

The City Attorney addressed the Council regarding the damage cases against the city caused by the opening of North Fifth avenue.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the matter be referred to a special committee of three. Carried.

Pres. Wines appointed the following as the special committee:

Ald. Prettyman, Martin. Taylor.

On motion the Council adjourned.

GLEN V. MILLS,
City Clerk.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
ANN ARBOR, MICH., Feb. 25, 1895.

Adjourned session.

Called to order by President Wines.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Ald. Bodmer, Wood and Ferguson.

PETITIONS.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned, your petitioners, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that they are the owners of lots 1 and 2, block 4, south range, 2 last in said city. That sometime in the year 1892 the Board of Public Works made a contract in writing with your petitioners to purchase the gravel on said lots. Said board agreeing to pay therefor the sum of \$250 and lower the cooper shop on said premises and replace the stone foundation under the same. Afterwards said written contract was thrown up by the consent of both parties and an oral contract made between the parties by which \$250 was to be paid for the gravel and the city leave the lots graded off in good condition and grade and build the sidewalk on Ashley street. Afterwards when notice was served on your petitioners to build a sidewalk on Ashley street, they called the attention of Mr. Sutherland, the street commissioner, to the fact that the city was to build the sidewalk, he answered that it would be all right, that the city would build the walk. The city did build the walk and your petitioners were not aware until a few weeks ago when they went to pay their taxes that the expense of building the walk was charged to them and added to their taxes.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable body remit such tax and hold your petitioners harmless on account of the same.

PHILLIPP JACOB VISEL,
LOUISA VISEL.

Ann Arbor, Feb. 25th, 1895.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of special committee, to whom was referred the matter of the cases brought against the city by Spencer Crawford, Elizabeth Wolpert, Mary Dengler, Jacob Dengler, George Den-

gler and Henry Dengler, for damages on account of the cutting down of North Fifth avenue, beg leave to submit the following report, in view of the fact that no grade had been established on said avenue before the excavation of the same. We therefore recommend that the sum of \$400 be appropriated from the street fund and paid to Chas. H. Kline, attorney for the above plaintiffs as full satisfaction for all damages, claims and costs of said suits.

The report was adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wagner, Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, President Wines.
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Nays—None.

Ald. Prettyman moved that Chapter II. of the proposed charter be recommended stricken out.

Adopted.

Ald. Manly moved that Chapter III. be recommended stricken out.

Adopted.

Ald. Manly moved that Chapter IV. be recommended passed.

Adopted.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the words "President of the Council" be inserted after the word "Mayor," in line 1, section 1, of Chapter V.

Adopted.

Ald. Wagner excused.

Ald. Martin moved that the words "Police Justice" be stricken out in line 3, section 1, Chapter V.

Adopted.

Ald. Kitson moved that "Supervisor" be inserted after "Aldermen" in section 2, Chapter V.

Adopted.

Ald. Prettyman moved that the Common Council request Representative Kempf to use his influence to defeat the bill for the reincorporation of certain cities as cities of the third class.

The motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Allmendinger,

Brown, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, President Wines.—7.

Nays—Ald. Snyder, Manly.—2.

Ald. Manly moved that the Common Council request Representative Kempf to move the striking out of all of the above bill after the enacting clause.

The motion prevailed as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, President Wines.—9.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Manly :

Resolved, That a committee of three (of which the mayor shall be chairman) be appointed to visit Lansing at such time or times as shall be necessary, and to use all honorable means to have the city charter amended, so as to comply with the proposed amendments, as adopted by this Council, all necessary expenses to be paid by the city. Further resolved that the said committee use all honorable means to cause the defeat of the bill now pending before the Legislature, known as a bill to provide for the reincorporation of certain cities as cities of third class.

Upon Ald. Brown's objection the resolution went over until next meeting.

By Ald. Allmendinger :

Resolved, That the action taken by the Council at its last regular meeting in regard to Prof. Charles E. Greene's salary be reconsidered.

Adopted as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Brown, Kitson, Prettyman, President Wines.—7.

Nays—Ald. Manly, Taylor.—2.

The following was the motion considered at the regular meeting of the Common Council of Feb. 4, 1895 :

"Ald. Bodmer moved that the claim of Charles E. Greene against the city of \$500 for services as consulting engineer be allowed."

Ald. Manly objected to the consideration of the motion under Rule 20 of the "Rules of the Common Council."

Ald. Taylor offered the following as a substitute to the motion :

By Ald. Taylor :

In consideration of the many services rendered to the City of Ann Arbor by Prof. Chas. E. Greene in his capacity of civil engineer, be it resolved, that the sum of \$500 be paid from the sewer fund to said Chas. E. Greene in full for all services to date.

The substitute prevailed as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Martin, Allmendinger, Snyder, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, President Wines.—9.

Nays—None.

On motion the Council adjourned.

GLEN V. MILLS,
City Clerk.