

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
Ann Arbor, April 19th 1897. }

Regular Session.

Called to order by Pres. Luick.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent Ald. Coon.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor.

Gentlemen:—In assuming the duties of my office it is incumbent upon me to confer with your Honorable Body and advise how we can best serve the people and promote the welfare of our City.

The assessed valuation of Ann Arbor is \$6,838,000 and its debt is represented by the following issue of bonds:

University Hospital Aid.....	\$ 3000 00
Main Sewer.....	24000 00
Lateral Sewer District No. 1..	1000 00
“ “ “ “ 2..	1500 00
“ “ “ “ 3..	16000 00
“ “ “ “ 4..	2500 00
“ “ “ “ 5..	7500 00

Total.....\$55500 00

Of the above the Lateral Sewer bonds amounting to \$28,500 are only a nominal debt as their payment is provided for by tax levied on the several districts leaving our net bonded debt at the reasonable figure of \$27,000 and as there is a balance of \$7,000 in the Treasury our financial condition is certainly an enviable one.

STREETS

I recommend the paving of Main street. Our City has nearly all the modern improvements and it is a source of surprise that no work has been done in this direction. A good brick pavement can now be laid for \$1.30 to \$1.50 per square yard and I would suggest that immediate steps be taken to form a paving district on Main street from Catherine to Williams, and if the consent of property owners can be obtained that work on this needed improvement be commenced and carried on to completion. With one street paved and its

advantages shown, others would follow and the business part of our City soon present a modern appearance. Our residence streets are in a deplorable condition and some actually impassable in February and March. When we consider that in the last eight years there has been expended on the streets of Ann Arbor the sum of \$77,917 it is humiliating to think how little we have received in return for this vast expenditure of money and I protest against the further continuance of this system of street work.

The Council of '96 made an effort towards a change by ordering Detroit street macadamized. It was in the nature of an experiment and while the work met with many delays and difficulties, thereby enhancing its cost. I believe the result and the condition of the street the past winter and spring proves it a success.

I would advise that the usual sum of \$10,000 be raised for street work and of this amount not over \$1,500 be expended for the usual spring work, \$2,000 be retained for grading and opening streets, \$500 held to repair any damage done by storms and the balance \$6,000 used for permanent improvements. I am informed that three miles of macadam road, using four inches of stone can be built for this sum. Under this plan it will only take a few years to place the streets of Ann Arbor in good condition.

If in your judgment any other system is better than macadam it will have my support as my object is the securing of better roads.

SEWERS.

According to the report of the Engineer in charge, the City has expended over \$100,000 on its sewer system covering about one-half of the City. So far as I can learn, it is in fair condition and working satisfactorily. From some cause, probably the closeness of the times, but few connections have been

made. The report shows 2380 house branches and of these only 426 are in use. If any great benefit is to be derived from the system all buildings on the line should be connected as required by ordinance.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

There was expended during the year by the Board the sum of \$31,398.38. This covers all classes of contract and miscellaneous work.

Their duties have been carefully and intelligently performed and while an independent body, receive their orders and instructions from the Common Council and I am glad to say that the Board appears to be working in harmony with the Council.

For a more detailed statement of their operations I would respectfully refer you to the Council Proceedings of March 1st, 1897.

I desire to suggest that in all reports of Committees especially those of the Street Committee where improvements are recommended that an estimate of the cost of same prepared by the Engineer be attached and form a part of each report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The cost of maintaining the Department the past year was \$7084.08. In my opinion, no money appropriated by the Council was used to better advantage. It has been prompt in responding to all calls and for a long period has prevented any serious conflagrations in this City. I would recommend that you approve any reasonable appropriation asked for by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

In 1896 the City purchased a lot in the First Ward as a location for a City Hall and one in the second Ward for a polling place.

I would not favor the erection of an expensive public building at this time as the City has ample accommodations in the building now occupied and obtains the same at a fair rental. A build-

ing of moderate cost could be placed on the lot in the Second Ward and give the people there a permanent place where Boards of Registration could meet and the elections be held. The Seventh Ward is also without facilities in this respect and if a lot can be secured at a reasonable figure I would favor giving them a building for the same purpose.

