

# START OF FISCAL YEAR

APRIL 17, 1899.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Ann Arbor, April 17th, 1899. }

Regular session.

Called to order by Pres. Seabolt.

Roll called.

Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Exinger, Rhode, Vandawarker, Weeks, Grose, Howell, Coon, Stevens, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—14.

Absent—Ald Brown.

Ald. Coon moved that the rules governing the last Council govern this.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Exinger, Ronde, Vandawarker, Weeks, Grose, Howell, Coon, Stevens, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—15.

Nays—None.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Honorable, the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor.

Gentlemen:—In assuming the duties and responsibilities which attach to the honorable office of Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor, I am well aware of the difficulties and embarrassments which I am liable to encounter. There are many problems of municipal government which have not yet been satisfactorily solved and there are emergencies which may arise which we cannot at this time foresee.

It is therefore with no assumption of superior knowledge and with no profession of any special ability to forecast the future that I submit to you the thoughts and suggestions which are embodied in this my first official communication to your honorable body.

There is a well known maxim of American politics which has been incorporated into a party's creed which reads as follows:

"Economy in the Public Expense, that Labor may be lightly burdened." I am sure that your honorable body in which it has been my honor to serve as presiding officer for the past two years will readily concede that I have endeavored heretofore to square my actions in public affairs by this sure test of their merits. The broader responsibilities of the office of Mayor and the incessant pressure for lavish outlay in the public expense will not change my previous convictions nor affect my determination, so far as lies in my power, to administer the affairs

of this city in a spirit of just and prudent economy, to lighten the burden of taxation, and to secure a fair equivalent for every dollar of the people's money which is paid by them for their civic comfort, convenience and security.

There are nevertheless many items of expense which in the aggregate may appear unnecessarily large but which have become necessary to complete the system of public improvements upon which the City has entered. Thus for instance the system of paving once having been begun has so demonstrated its utility and excellence that there is a just and proper demand for its extension. The paving of Washington street, is now in contemplation, ought to be brought to speeding completion and I respectfully urge upon the proper authorities such prompt and efficient methods as will quickly place this important thoroughfare in condition for use as one of the paved streets of the City. I would be glad to recommend the extension of the present system of paving also to Huron, Liberty and State streets but I am informed that the house connections with the City sewerage system have not yet been entirely completed upon these important streets and I shall therefore defer my recommendation until these connections have been made, as it would be poor economy to disturb the pavement for such purposes as the laying of tile etc., after the paving is done. It is to be hoped that the citizens interested will make the above noted connections at an early date, so that by another year, at least these beautiful streets may be added to the paved districts of our City.

The pavement bonds now outstanding as shown by the last report of the City Treasurer are as follows:

District No. 1 (Catherine to Liberty streets) .....	\$ 15,942 45
District No. 2 (Liberty to William streets) .....	6,737 20
	\$ 22,679 65

Paving is an expensive luxury as well as a necessity and a convenience. It is to be hoped and indeed it is confidently expected that the improved sanitary conditions which will arise from paved and carefully cleaned streets will more than repay the financial cost. In this connection I would urge upon the proper authorities most careful inquiry as to the cheapest and

the best system for the daily cleansing and sweeping of the paved streets of the city and the ultimate organization if practicable, of a distinct branch of the city service for this important work. Paved streets must be kept clean.

In this connection also it would not be amiss for me to remind your honorable body that the Board of Health has urged upon me the necessity of advising some efficient method by which the alleys often by reason of uncleanness the source of disease and death, may be cleaned and so kept. It seems to me that the street cleaning department, if such we had, could do more effective work in keeping the city in good sanitary conditions than could be accomplished by the somewhat limited authority of the Board of Health; and further in the same line an extension of the system of storm sewerage is of the utmost necessity. The streets must be relieved of their elemental burden and the lack of system for this important work has been painfully apparant to even the most careless observers. The Council having concurred in the recommendation of the Board of Public Works in regard to these storm sewers it becomes proper that provision be made for the necessary funds to prosecute the work. It is estimated that at least ten thousand dollars will be needed, but whatever amount the Council may see fit to authorize, I do most respectfully recommend that steps be taken at once to authorize the expense and raise the funds.

The present outstanding bonded indebtedness of the City on Sewerage Bonds is as follows.

