

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Ann Arbor, Sept. 20th, 1897. }

Regular session.

Called to order by Pres. Luick.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent Ald. Moore, Sweet, Coon, Cady.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

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

Gentlemen:

I beg to call your attention to Section 8 of An Ordinance Relative to Sidewalks as amended Feb. 17, 1896 approved Feb. 18, '96 reading as follows:

Section 8. Whenever the common council shall order any sidewalk to be constructed, repaired or renewed, it shall be the duty of the Board of Public Works to cause any filling or excavation that may be necessary in order to bring the said sidewalk to the prescribed grade to be made at the expense of the city: Provided, That the said Board may, in their discretion, build a trestle instead of an embankment for raising a sidewalk to the required elevation; and Provided, That the foregoing provision shall not be construed to charge the city with the expense of removing old sidewalks, or of filling excavations resulting from such removal. And it shall further be the duty of the said Board of Public Works to cause all sidewalks in process of construction, repair or renewal, in said City, to be inspected from time to time by competent persons, to the end that the requirements of this ordinance may be fully complied with or that complaint may be made promptly for any violation thereof. It shall be the duty of the street commissioner to inspect the sidewalks of this City from time to time and report promptly to the Common Council all sidewalks requiring to be repaired or renewed in said City; and the said street commissioner shall attend all special meetings of said Council or of any committee thereof to which he may be summoned and shall be ready to furnish the Common Council with complete information with regard to the condition of the sidewalks reported by him and with regard to the probable cost of repairing or renewing the same. The Board of Public Works are hereby authorized and required to cause such temporary repairs to be made in sidewalks, at the expense of the city, as may be immediately necessary for the safety of pedestrians, and all bills for that purpose

when duly certified to by the street commissioner, or president of the Board of Public Works shall be allowed by the Common Council and paid out of the street fund. It shall be the further duty of the Board of Public Works, whenever the Common Council shall permit by resolution the construction, repair or renewal of any sidewalk in this city of any other material than stone flagging, artificial stone or cement, to prepare suitable specifications to govern said construction, repair or renewal, and such specifications shall be of the same force and effect as though incorporated at length in this ordinance.

The effect of the adoption of this section was to make the city bear all the expense of grading and from June 1896 to date, the Street Commissioner informs me it has cost the street fund \$2158. This is a heavy burden and liable to continue year after year, and I would recommend the repeal of this part of the ordinance.

Chas. E. Hiscock,
Mayor.

Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 20, 1897.
To the Hon. Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor.

Gentlemen:—I beg to call your attention to the fact that the street fund, after current year's appropriation has been added, is overdrawn and I respectfully urge you not to order any new street work at present or appropriate any further sum of money for this purpose.

Chas. E. Hiscock, Mayor.

Received and placed on file.

FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works respectfully refers to your honorable body the estimates of the City Engineer for various improvements, also the report of the Engineer relative to disposing of the storm water, and the fifth estimate for completed work in sewer district No. 6.

Clen V. Mills,
Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

I submit the following estimates for your consideration:

IMPROVEMENT OF MARY ST.			
Sidewalk grading	900 cu yd @ 25c a yd	\$225 00	
Street	1000 " " 25c "	250 00	
Total	\$475 00	

IMPROVEMENT OF ANN ST.

Sidewalk grading 400 cu yd @ 25c a yd	\$100 00
Street " 800 " 25c	120 00
Paving 5000 sq ft @ 2½c per ft.....	120 00

Total..... \$340 40

IMPROVEMENT OF WILLIAM ST.

Street work 650 cu yd @ 20c a rd.....	\$130 00
Sidewalk work 460 cu yd @ 25c a rd....	115 00
Gutter paving 3000 sq yd @ at 2½c a ft	75 00

Total..... \$320 00

Geo. F. Key,
City Engineer.

Referred to Street Committee.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept 15, 1897.