Corporations having franchise or contract rights in a City the size of ours are seldom a menace to the people but often are of great advantage to the growth and development of a city. The Ann Arbor Water Co. has nearly 31 miles of street mains and all its surplus earnings the past two years have gone into the betterment of its plant. In the last year an auxiliary pumping station was erected at a large expense and the Company have a daily pumping capacity of 5,000,000 gallons, a daily supply of 2,300,000 gallons while the average daily consumption is 1,000,000 gallons, the water furnished is of good quality and suitable for domestic use.

The Ann Arbor Street Railway during the past year consolidated with the Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti Street Railway and the whole line is equipped with electricity. While never a source of profit to its owners, I believe it has been of value to our City. It has complied with all orders of the Council except placing its track in the center of the road east of Packard and that will be done at an early date. The Ann Arbor Electric Co has a five year contract for lighting the City at \$60 per lamp which is regarded a reasonable figure and the service, so far as known, is satisfactory. The City has an option for all-night lighting at an advanced price and while I would not recommend this for the whole system, if a circuit could be formed using 12 or 15 lights covering the business portion of the City, part of State street and part of Broadway, I believe an all night service

would be an aid to our police force and better safeguard to the property interests of our citizens.

The Ann Arbor Gas Co, under its present management, has pursued a liberal policy. Within the past 10 years it has, at different times, reduced the price of its product until gas can be obtained here as cheaply as in many cities having a larger population.

The saloons of this City are now under the operation of the State law which allows them to open at 7 o'clock in the morning and compels them to close at 9 o'clock at night, standard time. There is a great diversity of opinion among our citizens on this subject I believe, however, that some reasonable concession can be made and would recommend that an ordinance be passed allowing them to open at an earlier hour and permitting them to remain open until ten o'clock local time and as the tax is due May 1st, it would appear no more than reasonable and fair that the question be settled at an early date so that the parties engaged in this business may know when they pay their tax the hours in which they are permitted to do business and whatever is finally determined it is my duty and intention to enforce the law.

I cannot refrain from mentioning the able manner in which the different officers of the City have performed their work the past year but desire particularly to refer to those who come most in contact with the people namely: the Clerk, Assessor and Treasurer. All the duties have been intelligently performed, the books written up to date, records in good order and all public business safely and carefully performed and it affords me pleasure at this time to make this acknowledgment.

Gentlemen, I desire a safe, careful and economical administration and do not hesitate to ask your assistance in attaining this result and I can assure you that in all your efforts for the ad-

vancement and prosperity of our City, you can command my earnest and hearty support.

CHARLES E. HISCOCK,
Mayor.

By Alderman Moore.

Resolved, That the Mayor's message be referred to a committee of 3 for revision and reference.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

Pres. Luick appointed Ald. Moore, Brown and Soule as such committee.

By Ald. Brown.

Resolved, That President Luick be requested to appoint another Standing Committee consisting of three members and to be known as the Cemetery Committee.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

Pres. Luick thereupon appointed the following Standing Committees of the Common Council for 1897—98.

Finance—Brown, Grossman, Soule.

Ordinance—Cady, Brown, Coon.

Sewers—Koch, Moore, Sweet, Vandawarker, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth.

Streets—Moore, Grossman, Dell, Brown, Rhodes, Soule, Cady.

Sidewalks—Coon, Hamilton, Koch, Sweet, Vandawarker, Spathelf, Danforth.

Fire Department—Grossman, Rhodes, Vandawarker.

Water—Danforth, Moore, Brown.

Police—Dell, Koch, Danforth.

Lighting—Soule, Rhodes, Sweet.

Bonds—Vandawarker, Cady, Grossman.

Licenses—Spathelf, Coon, Dell.

Parks—Hamilton, Cady, Spathelf.

Poor—Rhodes, Hamilton, Koch.

Cemetery—Sweet, Moore, Cady.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works respectfully recommend that the Ordinance relative to Sidewalks be so amended as to permit the use of brick in place of stone or cement.

Glen V. Mills,
Clerk Board of Public Works.

Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 19, 1897.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the telephone users and subscribers of the City of Ann Arbor held in the council chamber, Wednesday evening, March 17, 1897, it was unanimously voted to ask your Honorable Body to grant a franchise to the New State Telephone Company which desires to enter the city at this time

The chairman and secretary of the meeting were also directed to certify this action to the Common Council which is hereby done.

Respectfully,
H. J. Brown,
Chairman.

Alvick A. Pearson,
Secretary.

Received and place on file.

A petition signed by J. F. Lawrence and 42 others asking for the construction of a sewer in Lateral Sewer District No. 6 was read and referred to the Sewer Committee.

A petition signed by Karl A. Bruch and 37 others for the removal of the Stone Crusher was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition signed by W. F. Breakey, and 5 others asking for a crossing at the corner of Huron and Division streets was read and referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

A petition signed by E. B. Pond asking for a sidewalk grade on the east

side of Observatory street was read and referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

A petition signed by Fredrick Schmid and fourteen others asking for brick crosswalks at the corner of S. Fifth ave. and Washington-st. was read and referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

A petition signed by Frederick Schmid and thirteen others asking for certain improvements on S. Fifth Ave. was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition sized by W. J. Booth and seven others asking for brick crosswalks at the corner of Division and Liberty was read and referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

A petition signed by W. H. Dorrance and two others asking for a crosswalk at the corner of Monroe and Ingalls was read and referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

A petition signed by Louis Rohde asking for the return of certain taxes was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition signed by W. P. James and twenty-seven others asking for the improvement of Mary and Packard streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
ORDINANCE.

Chairman Cady introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Construction Maintenance and Operation of an Electric Telephone Exchange Within the City of Ann Arbor" which was given its first reading by title.

Ald Brown moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vaudawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

Whereupon the Ordinance was given its second reading by sections.

Chairman Cady introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to the Closing of Saloons, Bars in Restaurants and Elsewhere."

Ald. Brown moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhods, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

Whereupon the ordinance was given its second reading by sections.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 19, '97.

To the Common Council.

This is to certify that there was on deposit in this bank to the credit of Chas. H. Manly, City Treasurer, on the 31st day of March 1897, the sum of ten thousand one hundred ninety-eight and 47-100 dollars (10,198.47.)

Respectfully Yours, M. J. FRITZ, Asst. Cashier.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, last report..... \$27614 03

MONEY RECEIVED.

Table with columns for fund names (Contingent Fund, Delinquent fund, State Dog Tax, etc.) and amounts. Total: \$ 30266 13

MONEY DISBURSED.

Table with columns for fund names (Contingent fund warrants, School Dist. No. 1 check, State and County Tax, etc.) and amounts. Total: \$ 2674 62

BALANCE ON HAND

Table with columns for fund names (Contingent fund, Street fund) and amounts. Total: 7502 42

Table with columns for fund names (Poor fund, Bridge, Culvert, and Cross-walk fund, Police fund, etc.) and amounts. Total: \$2674 62

SEWER REPORT.

Feb. 27. Balance on hand last report..... \$21492 69

MONEY RECEIVED.

Table with columns for fund names (Tax account Sewer Dist. No. 1 tax collected, etc.) and amounts. Total amount on hand: \$23737 91

MONEY DISBURSED.

Table with columns for fund names (Main Sewer warrants paid, Tax acct Sewer Dist. No. 1 Bonds redeemed, etc.) and amounts. Amount of Sewer Tax on hand: \$12383 51

BALANCE ON HAND.

Table with columns for fund names (Main sewer fund, Labor ac't lateral sewer Dist. No. 1, etc.) and amounts. Total: 9439 06

Tax account lateral sewer		
Dist No 5.....	4448 57	
Uncollected Sewer Tax....		21 75
	<u>\$15492 02</u>	3108 51
	3108 51	

Total Sewer Money on hand \$12383 51

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. MANLY,
Treasurer.

Office of the Chief of the Fire Department:

Ann Arbor, April 15, '97.

