin, Taylor.

Bonds.—Prettyman, Wagner, Snyder.

Licenses.—Taylor, Ferguson, Snyder.

Parks.—Allmendinger, Taylor, Ferguson.

Poor.—Snyder, Wood, Brown.

FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

*To the Honorable, the Common Council:*

There being a necessity for a new plank floor and joist, for the Sixth Ward Engine House, the Board of Public Works caused to be prepared and herewith submit the proper resolution ordering the same and recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. MILLER,  
Clerk.

By Alderman Kitson.

Resolved, That the appropriation of \$85.00 be made from the Contingent Fund, and the Board of Public Works be directed to cause said floor in the Sixth Ward Engine House put down.

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

FROM THE STREET RAILWAY CO.

OFFICE OF THE ANN ARBOR STREET  
RAILWAY COMPANY,  
Ann Arbor, April 9, 1894.)

*To the Hon., the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:*

GENTLEMEN: At a meeting of the directors of the Ann Arbor Street Railway Company, held at the office of the company, in the city of Ann Arbor, April 9th, 1894, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the board of directors of the Ann Arbor Street Railway Company request the Common Council

of the city of Ann Arbor to rescind the resolution passed by that body March 5th, 1894, ordering said company to resume running its cars on or before the 10th day of April, 1894, and to extend the time for so doing for a reasonable period."

Which resolution I was requested to transmit to your Honorable Body and to request your favorable action thereon.

HUDSON T. MORTON,  
Secretary.

Received and filed.

FROM THE MICHIGAN ELECTRO-AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE COMPANY.

ROOM 1, BUTLER BLOCK, }  
Detroit, Mich., April 14, 1894. }

To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Common Council, of the City of Ann Arbor, Mich.:

GENTLEMEN: We hereby make application for permission to construct, maintain and operate, in your city, a telephone exchange, under the Strauger Automatic System. It is our intention and desire to install the plant as soon as practical after you have granted the permission asked for; and to operate the plant we are preparing to erect at the city of Ypsilanti, and the one we propose putting in at Ann Arbor, if permitted, as one system.

We purpose making Ann Arbor the starting point of the new system in Michigan, and to add other places as soon as practicable, until the whole state is practically connected under one system.

As it is important to know as soon as possible, whether our prayer is to be granted or not, we would respectfully ask that you take action on the petition at the earliest possible convenience.

Very respectfully.

THE MICHIGAN ELECTRO-AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE CO.

A. Mathews, Pres.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Of John Krauss and twenty others asking for the necessary order to be passed, ordering sidewalks to be constructed on the east and west sides of Fifth street, from Jefferson to Liberty streets.

Referred to the Committee on Sidewalks.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CITY TREASURER.

To the Common Council:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending March 1, 1894.

CONTINGENT FUND.

March 1, 1893, balance overdrawn -----		\$122 00
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Appropriation-----	\$6,500 00	
County Treasurer, liquor tax-----	8,570 11	
Ann Arbor Savings Bank, interest-----	1,258 31	
W. J. Miller, licenses-----	81 50	
Plus of Roll-----	153 98	
J. W. Bennett, fines-----	35 00	16,598 90
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		\$16,598 90

*Disbursements.*

Orders paid-----	14,471 40	
Overdraft March 1, 1893-----	122 00	14,593 40
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Balance on hand, March 1, 1894-----		\$2,005 50

STREET FUND.

March 1, 1893, balance overdrawn -----		418 01
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*Receipts.*

Appropriation-----	7,500 00	
Order canceled-----	21 05	
N Sutherland, stone and wood sold, etc.-----	84 62	7,605 67
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		\$7,605 67

*Disbursements.*

Orders paid-----	6,419 14	
Balance overdrawn March 1, 1893-----	418 01	6,837 15
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Balance on hand March 1, 1894-----		\$768 52

FIREMEN'S FUND.

Balance on hand March 1 '93--		5,620 19
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*Receipts.*

Appropriation-----	5,000 00	
F. Siple, building permits---	9 00	5,009 00
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Total receipts-----		\$10,629 19

*Disbursements.*

Orders paid-----	6,821 62	6,281 62
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Balance on hand March 1, 1894-----		\$3,807 57

POLICE FUND.