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—In regard to the matter of emptying storm water into the lateral sewer system at the intersection of Washtenaw and S University Ave, also at the intersection of Monroe-st and E. University Ave., would say:

1. That the sewers are not designed to carry storm water.
2. The maximum flow of sewerage would occur during the time of the most severe storm.
3. It is contrary to the adopted Plumbing Rules to empty storm water into the sanitary sewers.
4. Negligence to keep catch basins cleaned after every storm would tend to get the sewers clogged with leaves etc., which might give a great deal of trouble in the future.

I would therefore recommend very strongly against the proposed idea of using the lateral sewers for the disposal of storm water from the street.

Geo. F. Key,
City Engineer.

Referred to Sewer Committee.

Ann Arbor, Mich , Sept. 15, 1897.

To Board of Public Works,

Gentlemen:—I herewith offer for your consideration the following plan for temporary relief from storm water at Monroe and E. University Ave:

Build three catch basins, one at head of Monroe street, one at intersection of E. University Ave. and S. University, one at Willard and E. University Ave. An estimate per cost of these is 3 catch basins at \$30 each, \$90.00.

Geo. F. Key,
City engineer.

Similar catch basins on State street, N. University Ave., and S. University Ave., are working satisfactorily and have been for past two years.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 20, 1897.

ENGINEER'S FIFTH ESTIMATE.

Excavation, etc. 22 ft. @ 12c per ft. }	
" " 434 " @ 23c " " }	
" " 413 " @ 31c " " }	\$621 94
" " 522 " @ 40c " " }	
" " 180 " @ 52c " " }	
" " 137 " @ 65c " " }	

Pipe, etc. 832 ft @ 05c per t. }	
" " 16 " @ 08c " " }	165 54
" " 270 " @ 11c " " }	
" " 664 " @ 14c " " }	

Manholes, etc. 2 Manholes @ \$25 each }	
1 Flushtank \$ 4 " }	109 00
1 Lamphole @ \$5 " }	

Total Estimate \$86 48
Less 10 per cent per contract 89 64

Am't. due contract \$806 84

GEO. F. KEY,
City Eng.

Ald. Koch moved that rule 21 be suspended for this session.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Pres. Luick—11.

Nays—None.

Ald. Koch moved that the recommendation of the Board be concurred in and a warrant ordered drawn in payment of the same

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Pres. Luick—11.

Nays—None

To the Common Council.

The Board of Public Works respectfully refers to your Honorable body the bid of E. W. Hatch at \$82 for constructing the tool house in the Fifth Ward Cemetery, and recommend that an extra appropriation of \$50 be made for constructing the same which amount will include painting and shutters.

Glen V. Mills,
Clerk of the Board of
Public Works

Ald. Rhodes moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Board.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Pres. Luick—11.

Nays—None.

To the Common Council.

The Board of Public Works would recommend that \$45 be appropriated for a brick crosswalk across Wilnot street on the northeast side of Washtenaw Ave.

Glen V. Mills,
Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

Ald Brown moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Board.

Ald. Dell moved as a substitute that the subject be referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

Adopted as follows.

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Vandawarker, Spathelf, Soule, Soule, Danforth, Pres. Luick—9.

Nays—Ald. Brown, Rhodes—2.

PETITIONS ANE COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition signed by Mrs. L. I. Hallock and three others asking for the paving of the north side of Hill street between State and Packard, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of F. C. Graupner asking for the return of sewer tax wrongfully assessed, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Rettich asking for the return of taxes alleged to have been illegally assessed would report that they have given the matter careful consideration and are of the opinion that the assessment roll is correct.

Arthur Brown,
Harrison Soule,
Committee on Finance.

Ald. Moore and Sweet entered.

ORDINANCE.

Ald. Brown from the Ordinance Committee presented an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance relative to the Public Health,'" which was given its third reading by sections and placed upon its passage. Whereupon the question was: Shall this ordinance pass?

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

SEWERS.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Sewers would recommend that upon the execution of a deed to the City of Ann Arbor for a right of way across the property of Clay A. Greene and Mrs. E. M. Greene

for the laying of and repairing of a sub-lateral sewer across said property, and the payment of the sewer taxes in full on the same that a warrant for \$100 be ordered drawn to said owners as payment in full for such right of way.