To the Honorable the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Gentlemen.—I have the honor to submit to your honorable body my annual report for the year ending March 31st, 1897, which shows the number of fires and alarms to have been forty-four (44) a decrease of twenty (20) from last year. The total loss was six thousand six hundred and ten dollars (\$6610.00) a decrease of four thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$4965.00). Of the above losses four hundred and forty-seven dollars (\$447.00) was on property which was not insured and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) on goods and fixtures which were amply insured and has as yet not been paid. The insurance paid on above losses was five thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars and five cents (\$5584.05) the total amount of insurance carried was ninety thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$90,725.00) an increase of ten thousand and five hundred dollars (\$10500.00) showing that although there were but about two-thirds the number of alarms responded to the benefit derived from the Department in saving property at risk was considerable in excess of that of last year, when as recapitulated the loss on eighty thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$80225.00) worth of risk was eleven thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$11575.00). While this year upon ninety thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars we lose but six thousand six hundred

and ten dollars (\$6610.00). The greatest loss at any one fire was one thousand two hundred and sixty dollars (\$1260.00) of which one thousand dollars (\$1000) was on contents and two hundred and sixty dollars (\$260 00) on building.

The cause of alarms, thirty-three of which were by telephone and eleven run to engine house, was as follows:

Ashes carelessly deposited.....	one	1
Bon fires.....	two	2
Cook stove overheated.....	one	1
Coal falling from stove.....	"	1
Coal falling from grate fire place....	"	1
Child dropping lamp.....	"	1
Children playing with matches.....	"	1
Cigarettes.....	three	3
Chimneys.....	six	6
False alarms.....	two	2
Gasoline stoves.....	four	4
Gasoline heating on cook stove.....	one	1
Incendiary.....	one	1
Mice and Matches.....	one	1
Oil Stoves.....	two	2
Parlor matches.....	three	3
Paper covered steam pipe.....	one	1
Stove pipe badly connected.....	three	3
Spontaneous combustion.....	two	2
Tar kettle.....	one	1
Unknown.....	six	6

The number of miles travelled in responding to and returning from above alarms is thirty-six (36). The number of feet of hose laid is twelve thousand four hundred feet (12400 ft). The number of chemicals discharged is thirty-five (35). The cost of maintaining the department during the year has been as follows:

For salaries.....	\$5,600 00
" beds for men.....	29 88
" towels for men.....	8 25
" washing beds and towels.....	67 25
" supplies for men's department including scrub-brushes, gold dust, sulphur, etc.....	6 75
" chairs.....	7 50
" coal.....	149 17
" stoves and repairs.....	25 05
" bath and closet.....	192 25
" connections with sewer.....	11 52
" soap.....	2 65
" matches.....	1 60
" brooms.....	9 50
" caps and buttons.....	30 60
" rubber coats including expenses and charges.....	23 19
" water filter.....	6 00
" Ice.....	6 80
" Oats.....	116 57
" Hay.....	125 28
" Straw.....	24 61
" Sawdust & Shavings for bedding.....	12 95
" Bran.....	14 82
" Oil meal.....	2 30
" Carrots.....	3 20
" Feed box.....	2 00
" Curry combs and brushes.....	3 15
" Repairs on harness.....	6 20
" Harness Oil and Soap.....	2 58

For Chamois Skins and Sponges.....	4 95
“ Polish.....	7 70
“ Medicine and medical treatment for horses.....	6 05
“ Horse shoeing.....	53 55
“ one pair horses.....	300 00
“ expenses in search for horses ...	8 80
“ paid A. V. Robison for purchas- ing horses.....	5 00
“ repairs and supplies for appra- tus.....	27 46
“ repairs and supplies on building	21 53
“ Tools.....	10 80
“ Gas.....	145 76
“ Oil.....	21 60
“ Lantern Globes and Wicks... ..	1 61
“ Salt.....	75
“ Soda for chemicals.....	3 10
“ Acid for chemicals.....	9 60
“ Scoop.....	75
“ Pails.....	55
“ one year's subscription to Fire and Water Journal.....	3 00
“ Horse hire.....	4 00