Balance on hand March 1, '93--		1,654 93
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*Receipts.*

Appropriation-----	2,000 00	
E. B. Pond, fines-----	71 00	
J. W. Bennett, fines-----	25 00	
J. R. Murray, fees-----	15 10	
Collins, fees-----	4 40	
Charles Wheeler, fees-----	15 20	2,130 70
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Total receipts-----		\$3,785 63

*Disbursements.*

Orders paid-----	2,083 46	2,083 46
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Balance on hand March 1, 1894-----		\$1,702 17

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POOR FUND.		
Balance on hand March 1, '94		1,484 17
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Appropriation	1,250 00	1,250 00
		\$2,734 17
<i>Disbursements.</i>		
Orders paid	2,094 61	2,094 61
Balance on hand March 1, 1894		639 56
WATER FUND.		
Bal. on hand March 1, '93		3,178 21
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Appropriation		5,000 00
Total receipts		\$8,168 21
<i>Disbursements.</i>		
Orders paid		5,570 76
Bal. on hand March 1, '94		\$2,670 45
BRIDGE, CULVERT AND CROSSWALK FUND.		
Bal. on hand March 1, '93		\$5,008 15
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Appropriation	\$5,000 00	
By Transfer	5,000 00	10,000 00
Total receipts		\$15,008 15
<i>Disbursements.</i>		
Orders paid	\$3,495 32	
To transfer	5,000 00	8,495 32
Bal. on hand March 1, 94		\$6,512 83
SEWER FUND.		
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Appropriation	\$ 2,000 00	
Sale of bonds	30,000 00	
Interest on bonds	137 92	
N. Sutherland—stone sold	7 95	
By error in account	7 56	
By transfer from B. C. & C. fund	5,000 00	
Total receipts		\$37,153 43
<i>Disbursements.</i>		
Orders paid	26,282 19	
To transfers from B. C. & C. fund	5,000 00	\$31,282 19
Bal. on hand March 1, '94		\$ 5,871 24
SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND.		
Bal. on hand March 1, '93		\$1,109 69
Orders paid		384 32
Bal. on hand March 1, '94		\$725 37
DOG TAX FUND.		
Bal. on hand March 1, '93	\$100 00	
Bal. on hand March 1, '94		\$100 00
CITY CEMETERY FUND.		
Bal. on hand March 1, '93		\$258 67
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Appropriation	\$50 00	
E S. Manly, lots sold	62 50	
Thos. Speechly, lots sold	20 00	
		\$132 50
Total receipts		\$391 17

<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Orders paid	119 91
Bal. on hand March 1, '94	\$271 27
DELINQUENT TAX FUND.	
March 1, '93, overdraft	\$1,400 81
<i>Receipts.</i>	
County Treasurer	\$157 27
Appropriation	1,300 00
Total receipts	\$1,457 27
On hand March 1, '94	\$56 46
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AID BOND.	
On hand March 1, '93	\$840 00
Appropriation	3,600 00
	\$4,440 00
Bond and interest paid	3,600 00
Bal. on hand March 1, '94	\$840 00

Recapitulation.	Balance on hand March 1st 1893.	Overdrafts March 1st 1893.	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Balance on hand March 1st, 1894.
Contingent Fund			\$ 16,598 90	\$ 14,934 40	2,005 50
Street Fund		122 00	7,605 67	6,837 15	768 52
Fireman's Fund		418 01	5,009 00	6,821 62	3,807 57
Police Fund			2,130 70	2,083 46	1,702 17
Poor Fund			1,250 00	2,094 61	639 56
Water Fund			5,000 00	5,570 76	2,670 45
Bridge, Culvert and Crosswalk Fund			5,000 00	3,495 32	6,512 83
Sewer Fund			32,153 43	26,282 19	5,871 24
Soldiers' Relief Fund				384 32	725 37
Dog Tax Fund				119 91	100 00
City Cemetery Fund			132 50	119 91	271 26
Delinquent Tax Fund			1,457 27	1,400 81	56 46
University Hospital Fund			3,600 00	3,600 00	840 00
			\$ 79,937 47	\$ 71,882 74	\$ 25,970 93
			\$ 1,940 82		
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			\$ 17,313 19		
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Respectfully submitted,  
 GEO. H. POND,  
 City Treasurer.

Ald. Manly moved that the report be accepted and ordered printed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines—13.

Nays—None.

The following constable bonds were read and referred to the bond committee:

Wm. Eldert,	{ J. T. Jacobs.
	{ Chas. E. Hiscock.
Paul Schall,	{ Eugene Oesterlin,
	{ P. Fred Reimold.
Jeremiah Walsh,	{ Fredrick Wurster,
	{ Fred Kirn.
Thomas F. Leonard,	{ Philip Bach.
Rudolph Kern,	{ Herman Hardinghaus,
	{ Ernest Rehberg.
Henry Marsh,	{ Chas. H. Worden.
	{ A. F. Martin.