Amount of Main Sewer Bonds outstanding.....	\$20,000 00
Amount of District No. 5 Sewer Bonds outstanding.....	2,500 00
Amount of District No. 6 Sewer Bonds outstanding.....	6,254 13
Amount of District No. 7 Sewer Bonds outstanding.....	943 74
Total.....	\$29,697 87

Considering the immense practical utility and convenience which this investment represents thss showing is exceedingly satisfactory. It has not been my purpose in this communication to enter largely into the consideration of the departmental work of the various branches of the city service. It will be sufficient for me to say that the main suggestions of the various boards have been received by me and carefully considered. Such of them as

I have deemed of immediate importance and necessity I have brought to your notice in this paper.

I need not praise the excellent work done by the several boards. Yet serving without pay and giving to the public service their time and talents without the prospect of reward it is fitting that we recognize their valuable services by our approval and our thanks.

The board of Fire Commissioners has made no suggestions to me which call for present action. The excellent force under its control from the efficient chief down to the last enlisted man has preserved to a remarkable degree the spirit which has made our fire department a standard of excellence for comparison with our sister cities of the state. The total expense of this department as shown by the last annual report of the chief was \$7,036.64 of which \$5,637.51 was paid for salaries. For the protection which the money has secured, no better investment was ever made.

The relations of the city with the various corporations existing under its franchise are satisfactory in the main. Friction of course will arise from time to time but it is to be hoped that the bodies corporate which the city has breathed to life will not abuse their privileges in a spirit of arrogance or pride, nor the city needlessly persecute and annoy the creatures of its generous bounty. But the rights of the people must always be upheld by the officials whom they have chosen.

In conclusion I ask the assistance of all good citizens in maintaining at its high standard the splendid reputation of Ann Arbor for peace and public order and decency. As a University town we are subject to keen scrutiny and charged with important interest which do not fall to the lot of other cities of our class. I confidently rely upon the assistance of the proper officers for the efficient police control of the city.

Respectfully submitted,  
GOTTLÖB LUICK,  
Mayor.

Received and placed on file.

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

Gentleman—I desire to announce the appointment of F. G. Schleicher for member of the Board of Public Works in place of W. B. Smith, deceased.

Gottlob Luick,  
Mayor.

Ald. Coon moved that the Council confirm the appointment.  
Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Exinger, Rohde, Vandawaker, Weeks, Grose, Howell, Coon, Stevens Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—14.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Mayor Hiscock's veto of March 8, relative to the proposed purchase of land from Sterling Bullock was given further time.

The following communication was read:

To the Mayor:

Dear Sir—Mrs. W. B. Smith and Mrs. Emily L. Boutwell wish you would extend their thanks to the Common Council for the beautiful floral offering which was sent in their late bereavement. This kindness is fully appreciated.

Dated Ann Arbor, Mich., April 8, 1899.

Ald. Koch moved that it be received and placed on file.

Adopted.

Report of Board of Review read as follows:

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 17, 1899

To the Common Council:—

The undersigned City Clerk begs leave to submit the following as his report of the proceedings of the Board of Review having under consideration the review of the special assessment roll relating to the extension of East Catherine street in the City of Ann Arbor.

The Council sitting as such Board of Review in pursuance to its order and appointment for that purpose met at the Council Chamber on Monday, the 10th day of April, A. D. 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon, and due proof of the publication of the notice of the meeting having been filed, the roll of Alderman being called, the quorum being found to be present, the President of the Council was duly elected Chairman of the Board of Review and the said special assessment roll duly certified; by the Assessor being present the Board entered upon the consideration of the same, and after hearing Samuel Gregory, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Leonard Gruner, Miss Ellen Morse and Lucy B. Whitlark in person and by their respective attorneys, and there being no other persons desiring to be heard, Alderman Hamilton moved that the said roll be equal-

ized by assessing the benefits against the land of Samuel Gregory and Leonard Gruner per front footage at the same rate and sum, which motion was lost as follows:

Yeas—4.

Nays—9.

After which Alderman Koch moved the following resolution, viz:

The special assessment roll for the opening of an extension of East Catherine street in the City of Ann Arbor having been duly certified to us and this day having been appointed and assigned for the purpose of reviewing the same, and all persons appearing having been heard and the said assessment roll having been fully considered and a review thereof fully completed.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the City Clerk is ordered to report the proceedings of this Board of Review on the said assessment roll to the Common Council at its next meeting.

Which resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas—13.

Nays—None.