A total of..... \$7,138 08

The receipts of the department were	
For 1 team.....	50 00
“ building permits.....	3 00
“ old Iron.....	1 00

Total..... \$54 00

Which deducted from above amount leaves the expense of the department for the year..... \$7,084 08

Inventory of property and equipments aside from engine house are one button steam fire engine in reserve two hose wagons and one hook and ladder truck. We have the following articles and equipments:

Acid for chemicals, 1 doz. large and 2 dozen small bottles.....	
Axes.....	four 4
Axle grease.....	two boxes 2
Birt stock.....	one 1
Bitt.....	one 1
Bench.....	one 1
Bench vice.....	one 1
Bed Steads.....	fourteen 14
“ Quilts.....	fourteen 14
“ Spreads.....	thirteen 13
“ Sheets.....	seventy-six 76
“ Blankets.....	fourteen 14
Blankets for horses.....	six 6
Boxes for feeding horses.....	six 6
Buttons for Uniform, 6½ doz. large 7½ doz. small.....	
Scrub Brushes.....	two 2
Horse Brushes.....	three 3
Rubber Buckets.....	five 5
Brooms.....	twelve 12
Bran.....	one hundred lbs. 100
Bath tub.....	one 1
Bath Brush.....	one 1
Bell in tower.....	one 1
Cushions for seats.....	four 4
Crowbars.....	four 4
Curry Combs.....	three 4
coupling ring expander.....	one 1
Chisel.....	one 1
Coats, rubber.....	twelve 12
Chains for doors.....	three 3
Curtains for doors.....	one pair 1
Chemical extinguishers.....	six 6
Chamois Skins.....	three 3
Clock.....	one 1

Caps Uniform.....	nine 9
Coal.....	3000 lbs. 3
Coal Scuttles.....	three 3
Chains for Wagon extra.....	1 set 1
Covers for sliding holes.....	four 4
Cups for drinking.....	two 2
Desk office.....	two 2
Draw knife.....	one 1
Duster.....	one 1
Duster Pan.....	one 1
Engine, one hand manufactured by Smith Br.'s in 1860.....	
Forks.....	four 4
Flags.....	two 2
Files.....	four 4
Filter.....	1 6 gal. crock 1
Gongs on walls.....	three 3
Gaskets 4 in.....	six 6
Gaskets cutter.....	one 1
Grind Stone.....	one 1
Hose 2½ in. Cotton.....	4250 ft. 10
Hose ¾ in. Cotton.....	10 ft. 10
Hose rings 2½ in.....	two doz. 2
Hay.....	½ ton 6
Horses.....	one 1
Horse collar extra.....	one 1
Horse collar pad extra.....	one 1
Harness, Sullivan Pat. 1 single and 1 double. Hale.....	2 double 1
“ Oil.....	½ gal. ½
“ Dressing.....	½ gal. ½
Hub runners.....	one set 1
Hose s raps.....	four 4
Hose jackets for 2½ in. hose.....	three 3
Hame hooks extra for Hale Collar, two	2
Hame Clevises extra for Hale collar two	2
Hammers.....	two 2
Lockers.....	fourteen 14
Lounges.....	one 1
Lanterns.....	six 6
Lantern Globes.....	one 1
Lantern Wicks.....	six 6
Lantern Burner.....	one 1
Laprobres for committee wagon.....	three 3
Mattresses.....	fourteen 14
Mops.....	three 3
Mallet.....	one 1
Nippers.....	one pair 1
Oats.....	300 bu. 300
Oil Meal.....	100 lbs. 100
Oil Cans, 5 gals.....	one 1
Oil Cans, 1 gal.....	one 1
Oil Cup.....	one 1
Play pipes.....	eight 8
Pails.....	four 4
Pillows.....	fifteen 15
Pillow slips.....	thirty-eight 38
Punches.....	one 1
Poles slide.....	two 2
Polish.....	½ gal. ½
Rope 1 in.....	200 ft. 2
Rivet sets.....	two 2
Rake.....	one 1
Straw.....	½ ton ½
Saws.....	five 5
Shovels.....	three 3
Salt.....	½ bbl. ½
Siamese 2½ in.....	four 4
Siamese 4 in.....	one 1
Soap.....	eight bars 8
Sleighs.....	1 set bobs 1
Stoves.....	five 5
Stove pipe.....	40 lengths 40
Spanners.....	fourteen 14
Spittoons.....	two 2
Sponges.....	four 4
Sprinkler pots.....	two 2
Squares.....	two 2
Screw drivers.....	two 2
Soda for chemicals.....	fifteen lbs. 15
Snow Shovels.....	two 2
Step ladder.....	one 1
Stove shovels.....	three 3
Sulphur.....	three lbs. 3