City Clerk reported contract and bond signed by the Ann Arbor T. H. Electric Co., with the exception of one clause, the contract is the same as last year. Following is the clause stricken out, "The said party of the first part doth agree to relocate any of said lamps, poles or apparatus, on and at the request of the said common council, as soon thereafter as practicable and within five days after notice shall be given, at its said first party's own cost and expense."

Ald. Prettyman.

Resolved, That the contract of the Electric Light Co. be referred back to the City Attorney and the Electric Light Co., to be drawn and signed as agreed in the motion made by Ald. Martin, April 5, 1894.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—13.

Nays—None.

A bill of \$95.00 of C. H. Manly for 76 assessor plats was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Manly :

Resolved, that the amount of liquor bonds be fixed at \$3,000 and druggist bonds at \$2,000 for the coming year.

Accepted and Adopted.

By Ald. Wood :

Resolved, that the City Clerk notify the banks of this city and receive bids for the city deposits and charge for overdrafts, and present the same to the council on the first Monday in May.

Accepted and Adopted.

By Ald. Martin :

Resolved, that the Finance Committee is hereby instructed to employ some suitable person to examine the books of the City Treasurer and City Clerk, at an expense not to exceed twenty-five dollars, and report at the next council meeting.

Adopted as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—13.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Martin :

Resolved, that the finance committee be requested to report at the second meeting in May of the council, the financial condition of the city funds, and an estimate of the necessary ordinary expenditures of the year, together with the amount available in the various funds on the first day of June 1894, subject to the order of the Council.

Accepted and Adopted.

By Ald. Taylor :

Resolved, that an order be drawn on the contingent fund for \$95. in favor of Chas H. Manly, in payment for seventy-six maps as per contract heretofore made.

Adopted as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—13.

Nays—None.

Ald. Manly who excused from voting.

By Ald. Wood :

Resolved, that \$100 be appropriated from the Bridge Culvert and cross-walk fund for the extension of the culvert on Fountain-st. between Cherry-st. and Miller-ave.

Referred to the Committee on streets.

By Ald. Prettyman :

Resolved, that an appropriation of \$75 00 be made from the Bridge, Culvert and cross-walk fund, to build a new cement cross-walk on the East side of Washtenaw-ave crossing South University-ave.

Referred to the Committee on sidewalks.

By Ald. Ferguson :

Resolved, that a special committee of three be appointed, the President of this Council to be chairman of said committee, to draft suitable rules for the government of this council, for the ensuing year.

Accepted and Adopted.

President Wines, appointed Ald. Ferguson and Ald. Manly on such committee.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the vote by which the resolution of Ald. Manly's passed, March 5, '94, relative to notifying the Ann Arbor Street Railway Co. to run cars on their lines, be reconsidered.

Adopted as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines,—13.

Nays—None.

On motion of Ald. Prettyman the resolution was laid on the table.

By Ald. Manly :

*Resolved*, that the sum of \$400.00, be appropriated for the cutting down and grading of Broadway.

On motion the resolution was referred to the street committee for their consideration, the committee to also submit a proper street grade for said street.

By Ald. Prettyman :

*Resolved*, that the Mayor's Message be referred to a special committee of three for division and reference.

Accepted and Adopted.

By Ald. Wagner: *already*

*Resolved*, that the sum of twenty-five dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the bridge culvert and crosswalk fund for the purpose of constructing a crosswalk on the west side of Fourth-ave across Washington street.

Referred to the committee on sidewalks.

The City Clerk gave notice that census enumerators, one for each ward, must be appointed by this Council before the first of May.

Ald. Wagner moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet Monday, April 23d, '94.

Ald. Prettyman moved to amend by inserting "Saturday, April 28, '94."

Ald. Wagner moved an amendment to the amendment by inserting "Monday, April 30, '94."

Which amendment to the amendment prevailed as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Bodmer, Martin, Allmendinger, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Wines.—13.

Nays—None.

The original motion as amended then prevailed.

Ald. Ferguson moved a recess of five minutes in order that bond committees can examine constable bonds.

Which motion prevailed.

After expiration of five minutes the council reassembled and President Wines appointed the following Committee on the Mayor's message: Ald. Prettyman, Taylor, Wagner.

#### REPORT OF BOND COMMITTEE.

Ald. Prettyman, chairman, reported that the bond committee, to whom was referred the bonds of Wm. E. Eldert, Paul Schall, Jeremiah Walsh, Thomas F. Leonard, Rudolph Kern and Henry Marsh found them to be in due form and signed by responsible sureties, and recommended their approval.

On motion of Ald. Martin the report was accepted and bonds approved and confirmed.

On motion the council adjourned.

WM. J. MILLER.

City Clerk.