Whereupon motion of Alderman Cady the Board of Review adjourned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. Harkins,  
City Clerk.

Ald. Hamilton moved that the matter be laid on the table for one month.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Exinger, Rohde, Vandawaker, Weeks, Grose, Howell, Coon, Stevens, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—14.

Nays—None.

#### PETITIONS.

A petition of Mr. Prettyman and 87 others asking that such equipment be placed in the Sixth Ward Engine House as shall be deemed necessary for better protection of the property in that part of the city.

Received and referred to Fire Department Committee.

To the Common Council.

The undersigned property owners respectfully petition your Honorable Body to order a sidewalk on the east side of Third street between Jefferson and Mosley streets.

Signed by Fred Hertler and seven others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned would respectfully petition your honorable body to order the alley paved in the rear of Illis' store. Signed by F. N. Bigalke and nine others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council:

We the undersigned property holders of the third ward respectfully petition the honorable body, the Common Council to order a sidewalk on and along the west side of Brooks st. from Miller ave. north to Pearl st. and your petitioners will ever pray. Signed by Geo. Ziefle and seven others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned residents and property owners respectfully petition your honorable body to grade and improve Edwin street from State street to west to the creek for the purpose of drainage and for convenience of public travel and your petitioner will ever pray. Signed by J. F. Lawrence and eight others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council:

We the undersigned property owners and residents of the sixth ward respectfully petition your honorable body to establish the proper grade for sidewalks, (1) on the north side of Hill street from Oxford street to Oswego street, (2) on the west side of Oswego street from Hill street to Geddes avenue, (3) on the east side of Oswego street along Wm. Howard's property. Also to do the necessary grading to make the walks conform to the established grade and to order the walks built. And your petitioners will ever pray. Signed by N. Woodmansee and twenty-three others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council:

We the undersigned residents and property owners on and along Fountain street do respectfully petition your honorable body to pave the gutter on and along the west side of Fountain street from the south line of Felch street to the culvert crossing Fountain street. We ask this as the street is left in a dangerous condition after almost every heavy rain storm. Hoping that you can favorably consider this petition, your petitioners will ever pray. Signed by Julius Lohrke and eighteen others.

Referred to Street Committee.

To the Common Council:

We the undersigned property owners

and taxpayers petition that a sidewalk be laid between Pontiac and Wright streets on Kellogg. Signed by Anton Sheffold and three others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Honorable Common Council:

The undersigned property owners respectfully petition your honorable body to order a sidewalk on the south side of Hill street from Fourth avenue to the Ann Arbor railroad. Signed by Gustave Behnke and twelve others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned property owners respectfully petition your honorable body to order a crosswalk across Fuller street on the west side of State street. Signed by E. D. Kelly and eleven others.

Referred to Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned property owners respectfully petition your honorable body to order paved the gutter on the south side of Jefferson street between Second and Sixth streets. Signed by M. Fisher and thirteen others.

Referred to Street Committee.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned would respectfully petition your honorable body to order Pontiac street graded and gravelled. Signed by L. D. Grose and thirteen others.

Referred to Street Committee.

To the Honorable Common Council:

The undersigned residents and property holders on N. Division street, between Detroit and Kingsley streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to cause to be constructed a surface or storm sewer of ten or twelve inch sewer pipe, along the easterly side of N. Division street, and also to pave gutter along said street. The street as it now is in a dangerous condition.

Signed by Geo. Miller and and four others.

Referred to Street Committee.

To the Common Council:

Your petitioners most respectfully represent that they are residents on or in the immediate vicinity of Volland street in said city. We do further represent that said street is very inadequately lighted and by reason thereof it is dangerous at times for those using the sidewalk along said street and as well for those using said street for driving. We do therefore most respectfully ask that there may be placed

an electric light at such point upon said street as that it will be adequately lighted and as to your honorable body may seem best. Dated Feb. 1899.

Signed by V. H. Lane and fifteen others.

Referred to Lighting Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Howell.

Resolved, that Geddes avenue be graded and graveled from Oxford St. to the east city limits.

Referred to Street Committee.

To the Common Council:

We the undersigned residents and property owners of East Huron street do hereby place ourselves on record as being decidedly against the asphalt pavement for the aforesaid said street and wish our names taken off any petition that is circulated and those that are not on will not sign for such pavement. Signed by Judge Kinne and seven others.

Received and placed on file.