Towels	fifty-five	55
Tables.....	three	3
Toilet paper.....	three rolls	3
Tarpaulins.....	two	2
Tugs extra for wagon.....	one set	1
Wagons exercises.....	one	1
Wagons committee.....	one	1
Wagons wood.....	one	1
Wagons jack.....	one	1
Wheels extra for hore wagon	two	2
Washstand.....	one	1
Wrenches Hydrant.....	four	4
Wrenches Monkey.....	two	2
Wrenches Burr.....	three	3
Wrenches Cap.....	three	3
Wire cutters, Detroit make.....	one pair	1

MANUAL FORCE.

There have been no changes in the manual force of the Department, the men are working in perfect harmony and free from political influences. A condition that we should endeavor to perpetuate. Fortunately we have had no sickness or accidents during the year.

HORSES.

This branch of the department is at present in excellent condition.

APPARATUS.

They are in good serviceable condition, with the exception that hose wagon No. 3 and hook and ladder truck would be improved by painting. I can suggest no improvements thereto.

BUILDINGS.

The building occupied by the department is in a condition to require considerable repairing during the coming season. Roof and floors, also a thorough painting which would much improve the looks as well as prevent destruction thereof. The buildings located in fifth and sixth wards, being in charge of the Board of Public Works, I make no note of their condition.

WATER.

The pressure of water on guage at Engine House has been up to the required standard at all times during the year. I anticipate no more trouble from this source as the Water Company during the last year, aside from laying 2,700 ft 6 in. pipe, 600 ft. of 8 in. pipe and putting in two more hydrants, have

erected on west Washington street an auxiliary station with a pumping capacity of one and one-half million gallons daily. The present supply of wells at this station is eight hundred thousand gallons per day. This with a supply of one million eight hundred thousand at old station and a storage of two and one half millions in reservoir should place us beyond fear of shortage of water under ordinary circumstances. The total pumping capacity is five million gallons daily. The total well supply at present is about two and one-half millions. The average daily consumption during the year has been one million gallons. There are twirty-two miles of street mains and one-hundred and thirty-six hydrants, exclusive of two on U of M. campus which are maintained by the State.

Thanking your honorable body for courtesies and confidence, I respectfully submit the above report.

Fred Siple, Chief of Fire Department.

To the Common Council:

I herewith file my report for the first quarter of 1897 of all cases before me as Justice in which the city of Ann Arbor was a party :

- 1897
- Jan. 4, City vs. Timothy Smalley,— Charge: Disorderly. Plea: Not guilty. Defendant paid costs and suit dropped.
- Jan. 16, City vs. Charles Clark— Charge: Transient Trader. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Costs \$3.00. Paid.
- Feb. 6, City vs. Lulu Tremper— Charge: Being a street walker. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Costs \$5 20. Paid.
- Feb. 6, City vs. Jennie Tompkins— Charge: Being a street walker. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Costs \$5.20 and ordered to leave the city. Paid.

Feb. 9, City vs. May Burk—
 Charge: Being inmate of a disorderly house.

Plea: Guilty.

Sentence: Costs \$4.20 and fine \$5.00 and ordered to leave town. Paid.

Feb. 9, City vs. Nettie Schneider—

Charge: Being inmate of a disorderly house.

Plea: Guilty.

Sentence: Costs \$4.20 and fine \$5.00. Ordered to leave town. Paid.

Feb 9, City vs. Emma Moore—

Charge: Keeping a disorderly house.

Plea: Guilty.