And further your Committee would recommend that in further consideration of the said owners granting the right of way that the city build four house connections to the same as follows: The Arlington Hotel and store buildings Nos. 204, 206 and 208 N. Fourth ave. when the plumbing in said buildings conforms to the plumbing rules.

John Koch,
Frank Vandawarker,
George Spathelf, Jr.,
Harrison Soule,
Horace P. Danforth,
George L. Moore,
Geo. W. Sweet,
Committee on Sewers.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

STREETS.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on streets would recommend that a paved gutter be ordered on the east side of Division from the north side of Catherine to approach in front of St. Andrew's rectory, also on both sides of 13th between Catherine and Fuller.

Also that the gutter on the south side of Belser st. be ploughed out and straightened by the Street Commissioner. Your Committee would further recommend that \$75 be appropriated to gravel Wilmot street and that the Street Commissioner turnpike East University ave. between Hill and Packard and that a box be put in place of the open gutter on the east side of State across Hill, and further your Committee would recommend that Chapin street be put to grade and graveled.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. L. Moore,
Michael Grossman,
J. A. Dell,
Arthur Brown,
G. C. Rhodes,
Harrison Soule,
Committee on Streets.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

SIDEWALKS.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Sidewalks would recommend that brick crosswalks be ordered

Across S. First on the north side of Liberty (built diagonally),

Across Hiscock on the west side of Spring,

And that plank crosswalks be ordered on the south side of Huron across First,

And further that plank sidewalks be ordered on the east side of Forest ave. in front of the property of C. S. Barbour, John Wagner, James O'Kane, A. S. Berry, Agt., and Mrs. O. B. Hall.

F. M. Hamilton,
George Spathelf, Jr.,
H. P. Danforth,
Frank Vandawarker,
John Koch,
Committee on Sidewalks.

Ald. Dell moved to amend the report by making the crosswalk on the south side of Huron street of brick

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf—9.

Nays—Hamilton, Soule, Danforth, Pres. Luick—4.

Whereupon the report as amended was

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Fire Department would recommend that the telephone be taken from the residence of the Marshal and replaced at the residence of Mr. McIntyre for better fire protection.

And further your Committee would recommend that \$1,000 be appropriated for a building back of the Engine House.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Grossmann,
Frank Vandawarker,
G. C. Rhodes,
Committee on Fire Department.

Ald. Dell moved that that portion relative to the removal of the telephone be laid over until the New State telephone plant is put in.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Moore, Hamilton, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Spathelf, Soule, Danforth, Pres. Luick—11.

Nays—Ald. Grossman, Rhodes—2.

Whereupon the report as amended was:

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Koch:

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Ann Arbor are hereby authorized to issue lateral sewer bonds for lateral sewer district No. 6 to the amount of \$12,585.25 the same being the sum of money fixed and determined upon as the estimated cost of lateral sewer No. 6.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The Clerk stated to the Council that the Special Assessment roll for Lateral Sewer District No. 7 had been filed in his office.

By Ald. Koch:

Resolved, that Monday, October 4th, 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m. at the Council Chamber be fixed as the time and place for the sitting of this Council as a Board of Review for the consideration of the special assessment roll of sewer district No. 7 and that the notice of this time and place of such sitting be given by publication in the Washtenaw Evening Times and the official newspapers of said City at least ten days before said date and that on the date, time and place above mentioned the said Board of Review shall proceed without adjournment to review said special assessment roll.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

By Ald. Danforth:

Resolved, that it is hereby ordered that no sidewalks be constructed on any other than the established grades, and of no other materials than those specified in the ordinance governing the construction of sidewalks in the City of Ann Arbor.

Ald. Hamilton moved that the resolution be referred to the Street and Sidewalk Committees.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Grossman, Koch, Dell, Sweet, Brown, Vandawarker, Rhodes, Spathelf, Soule, Pres. Luick—11.

Nays—Ald. Moore, Danforth—2.

The subject of the grade on S. Seventh st. was referred to the Street and Sidewalk Committees.

Ald. Brown moved that the bill of John W. Bennett for \$100 be allowed.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

On motion the Council adjourned.

GLEN V. MILLS,
City Clerk.