To the Ann Arbor Council:

I wish to be considered an applicant for the position of City Physician. Considering it necessary for the council to examine the qualifications of any applicant for such a position, I present several recommendations given me, to the judgment of the council.

Very respectfully,

DR. WM. A. MOGK.

Received and placed on file.

Alderman Dieterle presented the name of Dr. Loomis as a candidate for the office of City Physician.

The matter of selecting a City Physician was laid over until the next regular meeting.

To the Common Council:

Attached hereto is a report of all ordinance cases before me during the quarter ending March 31, 1899. And I further certify that all fines collected have been paid to the City Treasurer and all costs to the proper officers and that I have no money in my hands belonging to the City of Ann Arbor or to any officer thereof.

October 24, 1898, Henry Bates, violation street ordinance—Bicycle—dismissed. January 22, 1899, Samuel Pigeon, violation disorderly ordinance; costs, \$5.48; dismissed on payment of costs. January 22, 1899, William N. Smith, violation disorderly ordinance; costs, \$5.48; dismissed on payment of costs. February 20, 1899, Hartwig H. Herbst, violation street or-

dinance—bicycle; guilty: fine \$2.00; costs, \$4.20; or 10 days in jail; paid. February 21, 1899, Charles B. Davis, violation street ordinance—bicycle; guilty; fine, \$1.00; costs, \$3.45; or 10 days in jail; paid. February 24, 1899, John Dorn, violation ordinance to prohibit firing of firearms, guilty; fine \$2.00 costs \$3.45; or 10 days in jail; paid. February 24, 1899, Charles White, violation disorderly ordinance: costs, \$3.45 dismissed on payment of costs. February 24, 1899, James Smith, violation disorderly ordinance, costs, \$3.45; dismissed on payment of costs. February 24, 1899, John Brown, violation disorderly ordinance; costs, \$3.45; dismissed on payment of costs. February 25, 1899 Adam Meuth and Wilbam Felske, violation nuisance ordinance; costs, \$3.60; dismissed on payment of costs. March 25, 1899, Christopher Law, violation nuisance; ordinance costs, \$3.60; dismissed on payment of costs. March 15, 1899, Elmer Stofflet, violation disorderly ordinance; guilty; fine \$25.00 costs, \$3.45; or 30 days in jail' appealed. March 20, 1899, William Binder and Richard Kearns, violation disorderly ordinance; Pending. March 21, 1899, Christopher Weinmann, violation disorderly ordinance, costs, \$5.13; dismissed on payment of costs.

JOHN L. DUFFY,

Justice of the Peace.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, A. D. 1899.

JOHN W. BENNETT,  
Notary Public.

Accepted and placed on file.

Ald. Stevens introduced an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relative to the use of bicycles and to amend Section eight of an ordinance relative to the use of streets and other public places," which was given its first reading.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works would recommend that action be taken on the following work as laid out by the engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN V. MILLS,

Clerk of Board of Public Works.

Received with blue print showing work proposed and placed on file.

To the Board of Works:

Having examined some of the waterways in conjunction with the Street Commissioner during the recent high water, report as follows: Three cul-

verts need enlarging and one needs building; one on Hill St., one on Madison St., and one on Fifth Ave., needs extending and enlarging; on S. State a culvert needs building. These should be attended to sometime during the coming season. The other culverts on Allen's creek seem to be of sufficient capacity.

ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENT ON NORTH MAIN STREET.

650 ft 15 in pipe @ 20c.....	\$130 00
80 ft 12 in pipe @ 16c.....	12 80
730 feet excavation @ 25c.....	182 50
3 catch basins @ \$15.....	75 00
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	\$400 30

GEO. F. KEY,  
City Engineer.

Received and placed on file April 17, 1899.

Ald. Koch moved the Board of Public Works be instructed to advertise for bids on storm sewers ordered sometime since.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Exinger, Rhode, Vandawarker, Weeks, Grose, Howell, Coon, Stevens, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—14.

Nays—None.

Ald. Stevens moved that City Attorney be instructed to take measures as to secure amendment to charter for issuing \$150,000 in bonds for paving purposes.

Ald. Coon amended motion by having it read "for sewers and paving."

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Exinger, Rhode, Vandawarker, Weeks, Grose, Howell, Coon, Stevens, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—14.

Nays—None.

On motion Council adjourned.

J. E. HARKINS,  
City Clerk.