Sentence: Costs \$5.20 and fine \$20.00.

Feb. 15, City vs. Harry Butler—

Charge: Disorderly.

Plea: Not guilty.

Defendant paid costs and suit dismissed.

March 3, City vs. Austin Smith—

Charge: Transient trader.

Suit dismissed on motion of the city attorney.

March 3, City vs. N. G. Darling—

Same charge and same disposition of the case as above.

March 5, City vs. Charles Rose—

Same charge and same disposition of the case as above.

March 5: City vs. Edward Besch—

Same charge and same disposition of the case as above.

March 4, City vs. Xavier Lerg—

Same charge: Facts agreed on by attorneys. Defendant convicted and sentenced to pay fine of \$5.00 and costs \$3:15 appealed to the circuit court.

Recapitulation:

Whole number of suits, 13.

Convictions, 7.

Dismissed on payment of costs, 2.

Dismissed without costs, 4.

Total amount of fines paid, \$30.

And I further certify that at the date hereof I have no money in my hands belonging to the city of Ann Arbor.

Andrew E. Gibson,

Justice of the Peace.

Ald. Moore moved that the subject of the drain on S. 5th ave., be taken from the table.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—12

Nays—Ald. Hamilton, Grossman—2

Ald. Brown moved that the subject be referred to the Street Committee.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—13.

Nays—Ald. Moore.

By Ald. Brown.

Resolved, That the City Attorney and City Engineer be requested to prepare a petition for the construction of a brick pavement along the following streets, to-wit:—Commencing on Main street at the north line of Catherine street and extending south on said Main street to the south line of Williams street, also commencing on Ashley street at the north line of Catherine street and extending south on Ashley street to the south line of William street, also commencing on Fourth Ave., at the north line of East Ann street and extending south on Fourth Ave., to the south line of William street, also West Ann street, west Huron street, west Washington street, west Liberty street and west Williams street between the west line of Main street and the east line of Ashley street also east Ann street, east Huron street and east Washington street between the east line of Main street and the west line of Fifth Ave., and east Liberty and east William street between the east line of Main street and the west line of Fourth Ave.

That the City Engineer attach to said petition a map showing the paving district in full and the owners of the property along the same.

That when said petition is completed that the City Marshal take the same the property owners and request them

to sign the same, either for or against the proposed pavement; that when said petition has been presented to the property owners who reside in the city, that the same be returned to the City Clerk and by the Clerk presented to this Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady. Pres. Luick—13.

Nays—Ald. Hamilton.

By Ald. Dell.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this council the Board of Public Works should order the Street Commissioner not to employ any man (foremen excepted) longer than ten days in succession when there are other applicants.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Vandawarker, Spathelf, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick.—10.

Nays—Ald. Hamilton, Brown, Rhodes, Soule—4.

By Ald. Brown.

Resolved, That the sum of \$72.50 be appropriated from the Contingent Fund for the purchase of a type-writer for the City Offices, said sum being the proposal of the Smith Premier Type-writer Co.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Brown.

Resolved that the petition of J. N. Martin and fifty others which was presented to the Council of the City, Oct. 7th, 1895, asking for the opening of Catherine-st. between Division and State-sts. be referred to the City Atty. and Street Committee that said committee be requested to act upon said

petition and report their action to this Council as soon as convenient.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Moore.

Resolved, that the rules governing the Council last year be adopted by this Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Moore.

Resolved, that the council proceed to elect a City Physician by ballot.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Cady, Pres. Luick—14.

Nays—None.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

David M. Cowie.	6
Ernest A. Clark,	6
Wm. Blair	2—14

The second ballot resulted as follows:

David M. Cowie	6
Ernest A. Clark	6
Wm. Blair	2—14

The third ballot resulted as follows:

David M. Cowie	7
Ernest A. Clark	5
Wm. Blair	2—14

The fourth ballot resulted as follows:

David M. Cowie	9
Ernest A. Clark	4
Wm. Blair	1—14

Whereupon David M. Cowie was declared elected to the office of City Physician.

On motion the Council adjourned.

GLEN V. MILLS,
City Clerk.